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** PRESS RELEASE **

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Christmas and New Year Holiday Weekends

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends, from Friday, December 21, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

For real-time updates, follow us on www.twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <http://www.sfmta.com/signup> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni reroutes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

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Muni Schedule for Holiday Week

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019: On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Muni will operate a Sunday schedule.

On Monday, December 24, Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, December 28 and Monday, December 31, these express routes will be running: **8AX Bayshore A Express and 8BX Bayshore B Express.**

There will be **NO** Muni express service on the following routes: **1AX California A Express; 1BX California B Express; 7X Noriega Express; 14X Mission Express; 30X Marina Express; 31AX Balboa A Express; 31BX Balboa B Express; 38AX Geary A Express; 38BX Geary B Express; 41 Union (AM and PM); 81X Caltrain Express; 82X Levi Plaza Express; 83X Mid-Market Express; 88 BART Shuttle; and NX N Express.**

For more information visit <https://www.sfmta.com/travel-updates/muni-holiday-service-schedules>.

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Parking Enforcement for Christmas and New Year's Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019: The following parking regulations **will not** be enforced anywhere in the city: parking meters, seven-day street sweeping, residential parking permits, time limits, Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping and commuter towaway.

Vehicles creating a hazard and/or an unsafe condition (i.e. double parking, blocking a bike lane, blocking driveways, blocking crosswalks, fire hydrants, etc.) are subject to receiving citations and can possibly be towed.

Note: Parking meters in the City are enforced Monday through Saturday **with the exception of the following areas where parking meters are enforced seven days per week throughout the year except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day:**

- Parking meters in the Fisherman's Wharf area
- Along The Embarcadero Roadway
- In the Special Event Area around AT&T Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
 - 8th Avenue at Clement Street
 - 9th Avenue at Clement Street
 - Geary Boulevard at 21st Avenue
 - 18th Avenue at Geary Boulevard
 - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

Winter Walk SF

Now through Monday, December 31, 2018: The annual Winter Walk Plaza on Stockton Street between Geary and Ellis streets began on Friday, November 23 and will continue through Monday, December 31, 2018. A diverse program of activities which includes two open air beer and wine gardens, food vendors, live performances and lots of family-friendly activities are available. For more details of Winter Walk SF, visit <https://www.winterwalksf.com/about>.

Central Subway construction is paused on Stockton Street in Union Square and are open to pedestrians, but remain closed to vehicles. All Union Square businesses are remain open. Construction work will recommence in January 2019.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Taraval Track Maintenance Work at 38th Avenue and Taraval Street

Starting next Wednesday, December 26 and will continue for about three weeks, L-Taraval track maintenance work will take place at the intersection of 38th Avenue and Taraval Street. During construction, the L Taraval rail service will operate without interruption. While Taraval Street remains open, vehicular traffic along 38th Avenue at Taraval Street will be detoured.

REMINDER: Salesforce Transit Center Closure

With the temporary closure of the Salesforce Transit Center, all bus routes have been rerouted to the temporary Transbay Center at Howard and Main streets: **The 5 Fulton, 5R Fulton Rapid, 7 Haight-Noriega, 25 Treasure Island, 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid are affected.** The closure is ongoing until further notice.

UPDATE: Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project

On Friday and Saturday nights for the next two weekends, December 21-23 and December 28-30, there will be temporary overnight closures to the Twin Peaks Tunnel. Bus shuttles will be provided for the KLM lines and will run while additional work is done. Neighbors should expect minimal disruptions as most activity will be inside the tunnel. Crews plan to use this time to replace and upgrade 33 fire suppression valves, repair superficial cracks, and finish replacing the fiber optic cables that aid citywide emergency communications. These closures are similar to those on previous weekends and only in effect when ridership is low late at night and early in the morning.

December 21-23 Weekend Overnight Details:

- **West Portal and Forest Hill stations** will be closed at approximately 11 p.m. on Friday and will reopen on Saturday at 9 a.m.
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- **Buses will operate K, L and M routes** between Embarcadero and each line's terminal destination. Board where you see a Half Moon sign. Buses will run every 20 minutes until OWL services starts.
- **OWL service** will not be affected by these closures.

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UPDATE: Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project *continued*

December 28-30 Weekend Overnight Details:

- **West Portal, Forest Hill, Castro and Church stations** will be closed at approximately 11 p.m. on Friday and will reopen on Saturday at 9 a.m.
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- **T Third trains** will operate between Duboce & Church and Bayshore Boulevard & Sunnydale Avenue.
- **N Judah and J Church trains** are planned to operate normally throughout the weekend.
- **OWL service** will not be affected by these closures.

Customers can board all buses at Muni Shuttle route stops, designated with a "Muni Metro Shuttle" yellow half-moon sign. More information: SFMTA.com/TwinPeaks. Weekend overnight closures of the Twin Peaks Tunnel are also planned for December – more information on these to come. More information: SFMTA.com/TwinPeaks.

UPDATE: Geary Rapid Project

The Geary Rapid Project aims to bring pedestrian safety improvements and more reliable bus service to Geary and O'Farrell streets between Stanyan and Market streets. To learn more or sign up for project updates, visit SFMTA.com/Geary.

Transit and safety treatments began on October 1 and are expected to continue through December. These treatments include:

- **New transit-only lanes** have been installed on most blocks between Stanyan and Gough streets to improve bus service.
- **Some intersections** have had painted safety zones installed to provide a visual cue to motorists to slow down.
- **Advanced limit lines have been painted on Palm and Stanyan streets** to provide extra space between stopping vehicles and people in the crosswalk.
- **New bicycle pavement markings will be painted** to help cyclists to cross Geary Boulevard at Webster and Steiner streets, and along Geary Boulevard between Presidio and Masonic avenues.

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UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project

In anticipation of the new Golden State Warriors' Chase Center and growth in the Mission Bay, the SFMTA is constructing a new center platform along 3rd Street between South and 16th streets. This new, larger platform will service both inbound and outbound trains and greatly expand transit capacity in preparation for large crowds. Construction work is ongoing, with decommission of the Muni platform began on November 12 and a new platform is anticipated to be completed and in service in early summer of 2019. Bus substitutions will serve the T-Third line during parts of construction. For detailed information and to sign up for email updates, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/ucsf-mission-bay-platform-upgrade>.

The UCSF Mission Bay Platform is now out of service through late April 2019. The T Third will continue to operate but will skip that stop. Customers should board at Mission Rock and Mariposa stations. In order to accommodate construction, bus shuttles will provide T Third service from mid-January through March 2019.

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, work is limited to nighttime hours. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

Friday, December 21, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits and installation of a joint-utility trench at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Pacific Avenue
- Van Ness at Post Street

Friday, December 28, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits and installation of a joint-utility trench at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Broadway
- Van Ness at Post Street

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ONGOING: Central Subway Project

Utility upgrade work is ongoing Monday through Friday, overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. at 4th and Howard streets. Westbound traffic on Howard Street may be impacted. **Since Tuesday, November 27 and continue through December 21**, the east lane of 4th Street southbound from Freelon to Brannan may be temporarily closed to facilitate utility upgrade work. Vehicular traffic traveling southbound through the 4th and Brannan intersection will need to use the west lane of 4th Street. Two through lanes are otherwise in place for 4th Street southbound. One lane on the south side of Ellis Street is open at all times for eastbound traffic. The parking garage between Ellis and O'Farrell is accessible on the north side of Ellis Street. Street and sidewalk restoration work continues on the north side of the intersection of Ellis and Stockton streets, as well as on O'Farrell at Stockton. In Chinatown, the sidewalk on the west side of Stockton, south of Washington is temporarily closed adjacent to the worksite in order to facilitate utility upgrades. There is currently one lane of traffic open on both sides of Stockton between Clay and Jackson. For project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/central-subway-project>.

ONGOING: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Emergency SFPUC Sewer Repair Work: Occurring near, but unrelated to the Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project, SFPUC recently discovered a short cracked section of sewer pipe used for outfall and the city has declared an emergency to perform needed repairs. Work will occur just north of the bridge in the two eastern lanes. Emergency repair work is not anticipated to cause additional impact to traffic in the area as work will be within an area that has already been closed off to traffic during the first phase of bridge rehabilitation work.

Now through January 2020: Crews have begun Phase Two of the Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. For more project details, visit: <http://www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge>.

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ONGOING: Townsend Corridor Improvement Project

The Townsend Corridor Improvement Project, which spans from 3rd Street to 8th Street, aims to create a safer and more efficient Townsend Street where all modes of travel are organized into comfortable and intuitive spaces. The first set of safety treatments is being implemented on Townsend Street between 5th and 7th streets to provide a smoother surface to walk and bike. City crews will continue construction along this segment with roadway and curb paint installations, as well as sign installations. This is estimated to take place until the end of December. During these times, temporary tow-away zones will be established to remove parked vehicles and allow crews space to complete construction. During construction, one travel lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Temporary loading zones will be established for commercial loading, passenger loading, and tour bus loading on both sides of Townsend Street west of 5th Street. The Ford GoBike station at Townsend and 5th Street will be temporarily relocated during construction. For project details, please visit sfmta.com/townsend.

ONGOING: Construction of Mission Bay Loop

The SFMTA has resumed construction on 18th, 19th and Illinois streets, the project is expected to be completed in spring 2019. Traffic, including travelling by bike, may be affected by the construction work. All work areas will be clearly marked and there will be flaggers to help direct traffic. In order to conduct the work, parking on both sides including along the historical Crane Cove Park fence (east side of Illinois Street) will be removed 24 hours, 7 days a week from 18th to 19th and Illinois streets for the duration of the project.

A partial street closure is currently in effect in order to accommodate duct bank work on Illinois Street between 18th and 19th streets until the end of 2018. Outer traffic lanes traveling both north and south on Illinois Street will remain open for through traffic. Immediately following the duct bank work, the track work will begin.

Local access to properties along the project site will be maintained. Sewer work is scheduled to be completed by summer 2018. For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

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Upcoming Events

Critical Mass

Friday, December 28: The Critical Mass bicycle ride will begin at Embarcadero Plaza (formerly Justin Herman Plaza) at 6 p.m. There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

Hot Chocolate Run

Sunday, January 13, 2019: The 5K/15K Hot Chocolate Run will take place inside Golden Gate Park extending to The Great Highway ending at Music Concourse Drive. The 5K run will start at 7:20 a.m. and the 15K will start at 8:10 a.m. from Martin Luther King Drive. An approximate attendance of 10,000 runners is expected. Traffic is anticipated to be heavy during the race along John F. Kennedy Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, The Great Highway and Lincoln Way between La Playa and The Great Highway. For more details, please visit <https://www.hotchocolate15k.com/sanfrancisco>.

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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. All road users are encouraged to be aware, share the roadway and to follow all rules to ensure everyone's safety. Whether you are riding Muni, taking a taxi, walking, riding a bike or driving, please remain vigilant to keep everyone safe. If you see suspicious activity, please report it.

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