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

## **SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, May 16, 2020**

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

For real-time updates, follow us on [https://twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](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.

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### **UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order**

During the rapidly changing environment caused by COVID-19, the SFMTA has been continuing with reduced service adjustment to Muni service in order to focus our limited resources to the busiest lines and those that most critically serve essential trips. The Core network allows Muni to continue to serve San Francisco's medical facilities and focuses on equity to ensure service for our customers most reliant on transit. The frequency of buses varies by line so that lines experiencing some crowding will have more frequent service than others.

**Beginning Saturday, May 16, the 9R San Bruno Rapid service will be reinstated and the following Muni lines will increase in frequency:**

- **Weekday bus service frequencies will increase by two to four minutes** for the **8 Bayshore, 14R Mission Rapid, 22 Fillmore, 38R Geary Rapid, 49 Van Ness/Mission, N Bus, and T Bus**, and they will all operate at frequencies of 10 minutes or less.

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UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order *continued*

- **The 14 Mission Owl frequency will be improved by 10 minutes for both weekday and weekend service** and will operate approximately every 20 minutes from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- **On weekdays, 9R San Bruno Rapid service will be restored.** The 9R San Bruno Rapid and 9 San Bruno lines will resume their regular routing. When the 9R San Bruno Rapid is in service to McLaren Park on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the 9 San Bruno will terminate on Bayshore at Visitacion. At all other times, the 9 San Bruno will go to McLaren Park. They will both operate at frequencies of 10 minutes or less.

This more frequent service will allow for better physical distancing on higher-ridership routes for essential trips. The SFMTA is able to make these changes due to an increase in staffing availability and additional bus cleaning programs. Decisions about where to increase the frequency of Muni service are informed by ridership data.

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; M Bus Community Shuttle (Balboa Park to West Portal, weekday only); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 9R San Bruno Rapid (weekday only); 12 Folsom/Pacific (Financial District to Russian Hill), 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Daly City BART to Geary Boulevard, weekday only); 29 Sunset; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 44 O'Shaughnessy (Forest Hill to Evans); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach) and 54 Felton (Balboa Park to Hunters Point, weekday only).**
- **Late-night Owl routes have started early every night at 10 p.m.** instead of 1 a.m. **All regular Owl routes are in operation, except these routes** that have been temporarily discontinued: 5 Fulton and 48 Quintara/24th Street
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing special Owl Service: L Owl; N Owl; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/19th Avenue Owl.**

**Note:** Some routes have been modified. Please visit each route's webpage or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#) for more details.

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### **Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

To assist people with disabilities and older adults with making essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes, the SFMTA recently launched the [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program to address this need. This is a temporary special program that 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. The discount is limited to a value of \$60 taxi service per month per customer.

**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 311 and mentioning the program. Staff will be available between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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 pre-existing Shop-a-Round program that offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is still available and will continue post public health order.** For more information, visit <https://www.sfparatransit.com/shop-a-round>.

### **Slow Streets Program**

Some streets have been posted new signage to limit through traffic to prioritize walking or biking and to provide more space for social distancing during essential travel. Sometimes it is difficult to maintain social distance, especially outside of grocery stores and other essential services. Because of this, many pedestrians are choosing to walk in the street, exposing themselves to vehicle traffic. The SFMTA is implementing the Slow Streets program to allow roadways to be used more as a shared space for foot, bicycle and wheelchair traffic, taking advantage of low vehicle numbers on some roads.

- Streets are not closed completely and local vehicle access is allowed (e.g., driveway access for residents).
- Slow streets are shared streets, all users must give way to others as appropriate. People walking/running/biking do not have exclusive right-of-way over motor vehicles.
- Once installed, Slow Streets corridors will be in effect 24/7.

We plan to install two or three Slow Streets corridors per week. We will continue to monitor the use of Slow Streets to minimize impacts on surrounding streets. Learn more about proposed Slow Streets locations by visiting [SFMTA.com/SlowStreets](https://www.sfmta.com/SlowStreets).

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### **Temporary Loading Program**

The COVID-19 health crisis is creating a temporary increase in take-out/delivery service for many restaurants and essential businesses. To encourage physical distancing and reduce crowding, the SFMTA is fast-tracking converting some adjacent street parking into temporary loading zones.

If you are engaged in an essential business, there is no fee, simply [complete the form for review and processing](#). Due to high demand on this program, SFMTA staff are working diligently to review applications and to respond as soon as they can.

### **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

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

**On Friday, May 15, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.**, crews are scheduled to work on installing a joint-utility trench, traffic striping and sewer main at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Lombard Streets
- Van Ness between Jackson and Washington streets
- Van Ness between Washington and Clay streets
- Van Ness between Clay and Sacramento streets
- Van Ness between Sacramento and California streets
- Van Ness between California and Pine streets
- Van Ness between Pine and Bush streets
- Van Ness between Bush and Sutter streets
- Van Ness between Sutter and Post streets
- Van Ness between Post and Geary streets
- Van Ness between Geary and O'Farrell streets
- Van Ness between O'Farrell and Ellis streets
- Van Ness between Ellis and Eddy streets
- Van Ness between Eddy and Turk streets
- Van Ness between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue
- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

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

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](https://sfmta.com/vanness).

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

**As of May 1, 2020**, major rehabilitation construction activity on the Third Street Bridge has been completed. San Francisco Public Works has resumed bridge lift requests for watercraft access for the Third and Fourth Street bridges.

**To request access and/or to check bridge status and bridge lift availability/black-out dates, please contact the San Francisco Public Works Radio Room at: 415-695-2134\*\*.** (\*\*Bridge lift requests should be called into the San Francisco Public Works Radio Room at least 60 minutes prior to needing access.)

Periodic punchlist work is anticipated to continue through July 2020, which may require temporary lane occupancy or adjustments as needed.

Since July 2019, crews have begun phase two of the rehabilitation work. Phase two construction work involves travel lane shifts and other adjustments to the roadway and work area. Vehicle and bicycle access via travel lanes across the bridge continue to be available in each direction, northbound and southbound, and pedestrian access is available via a single sidewalk either along the western or eastern side of the bridge depending on lane shifts (except during periods of full temporary bridge closures when the pending scope of work restricts access across the bridge for all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic). People on bike may also choose to walk their bicycle along the pedestrian sidewalk as an alternative to riding across the bridge via the travel lane.

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to rain or other weather delays, equipment breakdown, and/or unforeseen field conditions. Additional periods of short closures may be possible, if necessary, to complete remaining rehabilitation work. Information will be shared closer to that period should additional closures seem necessary and details are finalized. Updates will be posted to the project webpage. For details about the project, the latest construction updates and suggested detour routes for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, visit [www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge](https://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge).

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## CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

### **ONGOING: L Taraval Improvement Project**

**Since August 2019**, traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. Northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. Southbound travel lane will continue on lower Great Highway as usual. This will be in effect until project completion in Fall 2021. For project details, visit [sfmta.com/LTaraval](http://sfmta.com/LTaraval).

### **ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project**

**Effective Wednesday, April 8**, the construction shuttle service has been suspended until further notice. Construction on Jefferson Street will continue by San Francisco Public Works. For information regarding Muni service adjustments, visit [SFMTA.com/COVID-19](http://SFMTA.com/COVID-19).

For more information about Phase Two of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project, visit <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson>.

### **ONGOING: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project**

Muni track maintenance work at Judah and 25th Avenue originally scheduled to be completed in April has been suspended until further notice due to the public health emergency.

## **Upcoming Construction**

### **Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner**

**Over Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25)**, the pedestrian bridge at Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be permanently removed. **Beginning 8 p.m. Friday evening on May 22 through Monday, May 25**, the area around Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be closed to through traffic while crews working to remove the bridge. During closure for demolition, vehicles in the area will be rerouted and bus stops will be relocated. If you are driving or taking Muni in the area, please allow extra travel time to get to your destination.

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## Upcoming Construction *continued*

### Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner *continued*

#### **Traveling by car:**

- Streets will be closed to vehicle traffic along: **1)** Geary Boulevard between Scott and Fillmore streets; **2)** Steiner Street between Post and O'Farrell streets; and **3)** Fillmore between Geary Boulevard and Post streets.
- Only local access will be allowed on closed streets during the closure.
- Westbound traffic on Geary Boulevard will be rerouted to Sutter Street.
- Eastbound traffic will be diverted to Post Street.
- North- and southbound traffic can use Divisadero or Webster streets to cross Geary Boulevard.
- Some parking will be restricted in the area.

#### **Traveling by bus:**

- Some bus stops will be temporarily relocated during demolition work
- The 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid Muni routes will be rerouted to Post Street
- Signs will be posted at each stop on where to board at alternate stops. Customers should look for "Board Here" signs nearby.

#### **Traveling on foot or bicycle:**

- Pedestrian detours will be provided around the work zone.
- Pedestrian access to cross Geary Boulevard at Steiner Street will be closed
- To cross Geary Boulevard, pedestrians can use either Fillmore or Scott streets.
- People on bike can use Webster Street to cross Geary Boulevard.
- The Bay Wheels bike share station at Raymond Kimbell Playground will be temporarily closed.

The Steiner bridge demolition is part of the [Geary Rapid Project](#), which aims to improve 38 Geary bus service and bring much-needed safety improvements to the Geary corridor. Learn more at [SFMTA.com/SteinerBridge](http://SFMTA.com/SteinerBridge).

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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](http://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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