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Dear Neighbor,

The Mission Bay Loop is a key component for San Francisco's T Third rail line and is critical to operating the T Third Central Subway service plan. The loop provides turn-around capabilities for the T Third Street light rail line via a connection of trackway from Third Street to 18th Street, Illinois and 19th streets, which will allow the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to operate the necessary service levels needed to support current and planned growth within the eastern portion of San Francisco.

The next phase of construction consists of forming the SFPUC's duct bank on Illinois Street. The need for the duct bank is to protect and consolidate cabling to and from buildings. The duct bank work will require **partial street closure on Illinois between 18th and 19th Streets** during the weekdays with some weekend work for 90 days beginning in late September or early October. The outer lanes of Illinois will remain open for through traffic during duct bank work. Closely following the completion of the duct bank work, the contractor will begin track work.

Due to digging associated with the electrical work under the sidewalks, a number of trees within the project area were damaged. In response to this damage, City arborists have completed a full assessment of the trees and have been working with the contractor's arborist on a tree care plan moving forward.

In addition to protective orange fences that have been placed around the trees, the contractor has submitted a tree care plan and is responsible for executing the appropriate tree care for the duration of the project. We are working with the contractor to care for the trees and prioritize tree care moving forward.

Updated substantial project completion has been modified to spring 2019.

You may sign up to receive email project updates by going to SFMTA.com/MissionBayLoop.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to improve your Muni service.

Best,

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