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# \*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\* SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for Weekend of Saturday, March 26, 2022

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Thursday, March 24, through next Thursday, March 31, 2022**.

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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.

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# 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>.

# **Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center**

**Thursday, March 24 to Thursday, March 31**: There will be basketball games at the Chase Center:

- Thursday, March 24: The NCAA March Madness Fan Fest will take place. Event will begin at 2 p.m.
- Thursday, March 24: The NCAA Men's Basketball Championship West Regional will take place. Event will start at 4:09 p.m. with doors open at 2:30 p.m.

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#### Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center continued

- Friday, March 25: The <u>NCAA March Madness Fan Fest</u> will take place. For details visit Chase Center website.
- Saturday, March 26: The <u>NCAA March Madness Fan Fest</u> will take place. Event will begin at two hours before game starts (time to be determined).
- Saturday, March 26: The <u>NCAA Men's Basketball Championship West Regional</u> will take place. Event time to be determined. Doors open will open an hour and a half before game starts.
- **Tuesday, March 29:** <u>Billie Eilish's</u> performance will take place. Performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30: The Warriors will play against the <u>Phoenix Suns</u>. Game will begin at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 31: <u>Journey's</u> performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 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 <a href="https://www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking">www.sfmta.com/special-event-parking</a>.

## **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



## Basketball Game and Event at Chase Center continued

## Street Closures continued

- 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.

## Additional Passenger Loading

- There is passenger loading on 4<sup>th</sup> Street which may be accessed by walking west on Gene Friend Way pedestrian path.
- There is also passenger loading on Owens Street by continuing west on Gene Friend Way pedestrian path.

For details about transportation to the Chase Center, including Muni service and connections from the Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit <a href="mailto:SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter">SFMTA.com/ChaseCenter</a>.

#### **Alfa Romeo Car Show**

**Saturday, March 26,** The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club will host a car show on Stockton Street alongside Washington Square Park.

Stockton Street will be closed between Filbert and Union streets from 6 a.m. through 2 p.m. for this event.

The 39 Coit Muni route will be impacted.

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## **CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES**

# **UPDATE: SFMTA's Revenue Service at Mobile Sales Vans**

Since February of this year, the Revenue Collection and Sales Group has been deploying Mobile Sales Vans during the monthly LifeLine sales period at some locations in the City. This program will help customers to save a trip traveling downtown or Civic Center areas to purchase monthly Lifeline stickers. These Sales Vans will be in the areas listed below:

- Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Alemany Farmers Market
- Wednesday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Bayview Opera House (East side of 3<sup>rd</sup> street)
- Friday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Bayview Opera House (East side of 3<sup>rd</sup> street)

Staff assigned to work on Mobile Sales Vans will provide the following services:

- Discount fare and parking fine program applications
- Lifeline applications
- Payment/Community Service Plan applications
- Free Muni for People with Disabilities/Seniors) applications

Customers can return completed applications for these services to staff who work on the Mobile Sales Van.

The Mobile Sales Van will also accept payment for or purchases of the following items:

- Parking/Transit Citation Payments (customers must present a ticket or letter listing the citation number)
- Monthly Lifeline stickers (for the month of March 2022)
- Pre-loaded Clipper Cards (\$11 value for \$10)
- Parking Meter Cards (\$25/\$50)
- \$5 Day Passes (valid on all Muni vehicles, except Cable Car)

Customers can pay with cash, credit/debit card or commuter check.

#### **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 <a href="SFMTA.com/VanNess">SFMTA.com/VanNess</a>.



## **ONGOING**

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

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of ongoing resource constraints from the COVID-19 pandemic. For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the <u>Muni Core Service Plan</u>. For the latest service change information, visit the <u>Service Changes</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.

Metro service now runs until midnight daily.

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

Routes in Service: F Market & Wharves (Fisherman's Wharf and Castro & Market streets); J Church (Balboa Park to Embarcadero); KT Ingleside-Third; M Ocean View; N Judah (Ocean Beach to 4<sup>th</sup> 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

24-Hours Daily 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: L Taraval Improvement Project

The SFMTA is leading a multi-agency collaboration with the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Committee (SFPUC) to replace and rehabilitate the aging infrastructure along Taraval Street. The <u>L Taraval Improvement Project</u> will replace worn rails, overhead wires, water, and sewer lines and repave the entire street along the L Taraval Line, from West Portal to the SF Zoo to make pedestrian crossing safer, increase accessibility and improve transit reliability.

Work to replace and upgrade track, sewer and water lines will require substantial construction and occasional detours along Taraval Street.

Segment B work has begun starting at Sunset Boulevard to West Portal.

To improve safety, 10 new transit boarding islands and five new high-level accessible platforms will be installed in Segment B work. Three existing transit boarding islands will be extended. The comprehensive transit and pedestrian safety features will enhance the safety of passengers getting on and off Muni and make the L Taraval Line more reliable.

Construction is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional project details, visit <u>SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project</u>. For project updates of work for the weeks of March 16 through April 2, 2022, visit <u>www.sfmta.com/L-Taraval Improvement Project</u>.

# ONGOING: Castro Westbound Platform Elevator Closed for Upgrades

The rehabilitation on the westbound platform elevator at Muni Castro Station has begun and will continue for about six months. During this time, the elevator will be closed for upgrades.



# ONGOING: Castro Westbound Platform Elevator Closed for Upgrades continued

The SFMTA is committed to continuously improving safety and reliability for all Muni customers even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Castro elevator is the eighth of 12 being rehabilitated systemwide as part of the Muni Elevator Improvement Project. The project will greatly improve accessibility and convenience, especially for wheelchair users, seniors, and others with disabilities who benefit from elevator access.

For information on alternative Castro elevator service, visit <a href="SFMTA.com/Elevator">SFMTA.com/Elevator</a>.

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

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 <a href="https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round">https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round</a>.

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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 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 / การช่วยเหลือทางด้านภาษาโดยไม่เดียคำใช้ง่าย / خط المساعدة المجاني على 기원 (الرقم