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PRESS RELEASE

SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for Thursday, October 26 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for Thursday, October 26 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

For real-time updates, follow us on 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 (SFPDH) 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.

Events at Chase Center

Thursday, Oct. 26 through Tuesday Oct. 31: There will be multiple events at the Chase Center. The start times for these events are listed below:

- **Thursday, Oct. 26:** SZA will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 31:** Doja Cat will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Supplemental Muni Service

- Muni will operate supplemental **78X Arena Express** service:
- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16th 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 16th Street to 16th 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.

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:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3rd Street between 16th 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 16th 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:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd 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

- 4th 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](https://www.sfmta.com/ChaseCenter).

Halloween

Tuesday, Oct. 31: The SFMTA will provide regular Muni service for Halloween. Transit customers and motorists may experience delays and should allow extra travel time. While no major street closures have been planned in the Castro/Noe/Mission areas, San Francisco police officers will monitor pedestrian and automobile traffic for any necessary public safety street closures.

Neighborhood trick-or-treat closures have been permitted on a number of streets around the City. Times for trick-or-treat closures vary but most will be in place from about 5 p.m. until 9 or 10 p.m. Motorists should be attentive for these closures, and also slow down and be aware of children trick-or-treating throughout the City even where no street closures are in place.

Some of the larger trick-or-treat street closures include:

- Fair Oaks Street between 22nd and 26th streets
- Chenery Street between Diamond and Elk streets
- Commonwealth Avenue and Jordan Avenue between California Street and Geary Boulevard
- Shotwell Street between 19th and 22nd streets
- Avila Street between Chestnut and Prado streets
- Grove Street between Baker Street and Central Avenue and Lyon Street between Fulton and Hayes streets

A listing of all street closures may be found here: <https://www.sfmta.com/reports/street-closure-and-event-list>

River of Life Halloween

Tuesday, October 31: River of Life Church will host their annual Halloween event.

There will be a street closure of Sunnydale Avenue between Hahn and Sawyer streets from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The 56 Muni line will be rerouted.



CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: 16th 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 16th 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.

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.

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 15th Avenue), there are temporary bus stop changes:



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

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

Inbound

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

Outbound

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

The following stops will be relocated during construction through Oct. 28 to Nov. 14

Inbound

- Taraval Street and 15th Avenue to 14th Avenue and Taraval, northwest corner
- Taraval Street and 17th Avenue to Taraval and 17th Avenue, northeast corner
- Taraval Street and 26th Avenue to Ulloa Street and 26th Avenue, southwest corner
- Taraval Street and 30th Avenue to 30th Avenue and Taraval, northwest corner at the 66 Quintara stop
- Taraval Street and 32nd Avenue to Santiago Street and 32nd Avenue, southwest corner

Outbound



- Ulloa Street and Forest Side Avenue to Ulloa and Lenox streets northwest corner
- Taraval Street and 15th to 17th avenues and Taraval southeast corner
- Taraval Street and 19th to 19th avenues and Taraval curb lane
- Taraval Street and 23rd Avenue to Ulloa Street and 23rd Avenue northeast corner
- Taraval Street and 26th Avenue to Ulloa Street and 26th Avenue, northeast corner
- Taraval Street and 30th Avenue to 30th Avenue and Taraval, southeast corner
- Taraval Street and 32nd Avenue to Santiago Street and 32nd Avenue, 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:

- 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

Track work anticipated to begin Oct. 31:

- 15th to 16th avenues intersections – curve work
- **The intersection at 16th Avenue, will be closed in all directions to vehicles and pedestrians.**

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 19th 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 19th 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.

To improve safety along 19th 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. For overall project information, visit 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](#).

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To help with your travel plans to special events in the City of San Francisco, this release will be updated on a weekly basis. Whether you are a visitor or a local resident in the City, we hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

For more information on Muni service, please call the San Francisco Customer Service Center at 311 or visit www.sfmta.com. For additional information on Muni's Accessible Services Program, please call (415) 701-4485 or TTY (415) 701-4730.

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