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** PRESS RELEASE **

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, December 8, 2018

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for weekend, Friday, December 7 through next Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

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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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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Cruzada Guadalupana

Saturday, December 8: La Cruzada Guadalupana Pilgrimage is a yearly event that starts in South San Francisco and proceeds through San Francisco to St. Mary's Cathedral. The procession will begin at 6 a.m. and is anticipated to reach the San Francisco border with Daly City between 9 and 9:45 a.m. It will then proceed via Mission Street, 14th Street, South Van Ness, Ellis Street, and Gough Street to Geary. The procession will make one stop mid route at the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist at Mission Street and St Mary's Avenue. Approximately 30,000 people, 25 horses, and 18 vehicles (includes sound trucks, floats, Red Cross vans, Radio La Raza trucks, water and supply trucks) will be a part of this procession.

The following Muni routes will be impacted: **14 Mission, 14R Mission Rapid, 33 Ashbury/18th and 49 Van Ness/Mission**. Streets along the procession route may also be congested which could impact additional Muni bus service in the area. SFPD officers and Parking Control Officers will monitor the march.

SantaCon SF

Saturday, December 8: The annual SantaCon SF event will begin at Union Square where people will dress up in Santa costumes walking through the streets spreading good cheer. There will be no planned streets closures or transit impact, however, there will be heavy pedestrian activities in downtown and North Beach area.

GLIDE Grocery Bag Giveaway

Wednesday, December 12: The annual GLIDE Grocery Bag Giveaway event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more details, visit [2018 GLIDE Holiday Events](#).

The following street closures will be required from 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 11 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, December 12:

- Ellis Street between Leavenworth and Taylor streets
- Jones Street between O'Farrell and Eddy streets
- Taylor Street (west side parking and most westerly traffic lane only) between O'Farrell and Eddy streets

The 27 Bryant Muni route will be affected during the street closures.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

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.

NEW: Twin Peaks Tunnel Improvement Project

On Friday and Saturday nights during the weekends of December 7-9, December 14-16 and December 21-23, there will be temporary overnight closures to the Twin Peaks Tunnel. The tunnel closure includes West Portal and Forest Hill stations. 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. 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.

Weekend Overnight Details:

- **West Portal and Forest Hill stations** will close at approximately 11 p.m. on Friday and reopen at 8 a.m. on Saturday.
- **West Portal and Forest Hill stations** will close at approximately 11 p.m. on Saturday and reopen at 8 a.m. on Sunday.
- **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 and Sunday 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. Weekend overnight closures of the Twin Peaks Tunnel are also planned for December, more information on these to come. For more information visit: [SFMTA.com/TwinPeaks](https://www.sfmta.com/TwinPeaks).

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UPDATE: 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>.

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](https://www.sfmta.com/Geary).

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

- **New transit-only lanes** on most blocks between Stanyan and Gough streets to improve bus service. Transit-only lanes between Baker and Gough streets are complete and are now being enforced. Transit-only lanes between Blake and Stanyan are nearly complete. To make room, one travel lane in each direction is being converted to transit-only.
- **Advanced limit lines have been painted east of Stanyan** to provide extra space between stopping vehicles and people in the crosswalk. Remaining advanced limit lines on Palm and Stanyan will be completed soon.
- **Some intersections have had painted safety zones** installed to provide a visual cue to motorists to slow down.
- **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: 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 7, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits and sewer and water main installation at the following locations:

- Van Ness at Lombard Street
- Van Ness at Post Street
- Van Ness at Oak Street

UPDATE: 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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UPDATE: 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. Implementation of the first set of safety treatments began with partial repaving of 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.

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 planned for mid-November and a new platform 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/missionbayplatform>.

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 Tuesday, January 4 to end of February 2019.**

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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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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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