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**SFMTA Reminds Commuters of SF BART Strike Options**

*Casual carpooling pick-up locations now on Spear St. for evening trips to the East Bay*

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which manages transportation in the city, including the Municipal Railway (Muni), will continue to implement its contingency plan as the strike by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is expected to continue on Monday. Due to the strike, public transit customers who normally travel daily into San Francisco will be seeking other means of getting to their destinations. The plan provides SFMTA services, such as two expanded casual carpool locations, for those displaced by a strike and endeavors to avoid or minimize gridlock.

“I am confident that San Francisco has done everything it could to mitigate the very serious impacts that will be felt by commuters,” said Mayor Ed Lee. “Since the last strike in July, San Francisco’s Municipal Transportation Agency has been working closely with regional transit agencies, businesses, both local and state public safety officials; and others to develop effective contingency plans to prepare for these impacts.”

“The SFMTA has all hands on deck as we work to keep San Francisco moving during the BART strike,” said Ed Reiskin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. “While we anticipate delays and congestion, our strike plan is in place and is designed to facilitate the safest and most efficient movement possible for all people impacted.”

After months of coordination with regional partners and other city agencies, preparations were put in place to manage transportation in San Francisco and to allow for connections across the region, including Caltrain, SamTrans, AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit and ferry services.

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Additional details will be posted at 511.org as they become available. A special BART strike page at [alert.511.org](http://alert.511.org) includes updates on BART's service status, alternative transit and ridesharing options, including regional organized carpool and vanpool, real-time traffic and transit information, and other trip-planning tools. BART information can be found at [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov). Commuters should check back regularly for updates. For real-time Muni updates during the week, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and special events, follow us on [www.twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](https://www.twitter.com/sfmta_muni) or visit [www.nextmuni.com/myNextBus](http://www.nextmuni.com/myNextBus) to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

### **Casual Carpooling**

As of September 23, the established casual carpool pick-up zone has been relocated to the west side of Spear Street just north of Folsom Street. During the BART strike, this zone will be expanded to both sides of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets. The attached map shows the morning drop-off locations, the evening pick-up locations and the route from the pick-up locations to the Bay Bridge carpool lane.

### **Casual Carpooling, 3 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday**

- **Carpooling Departure Points on the east side of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets** to the following locations:
  - Alameda
  - West Oakland BART
  - Lake Merritt BART
  - Fruitvale BART
  - Coliseum BART
  - Albany
  - Emeryville
  - Piedmont
  - San Leandro BART
  - Bayfair BART
  - Castro Valley BART
  - West Dublin BART
  - Dublin BART
  - Hayward BART
  - South Hayward BART
  - Union City BART
  - Fremont BART

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- **Carpooling Departure Points on the west side of Spear Street between Howard and Folsom streets** to the following locations:
  - MacArthur BART
  - Rockridge BART
  - Ashby BART
  - El Cerrito Plaza BART
  - North Concord BART
  - Pittsburg BART
  - Hercules
  - Richmond Parkway
  - Richmond BART
  - Fairfield/Suisun
  - North Berkeley BART
  - Del Norte BART
  - Orinda BART
  - Lafayette BART
  - Walnut Creek BART
  - Pleasant Hill BART
  - Concord BART
  - Oakland Claremont
  - Vallejo
  - Lakeshore/Grand

### **BART Charter Bus Service**

The map also shows the drop-off point for BART charter buses on the east side of Fremont Street just south of Howard Street and the BART charter bus pick-up location on the south side of Howard Street between Fremont and Beale streets. More information on this service is available at [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov).

### **Muni**

To keep major BART corridor service fully staffed, the SFMTA will prioritize Muni service along the following bus routes and rail lines during peak hours:

- 14 Mission, 14L Mission Limited, and 14X Mission Express
- J Church (to and from Balboa Park/Geneva)
- N Judah (to and from Caltrain at 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets)

Transit Fare Inspectors may be deployed to assist customers in Muni Metro stations.

Information regarding the impact of a BART strike on paratransit services can be found at [www.sfparatransit.com](http://www.sfparatransit.com).

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### **Downtown Off-street Parking:**

The SFMTA will implement measures designed to alleviate traffic congestion and to assist travelers. Approximately 4,000 off-street parking spaces are expected to be available in downtown garages. Off-street parking staff will provide garage managers with additional outreach materials. [For more information about specific garages or lots, visit sfmta.com.](#)

Visit [www.sfpark.org](http://www.sfpark.org) or download the application to find real-time information about available on and off-street parking spaces and rates in SFpark pilot areas.

Parking Control Officers and SFPD Officers will be deployed at key intersections to keep traffic moving.

### **Taxi Service**

In the morning, taxi stands will be at key transfer points:

- Temporary Transbay Terminal, on both sides of Folsom Street in front of the Greyhound bus office
- Folsom Street, between Main and Spear streets
- The Embarcadero at the south end of the Ferry Building in the white passenger loading zone, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Parking lot behind the Ferry Building, Tuesday and Thursday
- 4<sup>th</sup> and King Caltrain Station on Townsend at 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Evening taxi stands are at downtown hotels. [A map of the hotel stands is available on sfmta.com.](#)

### **Biking or Walking**

In addition to transit, carpooling and parking, the SFMTA recommends that commuters consider bicycling and walking when these options are viable. If you plan to use a bicycle for your commute, a [map of bicycle routes is available on sfmta.com.](#)

Other options include flexible work hours to avoid the peak commuting periods, telecommuting and taking vacation.

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*Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over one million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.*

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