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### **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

## **SFMTA Preparing For The 2019 Baseball Season With Extra Service To and From the Ballpark**

*Pre-season game tonight against the Oakland Athletics*

**San Francisco** — This Thursday, March 28, marks the start of the 2019 Major League Baseball season and the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will provide San Francisco Giants fans with additional transit service to and from the ballpark on game days. Tonight, March 26, the Giants will host the Oakland Athletics. The game will start at 6:45 p.m. The Giants will play 81 regular season home games this year at the ballpark, April 5 through September 29. The Giants' home opener is Friday, April 5.

Over the course of the baseball season Muni service will see an estimated 1 million additional boardings with the majority coming via Muni Metro. In order to accommodate the increase in ridership and to ensure the quality of transportation across the city, the SFMTA will run a plan during the baseball season that will provide safe, timely and reliable Muni service to and from the ballpark and to all other sectors of the city. In addition to extra Muni Metro service, parking control officers will help direct traffic, taxi stands will be in place to pick up riders and direct bike routes are in place to get people where they need to go.

### **Transit**

The following Muni service is available to and from all home games:

- E Embarcadero (service ends at 6 p.m.)
- T Third
- N Judah
- Metro Ballpark Shuttles
- 10 Townsend
- 30 Stockton
- 45 Union/Stockton
- 47 Van Ness



In order to reduce wait times, fans are encouraged to pre-load their transit fare onto a Clipper Card or purchase Muni fare in advance for multiple people on one smartphone, by downloading and paying their fare using the Muni Mobile app.

Save time and money with MuniMobile®, the official ticketing app for Muni buses, trains, cable cars and paratransit rides. MuniMobile lets you buy tickets instantly through a credit/debit card or PayPal account. Buy Muni tickets and passes in advance or on-the-go! Purchase tickets in advance, then activate them when you're ready to ride. You can even buy tickets for the whole family from one smartphone. With MuniMobile, your phone is your fare. For more information on Muni Mobile, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/munimobile>

The SFMTA will schedule additional Metro "ballpark shuttles" to supplement the existing N Judah and T Third service to the ballpark located at King and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets.

The additional service begins two hours prior to the game and continues until approximately 20 minutes after the start of the game.

The SFMTA will deploy Parking Control Officers (PCOs) to assist fans getting to and from the game. Prior to each game, these PCOs are deployed to key locations around the ballpark to facilitate pedestrian safety, efficient movement of transit vehicles and other traffic.

More details about Muni service to the ballpark, including connections from other Bay Area transit systems, can be found at [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com). Regional transit information for BART, Caltrain and the ferries as well as traffic is available at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

### **Traffic**

Weekday games often end near the afternoon commute. Motorists should, therefore, expect heavy traffic on freeways and streets near the ballpark and on all approaches to the Bay Bridge on those days. The games listed below will most likely experience heavy traffic for the evening commute.

DATE	GAME STARTS
Friday, April 5	1:35 p.m. (Opening Day)
Wednesday, April 10	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 23	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, July 24	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, September 12	12:45 p.m.



Thursday, September 26

12:45 p.m.

The SFMTA advises motorists of the increased congestion during game days and advises commuters to use transit and avoid using the Bay Bridge on these dates. To see a complete schedule of Giants games and additional travel and parking information on game days please visit the Giants' website at [www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com](http://www.sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com).

### **Taxi Zones**

The SFMTA has four taxi zones serving the ballpark in effect on event days:

- East side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between King and Townsend, 7 spaces.
- West side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between King and Townsend, 2 spaces.
- West side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Townsend and Brannan, 5 spaces.
- West side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between King and Townsend, 5 spaces.

Please be advised that:

- U-turns are not permitted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Parking Control Officers generally close access to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at Townsend Street at the beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Taxis are generally allowed past the closure if 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is clear of pedestrians.

### **Bicycles**

The ballpark is accessible by a dedicated bike lane that runs along The Embarcadero and on Townsend Street. Bicycle routes with sharrows on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets connect to the Townsend Street bicycle lane. A bicycle lane on Folsom Street and a bicycle route on Market Street connect those riding a bike to The Embarcadero.

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition operates a secure bike parking facility at the ballpark. Bicycle parking is located on the south side of the ballpark, along the Port Walk, and opens two hours before every game and closes 30 minutes after each game.

Bike sharing is also a way to get to the game and Bay Area Bike Share stations for bike share pick-up and drop-off are located near the ballpark at the Caltrain Depot at 4<sup>th</sup> and Townsend as well as Townsend and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets. To learn more about Bay Area Bike Share and see nearby bike share stations, visit <https://www.fordgobike.com/>

### **On-Street Parking**

Parking meters on blocks near the ballpark are in operation during most games. Meters within walking distance of the ballpark operate until 10pm Monday to Saturday, and noon to 6pm on Sundays, and are priced at \$7/hour during events. The parking meters near the ballpark have a four-hour time limit or longer and accept credit cards and cell phone payment, in addition to



coin and the SFMTA parking card. For more details, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/drive-park>.

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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 1 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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