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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for
Weekend of Saturday, August 21, 2021**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Friday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021**.

For real-time updates, follow us on 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.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](https://sfmta.com/moving-sf) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

Federal Law Requires Face Masks on Muni

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, [federal law requires wearing a mask](#) in Muni stations and while riding transit. Violations can result in denial of boarding or removal from Muni and may carry federal penalties. Face coverings like scarves and bandanas do not meet this requirement. Under guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, taxi drivers are required to wear a face covering while transporting passengers. For more information, please visit sfmta.com/COVID.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, Aug. 20, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., Saturday, crews are scheduled to work on traffic improvements, remaining overhead power installations, traffic signal wiring and hardware installations, light pole setting, and related work at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Fell and Market streets
- Van Ness between Market and Mission streets

Work that requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction will be 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 www.sfmta.com/vanness.

UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the city's former health order. On Saturday, Aug. 14, the SFMTA implemented another round of COVID-19 Core Service changes, with 18 routes being restored, expanded or modified. Services hours were also extended on some selected bus routes, visit the [Service Changes](#) webpage for details. Muni's transit system is expected to normalize in 2022. For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#). For more information about Muni Metro rail service and Metro bus substitution, visit the [Rail Recovery](#) webpage.

Current Muni Service:

The following Muni routes run from 5 a.m. to midnight daily: 1 California, 5 Fulton, 8 Bayshore, 9 San Bruno, 14 Mission, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 25 Treasure Island, 28 19th Avenue, 29 Sunset, 30 Stockton, 38 Geary, 43 Masonic, 44 O'Shaughnessy, 48 Quintara/24th Street and 49 Van Ness.

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UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network *continued*

Until further notice, Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line.

- **Core Routes in Service:** F Market & Wharves (Fisherman's Wharf and Castro & Market streets); J Church (Balboa Park to Church & Duboce streets); KT Ingleside-Third; M Ocean View; N Judah (Ocean Beach to 4th and King streets); L Taraval Bus (all buses) (SF Zoo to Embarcadero); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 5R Fulton Rapid; 7 Noriega; 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; 15 Bayview-Hunters Point Express; 18 46th Avenue; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 23 Monterey (modified route); 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 27 Bryant (modified route); 28 19th Avenue; 29 Sunset; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 33 Ashbury-18th Street; 35 Eureka; 36 Teresita; 36/52 Special; 37 Corbett (Twin Peaks and Van Ness & Market Street); 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 39 Coit; 43 Masonic (Geary Boulevard to Crocker Amazon); 44 O'Shaughnessy; 45 Union-Stockton; 48 Quintara/24th Street (20th at 3rd streets and West Portal Station); 48 Quintara Owl; 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach); 52 Excelsior; 54 Felton (Daly City BART to Hunters Point); 55 Dogpatch; 56 Rutland; 57 Parkmerced (modified route); 58 Lake Merced (NEW); 66 Quintara (modified route) and 67 Bernal Heights.
- **Daily Owl service starts at midnight, except for the L Owl which begins service at 10 p.m.**
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing special Owl Service:** L Owl; N Owl; 5 Fulton; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 48 Quintara/24th Street; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl.

UPDATE: Shared Spaces Program

The city's multi-agency [Shared Spaces](#) program opened some parts of streets in San Francisco to create public space for outdoor dining, retail and physical distancing. The program allows the use of sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity, as allowed by San Francisco's Public Health Order. For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces, visit [SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces](https://sfmta.com/SharedSpaces).

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ONGOING

ONGOING: 19th Avenue (CA Route 1) Combined City Project

San Francisco Public Works is leading a multi-agency project to replace aging infrastructure and improve safety along 19th Avenue between Holloway Avenue and Lincoln Way.

Construction work for the first segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Noriega Street has begun.

As part of the [19th Avenue Combined City Project](#), the SFMTA will implement transit priority and safety improvements for people walking along the route of the 28 19th Avenue. The improvements will make it safer to walk, remove stops to make transit service more reliable, and enhance customers' experiences—on and off the bus.

To improve safety along 19th Avenue, the SFMTA will: **1)** install pedestrian bulbs at 19 intersections and transit bulbs at 13 intersections; **2)** modify traffic and pedestrian signals to give people who walk more time to cross the street; and **3)** extend the bus zone at one intersection. Installing transit bulbs allow Muni vehicles to stop for passengers without having to pull out of traffic, and pedestrian bulbs increase the visibility at intersections of people who walk.

As part of the project, seven Muni stops were removed on 19th Avenue between Irving Street and Ocean Avenue last October. **The following Muni routes have been affected with the stop removal:**

- **28 19th Avenue**
- **91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl**

To find additional information about the transit reliability and pedestrian safety components, visit sfmta.com/28Rapid. For overall project information, visit sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue.

ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program

The SFMTA's temporary special program, [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program, will assist people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes. The program 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. Riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month per customer upon request.

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ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program *continued*

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.sfmta.com/shop-round>.

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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!

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.

For Muni route, schedule, fare and accessible services information anytime: Visit www.sfmta.com or contact 311 **311 Free language assistance** / 免費語言協助 / Ayuda gratis con el idioma / Бесплатная помощь переводчиков / Trợ giúp Thông dịch Miễn phí / Assistance linguistique gratuite / 無料の言語支援 / 무료 언어 지원 / Libreng tulong para sa wikang Tagalog / การช่วยเหลือทางด้านภาษาโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย / خط المساعدة المجاني على الرقم