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**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

**SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for  
Thursday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this week, from **Thursday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 19, 2023**.

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For details of Muni re-routes, visit [SFMTA.com/Updates](https://sfmta.com/Updates). This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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**Masks Recommended**

Following the latest guidance from the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#), San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in any SFMTA facilities, transit hubs or on vehicles including Muni buses, streetcars, light rail vehicles or cable cars or in taxis or on paratransit.

**Cherry Blossom Festival and Grand Parade**

**Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16:** The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held. The festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day with the Grand Parade being held on Sunday. For event details visit [www.sfcherryblossom.org](http://www.sfcherryblossom.org).

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### Cherry Blossom Festival and Grand Parade *continued*

The following street closures will be required:

- **From 4 a.m., Saturday, April 15 to 11 p.m., Sunday, April 16:**
  - Post Street between Laguna and Fillmore streets
  - Webster Street between Geary Boulevard and Sutter Street
  - Intersection: Webster Street at Post Street
- **From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 16:**
  - Post Street between Fillmore and Steiner streets

The parade units will gather at Civic Center at 11 a.m. on Sunday for the Cherry Blossom Grand Parade. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. and follow a route from Polk and McAllister streets, north on Polk Street and west on Post Street to disband between Fillmore and Steiner streets.

All intersections along the parade route will remain open except when the parade passes. Streets will re-open as soon as possible after the parade passes and the streets have been cleaned.

The following Muni routes will be **affected with reroutes: 2 Clement; 19 Polk and 21 Hayes.**

The following Muni routes will be **affected with delays: 5 Fulton; 22 Fillmore; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid and 49 Van Ness/Mission. Muni riders on these routes should allow extra travel time.**

**Special Event Parking** will be available for the weekend days for the festival: Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16:

- **Japan Center Main Garage at 1650 Geary Boulevard** will open from 7 a.m. until midnight, regular hourly rate applies.
- **Fillmore Street Annex Garage at 1650 Fillmore Street** will open from 7 a.m. until midnight. A \$25 flat-rate event parking fee will be charged for valet-assisted parking between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., **NO** in and out privileges will be allowed. Regular hourly rate will apply between 6 p.m. and midnight.

**Temporary Tax Stand:** There is one located at 1574-1598 Geary Boulevard.

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **NEW: Twin Peaks Closure for Tunnel Inspection**

**Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16:** Twin Peaks Tunnel will be closed to complete the detailed ceiling inspection. Train service for the K Ingleside and M Ocean View lines will be disrupted. **Bus substitutions will operate for the K and M trains between Church Station and Balboa Park.** The J Church, N Judah and T Third trains will not be affected.

During the closure:

- Forest Hill and West Portal stations will be closed. They will be served by K, L and M buses on the surface, which will also serve Castro and Church stations.
- K Bus and M Bus will run between Church Station and Balboa Park Station.
- L Bus will run between Church Station and the San Francisco Zoo.
- S Shuttle trains will run between Castro and Embarcadero stations.
- Customers traveling further west will transfer to K, L or M buses at Church or Castro stations.
- J Church and N Judah service will operate as usual. Customers traveling downtown can board the J or N trains at Church and Duboce or a Shuttle train at Church or Castro stations,
- NextMuni predictions will be operating to provide arrival information to customers, see K Bus, L Bus, M Bus and S Shuttle routes for predictions.

For additional information, please visit [SFMTA.com/TunnelClosure](https://www.sfmta.com/TunnelClosure).

### **UPDATE: 16<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project**

As part of the Muni Forward Program and to improve reliability, speed and increase overall system effectiveness for the key 22 Fillmore route, the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project is part of a larger network of proposed or planned improvements to the Muni system.

**There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend.**

For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit [www.sfmta.com/16thStreet](https://www.sfmta.com/16thStreet).

### **UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B**

The L Taraval Improvement project continues construction along Segment B replacing and repairing the infrastructure along the L Taraval line between Sunset Boulevard and 15th Avenue, and on Ulloa Street near West Portal.

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### UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B *continued*

The project is a comprehensive infrastructure rehabilitation of sewer and water lines and streetscape project. The project will address safety concerns for customers boarding Muni, address the much-needed rehabilitation of aging sewer and water lines while bringing streetscape improvements to the Taraval corridor for added vibrancy.

Work continues on water lines, as well as on the overhead contact system (OCS) that powers the trains. OCS work has transitioned to underground conduit work to support power to the trains and the new and existing streetlights. Curb ramp work has started with demolition and grading areas in preparation for construction of the new boarding ramps and to upgrade existing boarding ramps. Track work is expected to begin over the next few weeks.

The rail tracks west of the intersection of Ulloa and Madrone streets have been taken offline to facilitate the reconstruction of the water and sewer mains as well as replace the tracks and overhead lines. The upgraded sewer and water lines, permanent boarding islands and increased accessibility will make riding safer and more reliable.

The L Bus now runs between West Portal and the SF Zoo. Customer can transfer to a train at West Portal Station to travel downtown.

**The inbound stop at Taraval Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been relocated across the intersection until fall 2024.**

The relocation will be until the end of construction after the new tracks are laid and the L Taraval rail service is reactivated.

Construction is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extreme weather conditions may impact the construction schedule.

For additional project details, visit [SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project](https://www.sfmta.com/LTaravalProject). For project updates of work from Monday, April 10 through Saturday, April 22, visit [Project Update](#).

### **UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project**

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit [SFMTA.com/VanNess](https://www.sfmta.com/VanNess).

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## **ONGOING**

### **ONGOING: Muni's Service Network**

For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Routes and Stops](#) webpage.

Until further notice, Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line between San Francisco Zoo and West Portal Station. Transfer to Muni Metro for service downtown. Additionally, Special L Taraval bus shuttle service is now running between San Francisco Zoo and Embarcadero, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., every 50 minutes.

### **ONGOING: Northeast Van Ness Station Entrance Closure**

**Since Saturday, April 1**, due to installation of the roll-up gate, **the entrance located at the northeast corner of Market Street and Van Ness Avenue (next to the construction site) is closed for approximately three months.**

To access Van Ness Station, customers can use the other three entrances on Market Street and Van Ness Avenue located at the:

- Southeast corner
- Southwest corner
- Northwest corner

For more information, visit [SFMTA.com/VNentranceClosure](https://www.sfmta.com/VNentranceClosure).

### **ONGOING: 19th Avenue (CA Route 1) Combined City Project**

**San Francisco Public Works is leading a multi-agency project to replace aging infrastructure and improve safety along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Holloway Avenue and Lincoln Way.**

Construction work for the first and second segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Taraval streets was completed. Construction work for bulbouts in the third and fourth segment along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Taraval Street and Holloway Avenue is ongoing.

As part of the [19th Avenue Combined City Project](#), the SFMTA will implement transit priority and safety improvements for people walking along 19th Avenue. The improvements will make it safer to walk, remove stops to make transit service more reliable, and enhance customers' experiences—on and off the bus.

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### **ONGOING: 19th Avenue (CA Route 1) Combined City Project**

To improve safety along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the SFMTA will: **1)** install pedestrian bulbs at 19 intersections and transit bulbs at 13 intersections; **2)** modify traffic and pedestrian signals to give people who walk more time to cross the street; and **3)** extend the bus zone at one intersection. Installing transit bulbs allow Muni vehicles to stop for passengers without having to pull out of traffic, and pedestrian bulbs increase the visibility at intersections of people who walk.

As part of the project, seven Muni stops were removed on 19th Avenue between Irving Street and Ocean Avenue last October. **The following Muni routes have been affected with the stop removal:**

- **28 19th Avenue**
- **91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl**

To find additional information about the transit reliability and pedestrian safety components, visit [sfmta.com/28Rapid](https://sfmta.com/28Rapid). For overall project information, visit [sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue](https://sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue).

### **ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

The SFMTA's program, [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program, assists people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips using taxis. The program provides two to three round trips at an 80% discount per month, i.e. rider pays \$6 to receive a value of \$30 or pays \$12 to receive a \$60 value. If essential needs require it, riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month.

**To qualify for the program: customer must be either age 65 or older or an adult with disabilities.** Eligible adults may apply for the ETC program by calling the Paratransit Mobility Management office at 415-351-7053. Staff are available weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Visit <https://www.sfmta.com/etc> for additional details and for a list of San Francisco taxi companies, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory>.

**SFMTA's Shop-a-Round program which offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is available as well.** For more information, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round>.

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## **ONGOING: Shared Spaces Program**

The city's multi-agency [Shared Spaces](#) program opened some parts of streets in San Francisco to create public space for outdoor dining, retail, cultural activities and physical distancing. The program allows the use of sidewalks, parking space, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for a wide range of activities responding to the COVID pandemic, as allowed by San Francisco's Public Health Order.

**Shared Spaces operators should get in their applications before the pandemic-era program expires on March 31, 2023. For details about the new legislated program requirements, permit fees and training opportunities, visit [Shared Space/San Francisco\(sf.gov\)](#).**

For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces, visit [SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces](https://www.sfmta.com/SharedSpaces).

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