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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, May 9, 2020

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from **Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10**.

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit [SFMTA.com/EmailText](https://sfmta.com/EmailText) to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit [SFMTA.com/Updates](https://sfmta.com/Updates). This website will be updated when it is closer to the event date.

For additional notifications and agency updates, subscribe to our blog, [Moving SF](#) for [daily](#) or [weekly](#) updates.

UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order

During the rapidly changing environment caused by COVID-19, the SFMTA has been continuing with reduced service adjustment to Muni service in order to focus our limited resources to the busiest lines and those that most critically serve essential trips. The Core network allows Muni to continue to serve San Francisco's medical facilities and focuses on equity to ensure service for our customers most reliant on transit. The frequency of buses varies by line so that lines experiencing some crowding will have more frequent service than others.

- **As of Monday, May 4, the M Bus** was returned to service as a "Community Shuttle" between Balboa Park and West Portal stations. This [modified service](#) is operating on weekdays only between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. with a frequency of approximately every 20 minutes. The M-L bus transfer point will be at Ulloa and West Portal. This service update improves transit connections in the southwestern area of the city.

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UPDATE: Muni Service Adjustments During the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order *continued*

- **These Core service lines are currently in service: N Judah Bus; L Taraval Bus; M Bus Community Shuttle (Balboa Park to West Portal); T Third Bus (Sunnydale to Castro); 1 California; 5 Fulton; 8 Bayshore (rerouted to Stockton); 9 San Bruno, 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 19 Polk; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 28 19th Avenue (weekday only); 29 Sunset; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid; 44 O'Shaughnessy (Forest Hill to Evans); 49 Van Ness/Mission (extended from North Point to Powell and Beach) and 54 Felton.**
- **Late-night Owl routes have started early every night at 10 p.m.** instead of 1 a.m. **All regular Owl routes are in operation, except these routes** that have been temporarily discontinued: 5 Fulton and 48 Quintara/24th Street
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing special Owl Service: L Owl; N Owl; 14 Mission; 22 Fillmore; 24 Divisadero; 25 Treasure Island; 38 Geary; 44 O'Shaughnessy; 90 San Bruno Owl; 91 3rd Street/19th Avenue Owl.**

Note: Some routes have been modified. Please visit each route's webpage or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#) for more details.

Essential Trip Card Discount Program

To assist people with disabilities and older adults with making essential trips under Muni's temporary transit changes, the SFMTA recently launched the [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) Program to address this need. This is a temporary special program that 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. The discount is limited to a value of \$60 taxi service per month per customer.

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 <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 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 <https://www.sfparatransit.com/shop-a-round>.

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Slow Streets Program

Some streets have posted new signage to limit through traffic to prioritize walking or biking and to provide more space for social distancing during essential travel. Sometimes it is difficult to maintain social distance, especially outside of grocery stores and other essential services. Because of this, many pedestrians are choosing to walk in the street, exposing themselves to vehicle traffic. The SFMTA is implementing the Slow Streets program to allow roadways to be used more as a shared space for foot, bicycle and wheelchair traffic, taking advantage of low vehicle numbers on some roads.

- Streets are not closed completely and local vehicle access is allowed (e.g., driveway access for residents).
- People walking/running in the street do not have the right-of-way over motor vehicles.
- Once installed, Slow Streets corridors will be in effect 24/7.

We plan to install two or three Slow Streets corridors per week. We will continue to monitor the use of Slow Streets to minimize impacts on surrounding streets. Learn more about proposed Slow Streets locations by visiting [SFMTA.com/SlowStreets](https://www.sfmta.com/SlowStreets).

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, May 8, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on installing a joint-utility trench, traffic striping and sewer main at the following locations:

- Van Ness between Lombard and Greenwich streets
- Van Ness between Greenwich and Filbert streets
- Van Ness between Filbert and Union streets
- Van Ness between Union and Green streets
- Van Ness between Green and Vallejo streets
- Van Ness between Vallejo Street and Broadway
- Van Ness between Broadway and Pacific Avenue
- Van Ness between Pacific Avenue and Jackson Street
- Van Ness between Sutter and Post streets
- Van Ness between Post and Geary streets
- Van Ness between Geary and O'Farrell streets
- Van Ness between O'Farrell and Ellis streets

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project *continued*

Work locations *continued*

- Van Ness between Ellis and Eddy streets
- Van Ness between Eddy and Turk streets
- Van Ness between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue
- Van Ness between Golden Gate Avenue and McAllister Street
- Van Ness between McAllister and Grove streets
- Van Ness between Grove and Hayes streets
- Van Ness between Hayes and Fell streets

Because some work requires reducing Van Ness Avenue to one lane in each direction, some work is limited to nighttime hours. Construction scheduling is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions. For more project details and the latest construction updates, visit sfmta.com/vanness.

UPDATE: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

As of May 1, 2020, major rehabilitation construction activity on the Third Street Bridge has been completed. San Francisco Public Works has resumed bridge lift requests for watercraft access for the Third and Fourth Street bridges.

To request access and/or to check bridge status and bridge lift availability/black-out dates, please contact the San Francisco Public Works Radio Room at: 415-695-2134.** (**Bridge lift requests should be called into the San Francisco Public Works Radio Room at least 60 minutes prior to needing access.)

Periodic punchlist work is anticipated to continue through July 2020, which may require temporary lane occupancy or adjustments as needed.

Since July 2019, crews have begun phase two of the rehabilitation work. Phase two construction work involves travel lane shifts and other adjustments to the roadway and work area. Vehicle and bicycle access via travel lanes across the bridge continue to be available in each direction, northbound and southbound, and pedestrian access is available via a single sidewalk either along the western or eastern side of the bridge depending on lane shifts (except during periods of full temporary bridge closures when the pending scope of work restricts access across the bridge for all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic). People on bike may also choose to walk their bicycle along the pedestrian sidewalk as an alternative to riding across the bridge via the travel lane.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Third Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project continued

Construction scheduling is subject to change due to rain or other weather delays, equipment breakdown, and/or unforeseen field conditions. Additional periods of short closures may be possible, if necessary, to complete remaining rehabilitation work. Information will be shared closer to that period should additional closures seem necessary and details are finalized. Updates will be posted to the project webpage. For details about the project, the latest construction updates and suggested detour routes for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, visit www.sfpublicworks.org/thirdstreetbridge.

ONGOING: Construction Project on Highway 1

Now until approximately mid May 2020, Caltrans crew are performing grinding and paving work on Highway 1 between Lincoln Way and Lake Street in San Francisco. Work hours are between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. every day, Monday through Sunday. For project details, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-san-francisco-state-route-1-paving>

Throughout the duration of construction:

- Two lanes on the section between Lincoln Way and Lake Street of Highway 1 will be closed for construction work. Closure hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.
- Only one traffic lane will remain open during working hours. Motorists should expect traffic delays and to drive through construction zone with caution.
- Transit lines along or crossing Highway 1 (**29 Sunset, 38 Geary, 38R Geary Rapid, 1 California, and Golden Gate Transit**) will be kept moving through the work area.
- All cross-street traffic along Highway 1 will be detoured to adjacent intersections except Geary Boulevard and California Street in which one lane will remain open in each direction.

ONGOING: Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project

Since August 2019, traffic pattern on lower Great Highway between Ulloa and Santiago streets has been changed. Northbound travel lane on lower Great Highway has been rerouted to 48th Avenue for two blocks between Ulloa and Santiago streets. Southbound travel lane will continue on lower Great Highway as usual. This will be in effect until project completion in Fall 2021. For project details, visit sfmta.com/LTaraval.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

Muni track maintenance work at Judah and 25th Avenue originally scheduled to be completed in April has been suspended until further notice due to the public health emergency.

Upcoming Construction

May 22-25: Street Closures for Pedestrian Bridge Removal at Geary and Steiner

Over Memorial Day weekend, the pedestrian bridge at Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be permanently removed. **Beginning 8 p.m. Friday evening on May 22 through Monday, May 25**, the area around Geary Boulevard and Steiner Street will be closed to through traffic while crews work to remove the bridge. During that time, vehicles in the area will be rerouted and bus stops will be relocated. If you are driving or taking Muni in the area, please allow extra travel time to get to your destination.

- **Traveling by car:** Streets will be closed to vehicles on Geary Boulevard: between Scott and Fillmore, on Steiner between Post and O'Farrell, and on Fillmore between Geary and Post streets with local access only. Vehicles traveling westbound on Geary will be rerouted to Sutter Street, while eastbound traffic will be diverted to Post Street. North- and southbound traffic can use Divisadero or Webster streets to cross Geary. Some parking will be restricted in the area.
- **Traveling by bus:** Some bus stops will be temporarily relocated during work as the 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid are rerouted via Post Street. Look for "Board Here" signs nearby.
- **Traveling on foot or bicycle:** Pedestrian detours will be provided around the work zone. Pedestrians will not be able to cross Geary Boulevard at Steiner Street and will need to cross at Fillmore or Scott streets. Cyclists can use Webster Street. The Bay Wheels bike share station at Raymond Kimbell Playground will be closed.

The Steiner bridge demolition is part of the [Geary Rapid Project](#), which aims to improve 38 Geary bus service and bring much-needed safety improvements to the Geary corridor. Learn more at [SFMTA.com/SteinerBridge](https://www.sfmta.com/SteinerBridge).

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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.

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.

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