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** PRESS RELEASE **

SFMTA Weekend Transit and Traffic Advisory For Saturday, March 23, 2019

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) releases the following upcoming event-related traffic and transit impacts for this weekend, from Friday, March 22 through next Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

For real-time updates, follow us on https://twitter.com/sfmta_muni or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/about-us/contact-us/email-and-text-alerts> to sign up for real-time text messages or email alerts.

For details of Muni re-routes, visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>. 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.

SFMTA Sales Kiosks Operation Hours

Saturday, March 23: SFMTA sales kiosks will begin spring and summer operation hours with the following schedule:

Powell and Market streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Hyde and Beach streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Bay and Taylor streets

- 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (seven days a week, including holidays)

Presidio Avenue and Geary Street

- 9:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (seven days a week, closed on holidays)

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San Francisco Giants Baseball Game

Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26: The San Francisco Giants will play their pre-season games against the Oakland Athletics at Oracle Park. Both games will start at 6:45 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. The first regular season home game this year at Oracle Park will begin on Friday, April 5 when the San Francisco Giants will play against the Tampa Bay Rays. For more event details, visit <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>.

For details about transportation to Oracle Park, including connections from Bay Area transit system to Muni, visit <https://www.sfmta.com/places/oracle-park>.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES

NEW: Muni Rail Rehabilitation Project

Starting Monday, May 18, the N Judah track maintenance work will take place at the intersections of 7th, 8th and 9th avenues and Irving Street and will continue for about three weeks. Construction work will start on 8th Avenue first, followed by 7th and 9th avenues respectively. During construction the N Judah rail service will operate without interruption. Irving Street will remain open, vehicular traffic along Irving Street at 7th, 8th and 9th avenues will be detoured around the construction site.

Work hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Neighbors can expect noise during construction. To accommodate vital materials and equipment, about 14 parking spaces will be unavailable near the job site during construction work hours. Throughout the duration of construction, four parking spaces will be unavailable for 24 hours a day.

NEW: Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project

To accommodate the final phase of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project, **Muni will run bus shuttles for the N Judah Line between Ocean Beach and Carl and Cole streets starting Saturday, April 13 and will continue for approximately two weeks.** Bus substitution is required in order to complete paving work on Irving Street between Arguello Boulevard and 9th Avenue.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

NEW: Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement Project *continued*

Regular N Judah rail service will operate between 4th and King streets and Carl Street and Hillway Avenue. Carl Street and Hillway Avenue will be the last stop served by N Judah rail service. For stops west of Carl Street and Hillway Avenue, customers must transfer at Carl and Cole streets to continue their trip. Carl and Cole will be the last accessible rail stop.

Bus service will begin at 4:30 a.m., Saturday, April 13 and will continue during regular service hours until construction is completed. Bus shuttles will follow the regular N Judah line except for short segments along Frederick Street and Lincoln Way.

Customers traveling downtown are encouraged to allow extra travel time for their trips or consider taking alternate Muni routes, such as NX Judah Express, 6 Haight/Parnassus, 7 Haight/Noriega and 7X Noriega Express. Customers in the Inner Sunset area can also take the 43 Masonic or 44' Shaughnessy line to Forest Hill station and transfer to Muni Metro lines for downtown travel. The L Taraval service is also available to connect downtown and the Sunset District.

Due to the ongoing need for additional bus operators during this time, Muni riders may experience additional gaps and crowding on the Chestnut, Geary and Mission corridors. The E Embarcadero and 83X Mid-Market Express lines will also be suspended until construction is completed. Alternate service will be provided by the F Market & Wharves and the N Judah trains:

- Along The Embarcadero, north of Market Street, use the [F Market & Wharves](#) historic streetcar.
- Along King Street and The Embarcadero, south of Market Street, use the [N Judah](#) train.
- Transfer between the N and F trains at [Embarcadero Station](#) and the [Ferry Building](#).

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project

On Friday, March 22, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., crews are scheduled to work on street light conduits and on water main installation, post foundation work, sidewalk work and preparing the roadway for future pavement work at the following locations:

- Van Ness at California Street
- Van Ness at Bush Street
- Van Ness at McAllister Street
- Van Ness at Oak Street

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: Van Ness Improvement Project *continued*

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: Geary Rapid Project

The first phase of construction as part of the [Geary Rapid Project](#) has begun. Work to replace aging water and sewer lines between Masonic and Van Ness avenues is being done in coordination with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The following construction forecast is subject to change due to weather delays or unexpected field conditions.

Weekend work hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

- The eastbound Geary frontage road from Presidio Avenue to Lyon Street will be closed on Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 while crews work on sewer main replacement.
- Eastbound traffic will be slightly detoured, and parking will be restricted on the south side of Geary Boulevard between Presidio Avenue and Lyon Street.
- No bus stops will be affected. Inbound 38/38R Geary buses will be slightly rerouted, which will add some travel time.

Questions or concerns? Contact us at GearyRapid@SFMTA.com or 415.646.2300.

UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project

In anticipation of the new Golden State Warriors' Chase Center, the SFMTA is constructing a new 320-foot center platform along 3rd Street between South and 16th streets. The existing platform will be demolished. The new track alignment will include one single and one double crossover to facilitate the movement of vehicles as operations requires. Other associated work includes modification of the overhead contact system, and both above and below ground utility relocation work. Construction will require four phases that will necessitate three separate transit service plans. For more information visit www.SFMTA.com/MissionBayPlatform.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

UPDATE: UCSF Mission Bay Arena Platform Project *continued*

Buses are providing T Third service since Tuesday, January 22, continuing through March 2019 in order to accommodate the next phases of construction. Once the T Third returns to train service, the Muni platform at UCSF Mission Bay will remain 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.

E Embarcadero and 83X Mid-Market Express are temporarily canceled since Tuesday, January 22 and continuing through March. Alternative routes include 47 Van Ness for 83X Mid-Market Express and N Judah and F Market & Wharves for E Embarcadero.

ONGOING: Muni Metro Elevator Safety Modernization Project

Since Monday, January 21 and continuing for about ten weeks, the inbound platform elevator at Church Station has been out of service for about ten weeks while the SFMTA has been working on upgrading the unit.

While the elevator is out of service, customer can use the following options to access Church Station:

- **Take an inbound train for L Taraval, M Ocean View , K Ingleside/T Third Streets lines or S Shuttle** - Customers can exit at Van Ness Station, proceed to the outbound platform and take any L, M, K/T or S lines to Church Station.
- **Heading inbound from Church Station** – Customers can use the outbound elevator to access any outbound train, get off at Castro Station, proceed to inbound platform and take any inbound train to continue travel.
- **Accessible service to the Church and Market area is available on the following Muni routes or lines:**
 - J Church (Accessible stops at Duboce and Church as well as inbound at Church at Market)
 - N Judah (Accessible stop at Duboce and Church)
 - F Market & Wharves (serves Church, Van Ness and Castro stations)
 - 37 Corbett (serves Church and Castro stations)
- **Customers with disabilities** can use station escalators to access the inbound platform.

Upon completion of this upgrade work at Church Station, the SFMTA will begin working on elevators at Castro and Forest Hill stations. The entire upgrade project is expected to take about four years to complete.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AND OTHER UPDATES *continued*

ONGOING: Central Subway Project

In SoMa the left lane of 4th Street between Brannan and Townsend streets may experience temporary closures in the coming weeks to facilitate utility installation work. At 4th and Howard streets, utility upgrade work is ongoing, Monday through Friday, overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Westbound traffic on Howard Street may be impacted. At the intersection of 4th and Folsom streets, some roadway and crosswalk repaving may occur in the coming week which may require temporary closure of crosswalks at that intersection. In Chinatown, the sidewalk on the west side of Stockton, south of Washington, adjacent to the worksite is temporarily closed to facilitate utility upgrade work. 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>.

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 through spring of 2019. 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. For project details or to sign up to receive project updates, visit: <https://www.sfmta.com/missionbayloop>.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday Streets: Excelsior

Sunday, March 31: The second Sunday Streets event of the season will be held in the Excelsior District. The route includes the bustling outer Mission merchant corridor from Theresa Street and Avalon to Geneva Avenue. The route will open the roadway to people walking, bicycling and other recreational activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Streets is free and open to the public. For further event details, visit: <http://www.sundaystreetsf.com/sunday-streets-2019/ex033119/>.

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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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