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

### **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, Friday, February 23 through Sunday, February 25, 2018. Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com) or call 311 to find out which of the 83 Muni lines will get them where they want to go. **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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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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### **Chinatown Community Street Fair**

**Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25:** The Chinatown Community Street Fair will be held this weekend. The street fair will take place along Grant Avenue between Clay and Broadway streets from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more event details, visit:

[http://www.chineseparade.com/parade\\_events.asp?pEvent=community\\_fair](http://www.chineseparade.com/parade_events.asp?pEvent=community_fair).

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Chinatown Community Street Fair *continued*

**The following street closures will be required for the event from 11 p.m., Friday to 11 p.m., Sunday:**

- Grant Avenue between California Street and Broadway
- Pacific Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Stockton Street
- Jackson Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Washington Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Intersections: Jackson Street, Washington Street and Pacific Street on Grant Avenue
- All alleys in the area bounded by California Street, Stockton Street, Broadway and Kearny Street

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **10 Townsend and 12 Folsom/Pacific.**

**Chinese New Year Parade**

**Saturday, February 24:** The Chinese New Year Parade will start from 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market streets at 5:15 p.m. The parade will travel west on Market Street, west on Geary Street, north on Powell Street, east on Post Street, north on Kearny Street to Columbus Avenue. The parade will disperse on Columbus Avenue between Pacific and Washington streets.

**SFMTA will provide extra LRV Metro service to support the expected crowds.**

Staging of the floats will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lane of Main Street between Market and Harrison streets. The following street closures will be required:

- From 3 p.m. to approximately 5:15 p.m.:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Market and Mission streets
- From 4 p.m. to approximately 7 p.m.:
  - Market Street between Beale and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets
  - Main Street between Harrison and Market streets

Starting at 4 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m., Post Street between Mason and Market streets will be closed for camera positioning for TV stations.

Cross traffic will be allowed within the staging area until 4:45 p.m.

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### Chinese New Year Parade *continued*

From 4 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m., the following closures will be required:

- Geary Street between Montgomery and Mason streets
- Post Street between Mason and Kearny streets
- Powell Street between Geary and Bush streets
- Kearny Street between Geary Street and Columbus Avenue/Pacific Street
- The Stockton Street Tunnel

Traffic along Market Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets will be diverted beginning at 4 p.m.:

- Westbound to Howard Street
- Eastbound to Folsom Street

Beginning at 2:45 p.m., Mission Street between Beale and 6<sup>th</sup> streets will be designated as transit-only street until Market Street re-opens.

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **California Cable Car; Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; 1 California; 2 Clement; 3 Jackson; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 10 Townsend; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 21 Hayes; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 45 Union/Stockton; and 76X-Marin Headlands Express.**

## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

### UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

The Van Ness Improvement Project is a civic improvement project that will bring San Francisco's first Bus Rapid Transit system. To maximize the benefits of construction, the City will also be replacing major utilities including water, sewer and emergency firefighting water systems. Work will also be done to repave Van Ness Avenue, enhance streetlights and landscaping, and install new sidewalk lighting and rain gardens.

Traffic lanes on Van Ness Avenue have been shifted to create two construction zones for upcoming utility work. Because some of this work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Neighbors will be notified of night noise 72-hours in advance of night work.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

**Friday, February 23:** Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., sewer installation work is planned from McAllister to Turk streets. Crews will pothole to determine underground utility alignments for upcoming sewer work from Golden Gate Avenue to Bush Street. Crews will also work to remove old, unused utility lines from McAllister to Geary streets. Neighbors are advised to anticipate construction-related noise, including grinding, as crews work diligently to complete this necessary night work.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, please visit [sfmta.com/vanness](http://sfmta.com/vanness).

### UPDATE: Construction of Mission Bay Loop

**Now until Further Notice:** 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 early 2018.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup>, Illinois and 19<sup>th</sup> streets, which will allow the SFMTA to operate the necessary service levels needed to support current and planned growth within the eastern portion of San Francisco.

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. Traveling around and through the construction area should expect minor delays.

Since early April 2017, the contractor has been working on the sewer infrastructure within the center of Illinois Street starting at 18<sup>th</sup> and Illinois streets. General work hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 (approximately until summer of 2018).

Due to a recent discovery of an old underground storage tank placed underneath the PG&E duct bank on Illinois and 18<sup>th</sup> streets, a site assessment by contractors and a city representative took place. Street excavation work to remove contents from the tank and additional testing will be needed. This unplanned work may delay completion of the sewer work.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### UPDATE: Construction of Mission Bay Loop *continued*

Traffic lanes traveling both north and south will remain open and there will be flaggers posted to help direct traffic. The northbound bike lane will be converted to a shared roadway. Expect minor delays when traveling around and through the construction area.

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. Sewer work is scheduled to be completed by March 2018.

For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, please visit:  
<https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

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

Pavement renovation at 4<sup>th</sup> and Brannan streets and track work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Brannan and King streets is ongoing. Until further notice, traffic reroutes will remain in effect.

Sewer and water supply infrastructure replacement work continues at 4<sup>th</sup> and Folsom streets, Monday through Friday, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these work hours southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be reduced to one lane and eastbound Folsom Street will be reduced to two lanes. Sewer replacement work continues at night at 4<sup>th</sup> and Howard streets. Work hours are from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two through lanes are in place southbound 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Westbound traffic on Howard Street will 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 restoration work is continuing on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets.

Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley is under a long-term temporary closure to vehicular traffic as station construction continues. Pedestrian access to Washington Street between Stockton Street and Trenton Alley remains open.

The Central Subway project is the first underground line to link the north and south corridors of the city, and will provide a direct connection to major retail, sporting and cultural venues while efficiently transporting people to jobs, educational opportunities and other amenities throughout San Francisco.

For project updates, please visit:  
<https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **ONGOING: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Project**

**Now until Further Notice:** A new transit boarding island will come soon to 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Market and Stevenson streets. In coordination with a sewer upgrade effort, construction is in progress and may last until March 2018.

The transit boarding island will provide more space and reliability for transit passengers, and a protected space for bicyclists riding between the sidewalk and boarding island.

#### **Traffic/Transit Impact**

- Please follow posted signage to locate the closest 19 Polk and 83X Mid-Market Express bus stop during construction.
- At times, there may be temporary lane closures as crews perform work resulting in possible travel delays. Please plan to allow for extra travel time during construction due to possible delays.
- Traffic will be routed around construction activity as necessary, but will not be detoured. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit [sfmta.com/7th&8th](http://sfmta.com/7th&8th).

### **ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project**

The Polk Streetscape Project is an effort to create a safer, more vibrant corridor for all residents of San Francisco. In addition to increasing safety for everyone traveling on Polk Street, this project will incorporate new lighting, landscaping and street infrastructure. The project is anticipated to be completed in six segments, with construction taking approximately 24 months to complete. General work hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Construction began since October 2016 with sewer work on North Point Street, from Polk to Larkin streets.

San Francisco Public Works will be working to incorporate key safety, sewer and water utility infrastructure improvements and streetscape enhancements along Polk Street, from Beach to McAllister streets. Improvements also include: paving, ADA curb ramps installation, alleyway improvements, sidewalk bulb-outs and bus bulb-outs, traffic signal upgrades, street light upgrades and bicycle lane improvements.

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### ONGOING: Polk Streetscape Project *continued*

#### **Traffic/Transit Impact**

- At times, there may be temporary intersection or lane closures as crews perform work resulting in possible travel delays. Please plan to allow for extra travel time during construction due to possible delays.
- Traffic will be routed around construction activity as necessary. Pedestrian pathways and access to driveways and commercial/residential buildings will be maintained at all times.

For more project details, please visit [sfpublicworks.org/polk](http://sfpublicworks.org/polk).

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **Black Cuisine Festival**

**Saturday, March 3:** The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Cuisine Festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center on Carroll Avenue.

For more details see: <https://bhpmss.org/black-cuisine/>.

More details to follow.

##### **Little League Parade**

**Saturday, March 3:** San Francisco Little League Baseball will open the 2018 season with a parade from the Presidio to Marina Middle School.

For information, visit <http://www.sfill.org/baseball>.

More details to follow.

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Upcoming Events *continued*

**Chinatown New Year Run**

**Sunday, March 4:** The Chinatown New Year Run will begin at 8 a.m. and be followed by a festival in Portsmouth Square.

For more event details, visit <http://www.chineseparade.com/ymca.asp>.

More details to follow.

**Visitacion Valley Fair**

**Saturday, March 10:** The annual Ruth Jackson and Family's Family, Friends and Community Day Festival and Parade will take place.

More details to follow.

**Sunday Streets: The Mission District**

**Sunday, March 11:** The 2018 season of [Sunday Streets](#) will begin in the Mission District. The event will take place on Valencia Street from Duboce to 26<sup>th</sup> streets. The route will open the roadway to people walking, bicycling and other recreational activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For further event details, visit:

<http://sundaystreetsf.com/sunday-streets-2018/mission031118/>.

More details to follow.

**Upcoming Construction Project**

**Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project**

**Saturday, March 24 through Sunday, March 25:** From start of regular service on Saturday, March 24, until end of regular service on Sunday, March 25, the N Judah line will operate on Muni buses from Duboce and Church streets to Ocean Beach.

The tunnel closure and bus substitution will facilitate the construction of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project.

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Upcoming Construction Project *continued*

Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project *continued*

During the tunnel closure, N Judah train service will operate from Duboce and Church streets to King and 4<sup>th</sup> streets and with shuttle buses operating from Fillmore and Duboce streets to Ocean Beach. Shuttle buses will be rerouted to Frederick Street and Lincoln Way between Carl Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The project is a partnership between the SFMTA and the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) to add streetscape amenities to the proposed transit bulb-outs in the area. The streetscape designs will enhance the beauty and walkability of the neighborhoods along the N Judah line from Cole Valley to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and to improve performance of the N Judah as part of Muni Forward program.

An additional 10-day closure is expected in 2019.

For more project details, visit [www.sfmta.com/innersunset](http://www.sfmta.com/innersunset).

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