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# \*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\* SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Weekend of Saturday, November 20, 2021

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Wednesday, Nov. 17 through next Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021**.

For real-time updates, follow us on <u>https://twitter.com/sfmta\_muni</u> or visit <u>SFMTA.com/EmailText</u> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit <u>SFMTA.com/Updates</u>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, <u>Moving SF</u> for <u>daily</u> or <u>weekly</u> updates.

# Federal Law Requires Face Masks on Muni

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, <u>federal law requires wearing a mask</u> 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 <u>sfmta.com/COVID</u>.

#### **River of Life Church Healthy Thanksgiving**

**Saturday, Nov. 20:** The River of Life Church will hold its annual Healthy Thanksgiving Holiday Party for the community. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# River of Life Church Healthy Thanksgiving continued

Street closure of Sunnydale Avenue between Hahn and Sawyer streets will be required between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The 56 Rutland Muni route will be affected.

#### San Francisco Fire Department Toy Drive Run and Bicycle Race

**Saturday, Nov. 20:** The San Francisco Fire Department will be holding their annual run and bicycle ride at Lake Merced as part of their holiday toy drive. Event will take place between 8 and 10 a.m. with set up and clean up ending at 10:15 a.m.

The following Muni routes will be affected: **18 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 29 Sunset; and 57 Parkmerced**.

# **Basketball Games at Chase Center**

**Sunday, Nov. 21 and next Wednesday, Nov. 24:** There will be basketball games at the Chase Center. Listed below are times of each game with time when doors will open.

- **Sunday, Nov. 21**: The Warriors will play against the **Toronto Raptors.** Game will start at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 24: The Warriors will play against the Philadelphia 76ers. Game will start at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

#### Supplemental Muni Service

Muni will operate supplemental **78X Arena Express** service:

- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station to 16<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets will start two and a half hours before each game/event and will end one hour after game/event starts.
- **Post-event express shuttle service** from 16<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets to 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station will run until the area clears.

# Special Event Parking Rates

During basketball games and other major events with more than 10,000 expected attendees at the arena, **parking meters close to the arena will charge a special event rate of \$8 per hour.** These rates help reduce congestion and keep parking spots available in the neighborhoods near the arena, discouraging circling for free or cheap parking. Start times for special event rates vary based on the start time of the event. More information on special event parking regulations can be found on www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking.



#### Basketball Games at Chase Center continued

# Street Closures

To accommodate events that will take place at the arena, the following street closures will be enforced two hours before and one hour after each event:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Warriors Way will also be closed approximately 30 minutes before and 45 minutes after an event.
- Only local access will be allowed on Northbound Illinois Street between Mariposa and 16<sup>th</sup> streets.

#### No Parking Zone

To facilitate loading and pick up for Muni customers and patrons, **NO PARKING** will be in effect at these locations during events:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Terry Francois Boulevard (TFB) between Warriors Way and the 700 Block of TFB

#### Taxi Stands

- There is one taxi stand located on southbound Terry Francois Boulevard.
- Ramp Taxis should use the loading zone on eastbound Warriors Way (formerly South Street) at Bridgeview Way.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit <u>SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter</u>.

# CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

#### UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend. Current lane changes will remain in place. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit <u>SFMTA.com/VanNess</u>.



# **UPDATE: Central Subway Project**

Wednesday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 20: Overhead line equipment will be installed at 4th and King streets to link the new Central Subway system to the existing T Third Street line. For construction work performed on Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 18, it will take place between 9:30 p.m. and 5:45 a.m., the next morning. For work scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20, construction hours are between 9:30 p.m. and 7:45 a.m., the next morning.

To facilitate this work for the Central Subway project:

- Traffic may be detoured within the construction site, motorists should consider taking an alternative route if driving through the area is needed.
- Starting at approximately 9 p.m. each night, Wednesday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 20, N Judah and T Third rail service will be served by buses.
- On Thursday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Nov. 19, rail service will resume on schedule at 6 a.m.
- On Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21, rail service will resume at approximately 8 a.m.
- The K Ingleside Bus will operate between Balboa Park and the Embarcadero stations. Customers will need to transfer to an N Judah Bus to continue to Caltrain or transfer to a T Third Bus for destinations south of 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets.
- The T Third Bus will operate between Castro and Sunnydale and the N Judah Bus will operate between La Playa and Caltrain Station.

For more information on Central Subway project, visit <u>SFMTA.com/CentralSubway</u>.

# <u>ONGOING</u>

# **ONGOING: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network**

**Since Monday, Nov. 1**, the SFMTA has temporarily eliminated short line service on these routes: 1 California short, 30 Stockton short, 14R Mission Rapid short (weekdays only) and 49 Van Ness short (weekends only) to address vaccine mandate related operator shortages. Long routes of these lines remain in service. These changes are intended to reduce impacts to service system-wide from operator shortages. Longer waits and more crowding on various bus routes is anticipated. Customers should allow more travel time to their destinations.



#### ONGOING: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network continued

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the city's emergency order and ongoing resource constraints. **Muni Metro's subway hours have been extended to midnight, Monday through Saturday and until 10 p.m. on Sunday**, visit the <u>Service Changes</u> webpage for details. For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the <u>Muni Core Service Plan</u>. For more information about Muni Metro rail service and Metro bus substitution, visit the <u>Rail Recovery</u> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 29 Sunset, 30 Stockton, 38 Geary, 43 Masonic, 44 O'Shaughnessy, 48 Quintara/24th Street and 49 Van Ness.

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 Rincon 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; 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 (modified route); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach); 52 Excelsior (modified route); 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.



#### ONGOING: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network continued

• 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.

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>19th Avenue Combined City Project</u>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>sfmta.com/28Rapid</u>. For overall project information, visit <u>sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue</u>.



#### **ONGOING: Casual Carpool Pick-Up New Location**

With the completion of sidewalk widening on the west side of Beale Street between Howard and Folsom streets, Casual Carpool has been moved back to its location permanently and with an early start of operation hour.

Since Monday, Oct. 18, the new location for Casual Carpool pickup is at west side of Beale Street between Howard and Folsom streets. The hours of operation are from 2 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# **ONGOING: Shared Spaces Program**

The city's multi-agency <u>Shared Spaces</u> program opened some parts of streets in San Francisco to create public space for outdoor dining, retail, cultural activities and physical distancing. The program allows the use of sidewalks, parking space, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for a wide range of activities responding to the COVID pandemic, as allowed by San Francisco's Public Health Order. For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces, visit <u>SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces</u>.

# **ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program**

The SFMTA's temporary special program, <u>Essential Trip Card</u> (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.

**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 <u>https://www.sfmta.com/etc</u> for additional details and for a list of San Francisco taxi companies, visit <u>https://www.sfmta.com/taxi/directory</u>.

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 <u>https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round</u>.

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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 <u>www.sfmta.com</u>. 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 <u>www.sfmta.com</u> 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 / mফ্রাণ্ডাম্রাজ্যান্রার্টার্নার্টার্ণা / المساعدة المجانى على الرقم