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

## SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, November 24, 2018

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25, 2018.

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### **Parking Enforcement for Thanksgiving Holiday and Black Friday**

**Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day):** The following parking regulations **will not** be enforced anywhere in the city: parking meters, seven-day street sweeping, residential parking permits, Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping, and commuter towaway.

**Friday, November 23 (Black Friday):** **Parking meters and seven day street sweeping will be enforced citywide.** Residential parking permits and Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping and commuter towaway will not be enforced.

Vehicles creating a hazard and/or an unsafe condition (i.e. double parking, blocking a bike lane, blocking driveways, blocking crosswalks, fire hydrants, etc.) are subject to receiving citations and can possibly be towed.

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### Parking Enforcement for Thanksgiving Holiday and Black Friday *continued*

**Note:** Parking meters in the City are enforced Monday through Saturday **with the exception of the following areas where parking meters are enforced seven days per week throughout the year except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day:**

- Parking meters in the Fisherman's Wharf area
- Along The Embarcadero Roadway
- In the Special Event Area around AT&T Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - Geary Boulevard at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Geary Boulevard
  - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

### **Muni Schedule for Thanksgiving Holiday and Black Friday**

**Thursday, November 22:** On Thanksgiving Day Holiday, Muni will operate on a Sunday schedule.

**Friday, November 23:** On Black Friday, Muni will operate on a weekday schedule to provide service for those visiting and shopping in the city. **There will be no express bus service on all express routes except the following routes: 8AX Bayshore A Express and 8BX Bayshore B Express.**

There will be **NO** Muni express service on the following routes: **1AX California A Express; 1BX California B Express; 7X Noriega Express; 14X Mission Express; 30X Marina Express; 31AX Balboa A Express; 31BX Balboa B Express; 38AX Geary A Express; 38BX Geary B Express; 41 Union (AM and PM); 81X Caltrain Express; 82X Levi Plaza Express; 83X Mid-Market Express; 88 BART Shuttle; and NX N Express.**

### **San Francisco Rescue Mission Event**

**Thursday, November 22:** A holiday event hosted by San Francisco Rescue Mission will take place on Jones Street. Jones Street between Eddy and Golden Gate streets will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday. There will be no impact on Muni bus service.

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### **Union Square Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Friday, November 23:** The 29<sup>th</sup> annual tree lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Union Square Park. There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time. For more event details, please visit:

<http://unionsquashop.com/TreeLightingUnionSquare.html>.

The following street closures will be required from 3 to 9 p.m.:

- Geary Street between Powell and Stockton streets
- Powell Street between Geary and Post streets
- Stockton Street between Geary and Post streets
- Post Street between Powell and Stockton streets

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected starting at 2:30 p.m.: **Powell-Hyde Cable Car; Powell-Mason Cable Car; 2 Clement; 3 Jackson; 38 Geary; and 38R Geary Rapid.**

### **Holiday Moratorium**

**Friday, November 23 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019:** Central Subway construction will pause on Stockton Street in Union Square and will be open to pedestrians, but remain closed to vehicles. All Union Square businesses will remain open. Construction work will recommence in January 2019.

### **Winter Walk SF**

**Friday, November 23 through Monday, December 31, 2018:** The annual Winter Walk Plaza on Stockton Street between Geary and Ellis streets will begin on Friday, November 23 and will continue through Monday, December 31, 2018. A diverse program of activities is planned which includes two open air beer and wine gardens, food vendors, live performances and lots of family-friendly activities. For more details of Winter Walk SF, visit <https://www.winterwalksf.com/about>.

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **REMINDER: Salesforce Transit Center Closure**

With the temporary closure of the Salesforce Transit Center, all bus routes have been rerouted to the temporary Transbay Center at Howard and Main streets: **The 5 Fulton, 5R Fulton Rapid, 7 Haight-Noriega, 25 Treasure Island, 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid are affected.** The closure is ongoing until further notice.

### **UPDATE: Geary Rapid Project**

The Geary Rapid Project aims to bring pedestrian safety improvements and more reliable bus service to Geary and O'Farrell streets between Stanyan and Market streets. To learn more or sign up for project updates, visit [\\_SFMTA.com/Geary](https://sfmta.com/Geary).

The first set of transit and safety treatments began on October 1 and are expected to continue through November. These treatments include:

- **New transit-only lanes** on most blocks between Stanyan and Gough streets to improve bus service. Eastbound transit-only lanes between Baker and Gough streets have been completed. Transit-only lanes in both directions between Blake and Stanyan, and westbound lanes between Gough and Baker are underway. To make room, one travel lane in each direction is being converted to transit-only.
- **Several intersections have been "daylighted" by painting red curb** at intersection corners to make people crossing the street more visible to drivers.
- **Advanced limit lines are being painted** to provide extra space between stopping vehicles and people in the crosswalk.
- **Some locations are being painted as safety zones** to provide a visual cue to motorists to slow down.
- **New bicycle pavement markings are being painted** to help cyclists to cross Geary Boulevard at Webster and Steiner streets, and along Geary Boulevard between Presidio and Masonic avenues.

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

Traffic lanes on Van Ness Avenue have been shifted to create two construction zones. Because some of this work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit [sfmta.com/vanness](https://sfmta.com/vanness).

There is no work scheduled for this weekend.

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop**

The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets, the project is expected to be completed in spring 2019. Traffic, including travelling by bike, may be affected by the construction work. All work areas will be clearly marked and there will be flaggers to help direct traffic. In order to conduct the work, parking on both sides including along the historical Crane Cove Park fence (east side of Illinois Street) will be removed 24 hours, 7 days a week from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets for the duration of the project.

A partial street closure is currently in effect in order to accommodate duct bank work on Illinois Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> streets until the end of 2018. Outer traffic lanes traveling both north and south on Illinois Street will remain open for through traffic. Immediately following the duct bank work, the track work will begin.

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. Sewer work is scheduled to be completed by summer 2018. For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

### **ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

**Now through January 2020:** Crews have begun Phase Two of the Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. For more project details, visit: <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge>.

### **ONGOING: Central Subway Project**

Utility upgrade work is ongoing, Monday through Friday, overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Westbound traffic on Howard Street may be impacted. One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. The parking garage between Ellis and O'Farrell is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street and sidewalk restoration work continues on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets, as well as on O'Farrell at Stockton. For project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>.

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

### **ONGOING: Townsend Corridor Improvement Project**

The Townsend Corridor Improvement Project, which spans from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> streets, aims to create a safer and more efficient Townsend Street where all modes of travel are organized into comfortable and intuitive spaces.

Implementation of the first set of safety treatments began on October 30 with partial repaving of Townsend Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets to provide a smoother surface to walk and bike. City crews will continue construction along this segment with roadway and curb paint installations, as well as sign installations. This is estimated to take place from now until the end of November.

During these times, temporary tow-away zones will be established to remove parked vehicles and allow crews space to complete construction. During construction, one travel lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Temporary loading zones will be established for commercial loading, passenger loading, and tour bus loading on both sides of Townsend Street west of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Ford GoBike station at Townsend and 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be temporarily relocated during construction. For project details, please visit [sfmta.com/townsend](http://sfmta.com/townsend).

### **ONGOING: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project**

In anticipation of the new Golden State Warriors' Chase Center and growth in the Mission Bay, the SFMTA is constructing a new center platform along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between South and 16<sup>th</sup> streets. This new, larger platform will service both inbound and outbound trains and greatly expand transit capacity in preparation for large crowds. Construction work is ongoing, with decommission of the Muni platform planned for mid-November and a new platform anticipated to be completed and in service in early summer of 2019. Bus substitutions will serve the T-Third line during parts of construction. The UCSF Mission Bay Platform is now out of service through late April 2019. The T Third will continue to operate but will skip that stop. Customers should board at Mission Rock and Mariposa stations. For detailed information and to sign up for email updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayplatform>.

In order to accommodate construction, bus shuttles will provide T Third service on the following dates: **Sunday, November 25; from Friday, November 30 to Monday, December 3; and from Tuesday, January 4 to end of February 2019.**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Critical Mass**

**Friday, November 30:** The Critical Mass bicycle ride will begin at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza) at 6 p.m. There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

### **Cruzada Guadalupana**

**Saturday, December 8:** The annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place. Participants will begin walking from All Soul's Church in South San Francisco at 6 a.m., enter San Francisco at Mission and Sickles at 9:30 a.m. and end at St. Mary's Cathedral on Geary Boulevard at 2 p.m. The San Francisco portion of the route begins at Mission Street and Sickles Avenue, continues north on Mission to Van Ness Avenue (via 14th Street and South Van Ness Avenue) to Ellis Street, west on Ellis Street to Gough Street, and then north on Gough Street to Geary Boulevard where it will end at St. Mary's Cathedral. There are no planned street closures or re-routes. Streets along the procession route may be congested which could affect Muni bus service. SFPD officers and Parking Control Officers will monitor the march.

### **GLIDE Grocery Bag Giveaway**

**Wednesday, December 12:** The annual GLIDE Grocery Bag Giveaway event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more details, visit [2018 GLIDE Holiday Events](#).

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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. All road users are encouraged to be aware, share the roadway and to follow all rules to ensure everyone's safety. Whether you are riding Muni, taking a taxi, walking, riding a bike or driving, please remain vigilant to keep everyone safe. If you see suspicious activity, please report it.***

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