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

## SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for Thursday, October 19 through Wednesday, October 25, 2023

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for Thursday, October 19 through Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

For real-time updates, follow us on [https://twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni) or visit [SFMTA.com/EmailText](https://sfmta.com/EmailText) to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts. 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. For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](#) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

### **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.

### **Better Market Street Construction**

**Saturday, Oct. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 28:** Better Market Street is an ongoing, collaborative effort to redesign San Francisco's most important street. Market Street can become a place where people can gather, spend time and enjoy the sights of the city, as well as a convenient way to access transit, connect by bicycle and walk to diverse destinations along the corridor.



As work continues, crews will begin work in the roadway and near Muni tracks on **Saturday, October 14**, and we will be **temporarily moving above-ground transit off Market Street from October 14th through Saturday, October 28th during all hours of service**. This will allow San Francisco Public Works to install underground electrical conduits for new traffic signals and construct new concrete crosswalks.

### ***Street Closures***

**Market Street will be closed between 5th and 8th streets**, however, transit and bicycles will be rerouted off Market between 3rd and 10th Streets. Cross-street traffic will still be allowed at the intersections at 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, 9th and 10th.

### ***Muni Reroutes***

Muni will replace the **F Market & Wharves Line** with buses and reroute the **F Market & Wharves Bus Substitutions, L Taraval Bus, N Judah Owl, 5 Fulton, 5R Fulton Rapid, 6 Haight/Parnassus, 7 Haight/Noriega, 9 San Bruno** and **9R San Bruno Rapid** routes off of Market Street and onto Mission Street in both directions. Additionally, the **19 Polk, 21 Hayes**, and **31 Balboa** routes will experience more minor reroutes in the Market Street area.

## **Lesbians Who Tech Conference 2023**

**Monday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 21**: The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lesbians Who Tech & Allies Summit event takes place in the Castro Theatre and on Castro Street from Wednesday, Oct. 18 to Friday, Oct. 20, with street closures beginning on Monday, Oct. 16. For event details visit <https://lesbianswhotech.org/sanfrancisco2023/>.

**Effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, Oct. 16 through 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 21**, Castro Street between Market and 19<sup>th</sup> streets is closed. The intersection of Castro and 18<sup>th</sup> streets remains open.

The SFMTA parking lots at 457 Castro Street and 4116 18<sup>th</sup> Street will also be closed from **Monday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, Oct. 21**.

**The 24 Divisadero and 35 Eureka lines will be rerouted.**

## **Events at Chase Center**



**Thursday, Oct. 19 through Tuesday Oct. 24:** The Golden State Warriors will play one pre-season game at Chase Center before they begin their regular season with a home game on **Tuesday, Oct. 24**. The start times for these upcoming Warriors events are listed below:

- **Thursday, Oct. 19:** The Golden State Warriors are holding an open practice beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be found at [warriors.com/openpractice](http://warriors.com/openpractice).
- **Friday, Oct. 20:** The Golden State Warriors will play a pre-season game against the San Antonio Spurs beginning at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24:** The Golden State Warriors begin the NBA regular season with a home-opener game against the Phoenix Suns beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Supplemental Muni Service***

- Muni will operate supplemental **78X Arena Express** service:
- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station to Chase Center will start two and a half hours before each game/event and will end one hour after game/event starts.
- **Post-event express shuttle service** from Chase Center on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station will run until the area clears.

### ***Special Event Parking Rates***

During basketball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the arena, **parking meters close to the arena will charge a special event rate of \$10 per hour**. These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the arena, discouraging circling for free or cheap parking. Start times for special event rates vary based on the start time of the event. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on [www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking](http://www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking).

### ***Street Closures***

To accommodate events that will take place at the arena, the following street closures will be enforced two hours before and one hour after each event:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Warriors Way will also be closed approximately 30 minutes before and 45 minutes after an event.
- Only local access will be allowed on Northbound Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16<sup>th</sup> streets.

### ***No Parking Zone***



To facilitate loading and pick up for Muni customers and patrons, NO PARKING will be in effect at these locations during events:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Between the 500 and 700 blocks of Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB)

### ***Taxi Stands***

There is one taxi stand located on southbound Terry Francois Boulevard.

Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way at Bridgeview Way.

### ***Additional Passenger Loading***

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street which connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.
- Owens Street connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit [SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter](http://SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter).

## **Potrero Hill Festival**

**Saturday, Oct. 21:** The annual Potrero Hill Festival will take place in the Potrero Hill neighborhood from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> Street between Wisconsin and Missouri streets. An attendance of 1,500 is expected. For event details, visit <http://potrerofestival.com/>.

**The following street closures will be required from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Street between Wisconsin and Missouri streets
- Connecticut Street between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and southerly terminal
- Missouri Street between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> streets
- Intersection: Connecticut and Missouri streets at 20<sup>th</sup> Street

**There will be reroutes to the 55 Dogpatch.**



### **Music City Songwriters Festival**

**Saturday, Oct. 21:** The Music City Songwriters Festival, organized by Music City San Francisco, aims to strengthen the ecosystem of live music in San Francisco while adding vibrancy to the Lower Polk Neighborhood. This year's event will take place from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday. For event details visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-music-city-songwriters-festival-tickets-692820072487>

**The following street closures will be required from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday:-**

- Polk Street between Bush and Sutter streets
- Fern Street between Van Ness Avenue and Larkin Street

**There will be no impact to Muni service.**

### **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

#### **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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and on Ulloa Street near West Portal.

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. Customers can transfer to a train at West Portal Station to travel downtown.

**To facilitate the project during track in each section (except at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue), there are temporary bus stop changes:**

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

**The following stops will be relocated during construction through October 28:**

***Inbound***

- Taraval and 15<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and Taraval northwest corner
- Taraval and 17th to Taraval and 15<sup>th</sup> and Taraval northwest corner
- Taraval and 19th to 19th Avenue and Taraval, at the northbound 28 19th Avenue stop
- Taraval and 22nd to Ulloa and 22nd, southwest corner
- Taraval and 26th to Ulloa and 26<sup>th</sup>, southwest corner
- Taraval and 30th to 30th Avenue and Taraval, northwest corner at the 66 Quintara stop
- Taraval and 32nd to Santiago and 32<sup>nd</sup>, southwest corner

***Outbound***

- Taraval and 19th to 19th and Taraval, at the southbound 28 19th Avenue stop
- Taraval and 23rd to Ulloa and 23<sup>rd</sup>, northeast corner
- Taraval and 26th to Ulloa and 26<sup>th</sup>, northeast corner
- Taraval and 30th to 30th Avenue and Taraval, southeast corner
- Taraval and 32nd to Santiago and 32<sup>nd</sup>, northeast corner

***Track Work***



The tracks along Taraval Street are actively being installed. Crews have been excavating, removing, pulling rails in to install, building new foundations, pouring concrete slabs, setting rails, block-by-block in track areas.

**Areas of current track work:**

- 15<sup>th</sup> to avenues – curve work (*anticipated to begin October 31*)
- 16th to 19th avenues – curb and sidewalk, constructing ADA compliant ramps
- 22nd to 25th avenues – track installation
- 25th to 28th avenues – excavation and removal
- 28th to 31st avenues – street base, ADA boarding ramps and islands
- 31st to 34th avenues – form and pour track pavement

**Please note the following impacts to travel during track work:**

- **Parking:** No parking in track work areas
- **By car:** Taraval Street will be open to through traffic traveling east- and westbound, however, vehicles approaching areas with active track installation will only be able to access Taraval Street by making right turns.
- **By bus:** The L Bus may be rerouted around the construction area when heavy equipment is present.
- **On foot:** Pedestrians will be able to cross Taraval Street in the construction area at 18th Avenue via a pedestrian access during non-construction hours and weekends.

Overhead contact system (OCS) pole, overhead wiring and permanent pole placement will happen along the L Taraval line from Ulloa and Funston to Taraval and Sunset. **This work will be conducted overnight between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and is anticipated to start Sunday, October 22 and expected to be complete June 2024.** Work on any given block will vary and is expected to take a few hours to a few days per location.

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, October 16 to 28 , visit the [Project Update](#).

**ONGOING**



### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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>.

### **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.

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://SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces).

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