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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, March 16, 2019

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17, 2019.

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/about-us/contact-us/email-and-text-alerts> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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Irish Bank St. Patrick's Day Parade Block Party

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17: The annual Irish Bank St Patrick's Day Parade Block Party will take place from approximately noon until midnight each day. For more details, visit <http://www.theirishbank.com/news/>.

The following street closures will be required from 8 a.m., Friday, March 15 to 1 a.m., Monday, March 18:

- Mark Lane between Bush and Harlan streets
- Harlan Street between Mark Lane and Grant Street

There will be no impact on Muni service.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 16: The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Market Street. For more event details, visit <http://www.uissf.org/>.

Starting at 10 a.m. the parade units will gather along 2nd Street between Market and Brannan streets. At 11:30 a.m. the parade will move west along Market Street to McAllister Street and proceed west to Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place and south to Grove Street where the parade will disband.

To ensure traffic flows on Mission, Howard, Folsom, Harrison, Bryant and Brannan streets, cross traffic will be allowed along the staging area of 2nd Street until the parade begins. Traffic along these streets will resume as soon as the parade units pass.

Market Street between 1st Street and Van Ness Avenue will be closed to traffic beginning at 11 a.m. There will be no cross traffic along Market Street during the parade which should end by 4 p.m. Streets will reopen as the marchers pass and the streets are cleaned. The reviewing stand will be on Carlton B. Goodlett Place.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. until the end of parade, Mission Street between Beale and 5th streets will be designated as transit-only street until Market Street re-opens.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected by the parade as early as 9 a.m.: **F Market & Wharves; 2 Clement; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 19 Polk; 21 Hayes; 27 Bryant; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; and 45 Union/Stockton.**

Muni will provide longer trains on L Taraval line. Muni customers wishing to see the parade or who otherwise want to go downtown are advised to take Muni Metro.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project

To accommodate the final phase of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project, **Muni will run bus shuttles for the N Judah Line between Ocean Beach and Carl and Cole streets starting Saturday, April 13 and will continue for approximately two weeks.** Bus substitution is required in order to complete paving work on Irving Street between Arguello Boulevard and 9th Avenue. For project information visit sfmta.com/inersunset.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

NEW: Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project *continued*

Regular N Judah rail service will operate between 4th and King streets and Carl Street and Hillway Avenue. Carl Street and Hillway Avenue will be the last stop served by N Judah rail service. For stops west of Carl Street and Hillway Avenue, customers must transfer at Carl and Cole streets to continue their trip.

Bus service will begin at 4:30 a.m., Saturday, April 13 and will continue during regular service hours until construction is completed. Bus shuttles will follow the regular N Judah line except for short segments along Frederick Street and Lincoln Way.

Customers traveling downtown are encouraged to allow extra travel time for their trips or consider taking alternate Muni routes, such as the NX Judah Express, 6 Haight/Parnassus, 7 Haight/Noriega and 7X Noriega Express. Customers in the Inner Sunset area can also take the 43 Masonic or 44' Shaughnessy route to Forest Hill station and transfer to Muni Metro lines for downtown travel. L Taraval service is also available to connect downtown and the Sunset District.

Due to the need for additional bus operators during this time, Muni riders may experience moderate service gaps on the 14 Mission, 30 Stockton and 38 Geary routes. The E Embarcadero and 83X Mid-Market Express lines will also be suspended until construction is completed.

UPDATE: Central Subway Project

At 4th and Howard streets, utility upgrade work is ongoing, Monday through Friday, overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Westbound traffic on Howard Street may be impacted. At the intersection of 4th and Folsom streets, some roadway and crosswalk repaving may occur in the coming week which may require temporary closure of crosswalks at that intersection. In Chinatown, the sidewalk on the west side of Stockton, south of Washington, adjacent to the worksite is temporarily closed in the coming days to facilitate utility upgrade work. There is currently one lane of traffic open on both sides of Stockton between Clay and Jackson. For project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>.

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UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, March 15, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits and on water main installation and preparing the roadway for future pavement work at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Pacific Street
- Van Ness at Clay Street
- Van Ness at Sacramento Street
- Van Ness at Sutter Street
- Van Ness at McAllister Street
- Van Ness at Grove Street

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project

In anticipation of the new Golden State Warriors' Chase Center, the SFMTA is constructing a new 320-foot center platform along 3rd Street between South and 16th streets. The existing platform will be demolished. The new track alignment will include one single and one double crossover to facilitate the movement of vehicles as operations requires. Other associated work includes modification of the overhead contact system, and both above and below ground utility relocation work. Construction will require four phases that will necessitate three separate transit service plans. For more information visit www.SFMTA.com/MissionBayPlatform.

Rail construction work across the intersection of 16th and 3rd streets started **Saturday, March 9 and continuing through next Tuesday, March 19 with closure and Muni bus re-route:**

- 16th Street cross 3rd Street will be closed to east/west car and pedestrian traffic.
- The Muni route 55 16th Street will be re-routed to 4th Street.

Buses are providing T Third service since Tuesday, January 22 through March 2019 in order to accommodate the next phase of construction. Once the T Third returns to train service, the Muni platform at UCSF Mission Bay will remain 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.

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UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project *continued*

E Embarcadero and 83X Mid-Market Express are temporarily canceled since Tuesday, January 22 and continuing through March. Alternative routes include 47 Van Ness for the 83X and the N Judah and F Market & Wharves for the E.

ONGOING: Muni Metro Elevator Safety Modernization Project

Since Monday, January 21 and continuing for about ten weeks, the inbound platform elevator at Church Station has been out of service for about ten weeks while the SFMTA has been working on upgrading the unit.

While the elevator is out of service, customer can use the following options to access Church Station:

- **Take an inbound train for L Taraval, M Ocean View, K Ingleside/T Third Streets lines or S Shuttle** - Customers can exit at Van Ness Station, proceed to the outbound platform and take any L, M, K/T or S lines to Church Station.
- **Heading inbound from Church Station** – Customers can use the outbound elevator to access any outbound train, get off at Castro Station, proceed to inbound platform and take any inbound train to continue travel.
- **Accessible service to the Church and Market area is available on the following Muni routes or lines:**
 - J Church (Accessible stops at Duboce and Church as well as inbound at Church at Market)
 - N Judah (Accessible stop at Duboce and Church)
 - F Market & Wharves (serves Church, Van Ness and Castro stations)
 - 37 Corbett (serves Church and Castro stations)
- **Customers with disabilities** can use station escalators to access the inbound platform.

Upon completion of this upgrade work at Church Station, the SFMTA will begin working on elevators at Castro and Forest Hill stations. The entire upgrade project is expected to take about four years to complete.

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ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop

The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18th, 19th 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 18th to 19th 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 18th and 19th streets through spring of 2019. 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. For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

Upcoming Events

San Francisco Giants Baseball Game

Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26: The San Francisco Giants will play their pre-season games against the Oakland Athletics at Oracle Park. Both games will start at 6:45 p.m., Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26, 2019. The first regular season home game this year at AT&T Park will begin on Friday, April 5 when the San Francisco Giants will play against the Tampa Bay Rays. For more event details, visit <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>.

For details about transportation to Oracle Park, including connections from Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/places/oracle-park>.

SFMTA Sales Kiosks Operation Hours

Saturday, March 23: SFMTA sales kiosks will begin spring and summer operation hours with the following schedule:

Powell and Market streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

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Upcoming Events continued

SFMTA Sales Kiosks Operation Hours continued

Hyde and Beach streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Bay and Taylor streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Presidio Avenue and Geary Street

- 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (seven days a week, closed on holidays)

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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.

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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