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****PRESS RELEASE****

**SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory for
Weekend of Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022**

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this holiday weekend, from **Friday, Feb. 18 through Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022.**

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.

Federal Law Requires Face Masks on Muni

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, [federal law requires wearing a mask](#) 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 sfmta.com/COVID.

UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network

Some Muni routes have been modified as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the city's emergency order and ongoing resource constraints. For details on Muni's current routes and service, visit individual route webpages or the [Muni Core Service Plan](#). For the latest service change information, visit the [Service Changes](#) webpage.

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UPDATE: Muni's COVID-19 Core Service Network *continued*

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Sunday service on all metro lines will be extended to 12 a.m. to match BART's Sunday service. The J Church will extend service between Balboa Park and Embarcadero Station.

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 19th Avenue, 29 Sunset, 30 Stockton, 38 Geary, 43 Masonic, 44 O'Shaughnessy, 48 Quintara/24th Street and 49 Van Ness.

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

- **Core 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 4th 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.**
- **The following routes are running 24 hours a day or providing 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.

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Presidents' Day Holiday Muni Service, Parking Will Be Enforced

Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 (Presidents' Day Holiday), Muni will operate on a Saturday schedule.

Parking meters (all meters including color capped), white zones, nightly street sweeping (street cleaning) and safety violations (no stopping, no parking, red and blue zones) will be enforced.

Other SFMTA parking programs will not be enforced:

- Residential Parking Permits (RPP) Zones
- General Parking Time Limits
- Weekday Daytime Street Sweeping (Street Cleaning)
- Commuter Shuttle Towaway Zones
- Unmetered Yellow and Green Zones

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 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
- On and near 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)

Chinatown Community Street Fair

Saturday, Feb. 19 and Sunday, Feb. 20: The Chinatown Community Street Fair will be held this weekend. The street fair will take place along Grant Avenue between Clay and Broadway streets from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/community-fair/>.

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Chinatown Community Street Fair

The following street closures will be required for the event from 11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18 to 11 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20:

- Grant Avenue between California Street and Broadway
- Pacific Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Stockton Street
- Jackson Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- Washington Street between Stockton and Kearny streets
- **Intersections at Grant Avenue:** Jackson Street, Washington Street and Pacific Street
- All alleys in the area bounded by California Street, Stockton Street, Broadway and Kearny Street

There will be heavy traffic in the area. Motorists are advised to allow extra travel time.

The **12 Folsom/Pacific** Muni route will be affected.

Chinese New Year Parade

Saturday, Feb. 19: The Chinese New Year Parade will start from 2nd and Market streets at 5:30 p.m. The parade will travel west on Market Street, west on Geary Street, north on Powell Street, east on Post Street and north on Kearny Street to Columbus Avenue. The parade will disperse on Columbus Avenue between Pacific and Washington streets. For event details, visit <https://chineseparade.com/>.

The SFMTA will provide extra LRV Metro service to support the expected crowds.

Staging of the floats will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lane of Main Street between Market and Harrison streets. The following street closures will be required:

- From 2 p.m.:
 - 2nd Street between Market and Mission streets
- From 3 p.m.:
 - Main Street between Harrison and Market streets
 - Market Street between Main and 3rd streets
 - Main Street between Harrison and Market streets
 - Geary Street between Market and Powell streets
 - Powell Street between Geary and Post streets
 - Post Street between Powell and Kearny streets
 - Kearny Street between Post Street and Columbus Avenue

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Chinese New Year Parade *continued*

Street closures *continued*

- From 5 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m.:
 - Columbus Avenue south of Pacific Avenue
 - Jackson Street between Kearny and Sansome streets
 - Washington Street between Kearny and Sansome streets
 - Clay Street between Kearny and Sansome streets

Beginning at 3 p.m., Mission Street between 4th and Beale streets will be designated as transit-only street until Market Street re-opens to transit.

Traffic along Market Street will be diverted during the event:

- Westbound to Howard Street
- Eastbound to Folsom Street

The following Muni lines and routes will be affected: **California Cable Car; Powell-Mason Cable Car; Powell-Hyde Cable Car; F Market & Wharves; L Taraval bus; 1 California; 5 Fulton; 6 Haight/Parnassus; 7 Haight/Noriega; 8 Bayshore; 9 San Bruno; 12 Folsom/Pacific; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 15 Bayview Hunter's Point Express; 30 Stockton; 31 Balboa; 38 Geary; 38R Geary Rapid and 45 Union/Stockton.**

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Upper Market Street Safety Project

Tuesday, Feb. 22 through Saturday, March 12: The SFMTA, in partnership with the San Francisco Public Works (SFPW), will be substituting motorized buses for the F Market & Wharves historic streetcar route for three weeks, starting Feb. 22 through March 12. During this time, F Line service will be modified to accommodate construction activities for the Upper Market Safety Project as well as other essential track repair and maintenance. Published service hours and frequencies should not be affected.

Within the Upper Market Safety Project area (between Octavia Boulevard and Castro Street), there will also be temporary closures of individual streetcar stops to support construction activities, including the installation of decorative MUNI railings. Temporary closures will occur on a rolling basis starting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 through spring 2022, with most stops affected for approximately one week. Signs and notices will be posted in advance of each stop closure to alert the public and suggest alternative routing for the closest available F Line stops.

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NEW: Upper Market Street Safety Project *continued*

The Upper Market Street Safety Project is a multi-phased effort to improve the safety and comfort of Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and Castro Street for all roadway users. The project's final construction phase, led by San Francisco Public Works and private contractor Esquivel Grading & Paving, Inc., began last July and should reach substantial completion by summer 2022.

For the most up-to-date information on Upper Market Safety Project construction activities, please visit sfpublicworks.org/uppermarket.

UPDATE: 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 L Taraval Improvement Project 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 [SFMTA.com/LTaraval Project](https://sfmta.com/LTaravalProject). For project updates of work between for the weeks Feb. 7 through March 1, 2022, visit [www.sfmta.com/L-Taraval Improvement Project](https://www.sfmta.com/L-Taraval-Improvement-Project).

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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 [SFMTA.com/VanNess](https://www.sfmta.com/VanNess).

ONGOING

ONGOING: Central Embarcadero Safety Project

Now through Feb. 2022, new safety improvements are being added to The Embarcadero between Mission Street and Broadway in the vicinity of the Ferry Building.

Key changes include:

- An extension of the two-way, protected bikeway on the waterside of The Embarcadero (currently in place between Harrison and Mission streets) northward to Broadway.
- A reduction in northbound travel lanes to two, decreasing pedestrian exposure to traffic at crosswalks and encouraging safer speeds.
- Modifications to loading zones, parking, and bus stops in the Ferry Building area to better serve businesses and ferry passengers.

During construction travel delays along The Embarcadero in the northbound direction is expected. Periodic lane closures are necessary to ensure the safety of crews working in the roadway. Two travel lanes will be maintained as possible, but there will be periods when there will be a single northbound travel lane.

For more project information and to sign up for updates, visit [SFMTA.com/Embarcadero](https://www.sfmta.com/Embarcadero).

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 segment of this project along 19th Avenue between Lincoln Way and Noriega Street has begun.

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

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 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.

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 sfmta.com/28Rapid. For overall project information, visit sfpublicworks.org/19th-Avenue.

ONGOING: Shared Spaces Program

The city's multi-agency [Shared Spaces](#) 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 SFMTA.com/SharedSpaces.

ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program

The SFMTA's temporary special program, [Essential Trip Card](#) (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.

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ONGOING: Essential Trip Card Discount Program *continued*

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.sfmta.com/shop-round>.

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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 / การช่วยเหลือทางด้านภาษาโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย / خط المساعدة المجاني على الرقم