

Balboa Park Station Area & Plaza Improvements

Project Overview | Sept 2015



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INTRODUCTION

Balboa Park Station and the surrounding area is one of the busiest transit hubs in the region, serving more than 24,000 people daily. It has one of the highest ridership BART stations outside of downtown San Francisco. The site is the terminus for three light rail routes and is served by several Muni bus lines. The area also encompasses the I-280 Ocean-Geneva Avenue system with multiple on- and off-ramps. The SFMTA Green Yard, used for storage and maintenance of light rail vehicles, is also located adjacent to the station. Regional attractions within walking distance include the San Francisco City College campus, Balboa Park and several other middle and high schools.

With such a busy and multi-faceted hub of transportation activity, the **Balboa Park Station Area and Plaza Improvements** project aims to improve the safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and intermodal travelers, including some streetscape improvements and maintenance upgrades.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Geneva Avenue sidewalk widening to provide more space for pedestrians and to reduce the negative impact to Muni bus operations and traffic.
- ❖ Relocation and expansion of the existing median on Geneva Ave, including installation of water wise landscaping.
- ❖ Red transit-only lanes on westbound Geneva Ave. between Delano Ave. & I-280 to improve transit service & reliability.
- ❖ Installation of pedestrian-scale lighting along the borders of the Balboa Park Station to increase transit customer safety.
- ❖ Installation of flashing beacons on the I-280 SB off-ramp at Ocean Avenue to improve pedestrian safety.
- ❖ Relocation of the poles supporting the Overhead Contact System to improve accessibility & safety.
- ❖ Installation of 13 wayfinding signs along the perimeter of the facility to increase awareness of transit options in the area.
- ❖ Upgrading of the traffic and train signaling systems.



PROJECT TIMELINE, 2015-2016

July August September October November December January

Construction (Nov 2015 – Sept 2016)

Regular updates via website's project page, opt-in emails, mailers, public outreach, etc.

CONSTRUCTION

The Balboa Park Station is located in a residential area with several schools, businesses and parks in the surrounding neighborhood.

As with any construction project, some area impacts are expected. This may include some construction noise, dust, service changes, traffic and moving vehicles and equipment.

SFMTA will consistently work with the community to minimize any disruptions and mitigate concerns.

IMPACTS

Parking and Traffic and Transit Service Impacts

- ❖ Driveway access for residents and businesses may be occasionally delayed by construction equipment. However, there will be access at all times.
- ❖ Traffic detours may be needed. Electronic messaging boards will be used in affected areas to alert motorists and cyclists. Pedestrian detours will be posted and delineated around the construction zones.
- ❖ In case of lane closures, at least one traffic lane will remain open for vehicular traffic during construction hours.
- ❖ At times, street parking may not be available in and around the construction sites.

Service Impacts

- ❖ During various phases of construction, bus stops will need to be relocated. Please keep an eye out for temporary bus stop relocation signs that will guide you to the new temporary bus stop location.
- ❖ While upgrading the train control and signaling system at Ocean and I-280 SB on ramp, there will be service changes needed to complete the work. Once the schedule for the temporary service changes is confirmed we will inform transit patrons.

CONTACT

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