

## Alternate Modes

Please see below for example e-mail language that you can share with employees commuting to work. Feel free to adapt or use the information in whatever manner is helpful for your organization.

### Subject: Tips from SFMTA for Commuting During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Hi All,

As some of you begin to commute again, we understand that you may be trying to figure out what your new commute will look like. The SFMTA has informed us that San Francisco's downtown streets have already reached pre-COVID levels of traffic congestion. So if possible, please walk, bike, or use transit or other sustainable travel alternatives rather than driving alone for your commute.

Below are some resources to help you plan a new commute and prevent the crushing congestion that will increase all our travel times, hinder economic recovery, and frustrate all of us.

#### Bicycling

San Francisco has over 456 miles of bicycle routes, making it easy for residents to begin commuting by bicycle – and you don't even need to own a bike to take advantage of them, see [Need a Bike or Scooter](#) below. Explore our full [Recommended Bike Routes](#) including Slow Streets, bike lanes, and physically-separated bikeways to plan a low-stress route to work. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition provides resources to [help new bike commuters](#) and also offers [free webinars on urban cycling](#).

#### Walking

Walking to work frees up seats on Muni and helps with the current physical distancing requirements needed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. San Franciscans can plan their commute on foot by using [Slow Streets](#) for a more comfortable commute with limited vehicle traffic.

#### Slow Streets

The SFMTA's new [Slow Streets](#) program allows people traveling by foot or bicycle to do so on certain residential streets that are designed to limit through traffic. Throughout the city, nearly 30 corridors have been implemented as a Slow Street. On these streets, signs and barricades have been placed to minimize through vehicle traffic and prioritize walking and biking.

#### Need a Bike or Scooter?

If employees don't own a bicycle or scooter, San Francisco has multiple options for shared bicycles and scooters. All have easy sign-up processes and follow recommended public health practices to ensure rider safety and well-being. Find links to their registration pages below to start riding today.

- [BayWheels Bicycle Share](#).
  - [Bike Share for All](#) provides a discounted membership option for low-income residents.
- Scooter Shares:
  - [Lime](#).
    - [Lime Access](#) provides discounted option for low-income residents.
  - [Scoot](#).
    - Its [Community Plan](#) provides discounted option for low-income residents.
  - [Spin](#).
    - [Spin Access](#) provides discounted option for low-income residents.

**Municipal Parking Lots**

For those of you who are carpooling or otherwise need to use a private vehicle due to extenuating circumstances, we also strongly recommend using our [Municipal Parking Lots](#). Using these lots not only reduces the stress of trying to find a parking spot, but can also help lessen the overall traffic congestion and emissions produced by drivers searching for parking.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to commute sustainably, and please let us know if there is anything else we can provide or communicate to SFMTA to help improve your commutes.

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