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PRESS RELEASE SFMTA Transit and Traffic Advisory for Thursday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 22, 2023

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this week, from **Thursday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 22, 2023**.

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta muni or visit SFMTA.com/EmailText 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 updates</u>.

Masks Recommended

Following the latest guidance from the <u>California Department of Public Health</u> (CDPH), San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in any SFMTA facilities, transit hubs or on vehicles including Muni buses, streetcars, light rail vehicles or cable cars or in taxis or on paratransit.

Events at Chase Center

Saturday, March 18: The <u>Fall Back In Love Comedy and Music Jam</u> performance will take place at the Chase Center. Show will start at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

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Events at Chase Center continued

Supplemental Muni Service

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

- **Pre-event express shuttle service** from 16th Street BART Station to Chase Center 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 Chase Center on 16th Street to 16th 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 \$9 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.

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:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Northbound 3rd Street between 16th 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 16th 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:

- 16th Street between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Warriors Way between 3rd Street and Terry Francois Boulevard
- Between the 500 and 700 blocks of Terry Francois Boulevard (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 at Bridgeview Way.

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Events at Chase Center continued

Additional Passenger Loading

- 4th Street which connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.
- Owens Street connects to Chase Center via Gene Friend Way pedestrian path which cuts through UCSF campus.

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

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Fix It! Week (Early closures for Muni Subway Maintenance)

Thursday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 22 (Fix It! Week): Early subway closures are planned for evenings, Thursday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 22 to allow for maintenance work. The subway between Embarcadero and West Portal will close early at 9:30 p.m. Bus substitution service during the early shutdowns will be from 9:30 p.m. to midnight, every night, Thursday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 22.

During Fix It! Week:

- Bus shuttle service will begin at 9:30 p.m. through the normal end of train service at midnight.
- Owl bus service will remain unchanged. Trains will start regular morning service each day.
- **KLM Bus Shuttles**: Runs on the surface between St. Francis Circle (West Portal Avenue and Sloat Boulevard) and Embarcadero Station (Market and Steuart streets). **Serves 1)** all island stops along Market Street between Embarcadero and Church stations; **2)** curb stops between Castro Station and St. Francis Circle.
- **N Judah Bus Shuttles**: Runs on the surface between Church/Duboce and Caltrain. **Serves 1)** all island stops along Market Street, **2)** Curb stops (marked N Bus) on The Embarcadero and King Street.
- **K Ingleside and M Ocean View** trains will operate between Balboa Park and St. Francis Circle



CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES continued

NEW: Fix It! Week (Early closures for Muni Subway Maintenance) continued

- **N Judah and J Church** trains will operate "interlined" between Balboa Park and Ocean Beach for both directions with a switch at Church/Duboce:
 - o **J Church** trains will continue at Church/Duboce to Ocean Beach as N Judah
 - o **N Judah** trains will continue at Church/Duboce to Balboa Park as J Church
- **T Third** trains will operate between Sunnydale and Chinatown stations
- The following Muni stations for the T Line will remain open with regular T Line service until midnight: Yerba Buena/Moscone Station, Union Square/Market Station and Chinatown-Rose Pak Station.

For service on Market Street, Muni customers can board KLM bus shuttles or N Judah bus shuttles at bus stops marked with the half-moon sign (On Market Street, half-moon signs are situated at the F Line boarding locations).

Accessible transfers to trains will be at boarding islands at Church/Market, Church/Duboce and Saint Francis Circle.

For additional information, please visit SFMTA.com/SubwayMaintenance.

UPDATE: 16th Street Improvement Project

As part of the Muni Forward Program and to improve reliability, speed and increase overall system effectiveness for the key 22 Fillmore route, the 16th Street Improvement Project is part of a larger network of proposed or planned improvements to the Muni system.

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend.

For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit <u>www.sfmta.com/16thStreet</u>.



UPDATE: L Taraval Improvement Project—Segment B

The L Taraval Improvement project continues construction along Segment B replacing and repairing the infrastructure along the L Taraval line between Sunset Boulevard and 15th Avenue, and on Ulloa Street near West Portal. Work continues on water and sewer lines, as well as on the overhead contact system (OCS). OCS work is now focused on foundation work and installation of new poles. The project is a comprehensive infrastructure rehabilitation of sewer and water lines and streetscape project. The project will address safety concerns for customers boarding Muni, address the much-needed rehabilitation of aging sewer and water lines while bringing streetscape improvements to the Taraval corridor for added vibrancy.

The rail tracks west of the intersection of Ulloa and Madrone streets have been taken offline to complete construction. Work needs to be performed during construction to facilitate the reconstruction of the water and sewer mains as well as replace the tracks and overhead lines. The upgraded sewer and water lines, permanent boarding islands and increased accessibility will make riding safer and more reliable.

The L Bus now runs between West Portal and the SF Zoo. Customer can transfer to a train at West Portal Station to travel downtown.

The inbound stop at Taraval Street and 15th Avenue has been relocated across the intersection until fall 2024.

The relocation will be until the end of construction after the new tracks are laid and the L Tarayal rail service is reactivated.

Construction is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extreme weather conditions may impact the construction schedule.

On Saturdays, March 18 and March 25, weekend work is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day.

On Wednesday, March 15, Thursday, March 16 and Monday, March 20, construction crews will work evenings until 6:30 p.m. instead of the normal 5 p.m. ending time.

For additional project details, visit <u>SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project</u>. For project updates of work from Monday, March 13 through Saturday, March 25, visit <u>Project Update</u>.



UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

There is no active construction scheduled for this weekend. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit <u>SFMTA.com/VanNess</u>.

ONGOING

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For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the <u>Muni</u> <u>Routes and Stops</u> webpage.

Until further notice, Muni buses will continue to serve the L Taraval Metro line between San Francisco Zoo and West Portal Station. Transfer to Muni Metro for service downtown. Additionally, Special L Taraval bus shuttle service is now running between San Francisco Zoo and Embarcadero, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., every 50 minutes.

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 and second segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Taraval streets was completed. Construction work for bulbouts in the third and fourth segment along 19th Avenue between Taraval Street and Holloway Avenue is ongoing.

As part of the <u>19th Avenue Combined City Project</u>, the SFMTA will implement transit priority and safety improvements for people walking along 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.



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

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: Essential Trip Card Discount Program

The SFMTA's program, <u>Essential Trip Card</u> (ETC) Program, assists people with disabilities and older adults to make essential trips using taxis. 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. If essential needs require it, riders may receive additional value up to \$120 of taxi service per month.

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 the Paratransit Mobility Management office at 415-351-7053. Staff are available weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. 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 Shop-a-Round program which offers registered seniors and people with disabilities personalized assistance and rides to and from grocery stores and farmers markets is available as well. For more information, visit https://www.sfmta.com/shop-round.

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.



ONGOING: Shared Spaces Program continued

Shared Spaces operators should get in their applications before the pandemic-era program expires on March 31, 2023. For details about the new legislated program requirements, permit fees and training opportunities, visit Shared Space/San Francisco(sf.gov).

For details, locations and updates on street closures related to Shared Spaces, visit <u>SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces</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 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 / การชายเหลือทางด้านภาษาโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย / خط المساعدة / المجانى على الرقم