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

## **Projects, Events to Heavily Impact Traffic and Transit this Labor Day Weekend**

*Everything you need to know to get where you need to with as little disruption as possible*

**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, September 4 through Tuesday, September 8.

The San Francisco Bay Area is working through Labor Day Weekend to make transit better for everyone. Several construction projects and a concert will significantly affect regular transportation on the T Third, K Ingleside, E Embarcadero, F Market and N Judah rail lines. The impacts will be most pronounced in the neighborhoods of the Embarcadero, SoMa, Mission Bay and downtown. Steer clear of these areas if you can. If you have to be there, we recommend making the trip by foot, bike or bus. Driving and parking in the area will require extra patience.

### **BART Transbay Train Service Closures**

**Saturday through Monday:** There will be NO BART service between West Oakland BART and the Embarcadero BART/Muni stations. The purpose of this temporary service closure will be for repair of a critical section of track near the Transbay Tube.

During the shutdown, BART will provide free lifeline bus service between 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland and the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco. Expect delays of one to two hours per trip. BART Customers are encouraged to use other public transit transbay service such as ferries or AC Transit. For more information, please check [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

Muni will offer free service to customers who board on Muni buses at the Transbay Terminal and on Beale and Market streets at all stops on the following routes:

- 7 Haight/Noriega
- 38 Geary
- 38R Geary Rapid
- 5 Fulton

## **Billy Joel Concert at AT&T Park**

**Saturday:** A Billy Joel Concert will be held at AT&T Park. The event will take place from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. An attendance of 50,000 is expected.

Motorists are advised to avoid the increased congestion in downtown San Francisco and to avoid using the Bay Bridge in the two hours before and after the event. Use of public transit, taxi, bicycles or walking is recommended.

Heavy traffic is expected in and around AT&T Park. Those who choose to drive should allow extra travel time.

### **Muni Service for the Billy Joel Concert**

There will be **NO** E Embarcadero service; and 2) F Market & Wharves Line will operate on regular Muni buses.

Muni will operate extra trains departing AT&T Park just like after a Giants game. Extra staff will also be deployed near the Park to guide attendees, especially to the Transbay Terminal, instead of to the Market Street BART stations.

**Muni will provide supplemental transit service for approximately 60 minutes after the concert:**

- Special Muni Metro train service will operate to transport concert goers:
  - Metro Shuttle between Embarcadero and Caltrain
  - M Ocean View (Outbound to West Portal, St. Francis Circle and Balboa Park)
  - N Judah (Outbound to Church/Duboce and Ocean Beach)
  - For the T Third Line south, walk along King to 4th to board at the 4th & King platform. Because of construction, you'll have to cross to the platform at 4th & Berry instead.
- Supplemental Muni bus shuttles will operate between 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets and St. Francis Circle

Nightly bus substitution will continue during the Muni Metro Subway Shutdown until 1:30 a.m.

Following the event, concert goers can board trains to Embarcadero station at the following stops:

- 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and King streets

**After 10 p.m., Muni Metro Subway stations from Montgomery to West Portal will be for exit only.**

For details about Muni service to the Billy Joel Concert at AT&T Park: <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/alerts/evening-after-concert-service-during-muni-subway-system-upgrades>.

### **Muni Ticket Sales**

One-way Muni transfers can be purchased at the AT&T Park ticket windows located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and King streets and Willie Mays Plaza. Transfers will be sold from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Transfers will be valid for up to two hours after the end of event.

### **Taxi Service**

Temporary taxi stands for the event will be in place from 5 p.m. until midnight at the following locations:

- West side of 2nd street between King and Townsend streets
- West side of 2nd street between Townsend and Brannan streets
- West side of 3rd street between King and Townsend streets

### **Other Info**

**BART Transbay Service:** There will be NO BART service between West Oakland BART and the Embarcadero BART/Muni stations.

During the shutdown, BART will provide free lifeline bus service between 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland and the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco. Expect delays of one to two hours per trip. BART customers are encouraged to use other public transit transbay service such as ferries or AC Transit.

### **Ferries:**

- From Oakland , Alameda and Vallejo, please go to <http://sanfranciscobayferry.com>
- From Larkspur/Marin County, please go to <http://www.goldengateferry.org>

The Ferry will depart promptly 30 minutes after the concert.

### **Caltrain:**

- Caltrain offers hourly service between San Jose and San Francisco.
- To accommodate the crowds, Caltrain will run a special post-event train after the concert.
- The train will leave 25 minutes after the concert, or when full.
- For fare and schedule information, visit [www.caltrain.com](http://www.caltrain.com) or call 1.800.660.4287 (TTY 650.508.6448.)

For additional regional transit information for BART, Caltrain and the ferries as well as traffic, please go to [www.511.org](http://www.511.org).

### **4<sup>th</sup> and King Closure for Central Subway Trackway Project**

**Friday through Tuesday:** The Central Subway Trackway Project will be under construction at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets over Labor Day Weekend from 10 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Tuesday. The project will upgrade traffic signals to prioritize transit vehicles and begin the work to install new tracks for the Central Subway. It will also replace existing tracks and switches for the T-Line turning onto King Street from Berry Street, making the tracks safer.

The Central Subway Project will construct a modern, efficient light-rail line that will improve public transportation in San Francisco. When open in 2019, this new 1.7-mile extension of Muni's T Third Line will provide direct connections to major retail, sporting and cultural venues while efficiently transporting people to jobs, educational opportunities and other amenities throughout the city. With stops in South of Market (SoMa), Yerba Buena, Moscone, Union Square and Chinatown, the Central Subway will vastly improve transit options for the residents of one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the country, provide a rapid transit link to a burgeoning technology and digital-media hub, and improve access to a premier commercial district and tourist attraction.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and King trackwork expansion is a two-phase construction project. The first phase of work is scheduled to conduct on Labor Day Weekend. The second phase of work is targeted for the first quarter of 2016.

During the Labor Day Weekend, T Third train will operate between Sunnydale and 4<sup>th</sup> and Berry streets. N Judah trains will operate between 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets and Ocean Beach.

- **To Downtown:** T Third customers transfer at 4<sup>th</sup> and Berry streets to N Judah line at 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets
- **To AT&T Park, Caltrain or Sunnydale:** Board the N Judah/Caltrain:
  - Disembark at the temporary platform at the mid-block crosswalk on King and 4<sup>th</sup> streets, **OR**
  - Customers may be dropped off at the 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets; **then**
  - Connect to the T Third/Sunnydale at 4<sup>th</sup> and Berry streets
- **To Balboa Park:** Board the N Judah/Ocean Beach outbound at the 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets toward downtown:
  - Disembark between Embarcadero and Van Ness stations, **then**
  - Connect to the inbound K Ingleside toward Balboa Park
- Alternatively, customers can also take the following routes between Market Street and Caltrain:
  - 10 Townsend

- 30 Stockton
- 45 Union/Stockton
- 47 Van Ness

During Labor Day Weekend, not the entire intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets will be closed, there will be detours. The I-280 on-ramp and off-ramp will remain open, motorists are advised to take the 6<sup>th</sup> Street exit and to follow the detour routes to avoid traffic delays.

### **Labor Day Holiday Muni Service and Parking Enforcement**

**Saturday through Monday:** 1) There will be **NO** E Embarcadero service; and 2) F Market & Wharves Line will operate on regular Muni buses.

**Monday:** Muni will operate on a Sunday schedule.

**Parking meters and seven day street sweeping will be enforced citywide on the holiday.** Residential parking permits and Monday-Friday daytime street sweeping and commuter towaway will not be enforced.

Vehicles creating a hazard (i.e. double parking, blocking sidewalks, 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 the 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
- Along The Embarcadero Roadway
- In the Special Event Area around AT&T Park
- Five metered off-street parking facilities listed below:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Clement Street
  - Geary Boulevard at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Geary Boulevard
  - Pierce Street Garage (between Lombard and Chestnut streets)

***For additional details of Muni service during this weekend, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/labor-day-weekend-2015>.***

Anyone traveling in San Francisco can check [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com) or call 311 to find out which of the 83 Muni lines will get them where they want to go. 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.

Motorists are advised to avoid, expected heavy congestion in the eastern and southern sections of San Francisco related to special event and construction activities this weekend. Travelers are advised to use transit, taxis, bicycles or walk.

For real-time updates during the week, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., and special events, follow us on [www.twitter.com/sfmta\\_muni](http://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 re-routes, please visit <http://www.sfmta.com/news/alerts>.

### **UPDATE: Sunset Tunnel Re-railing Project**

There will be **NO** Sunset Tunnel construction work this weekend.

The N Judah Line service will continue to operate on its regular weekend schedule.

The next weekend construction is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 12.

The Sunset Tunnel Trackway Improvement Project includes track and infrastructure replacements inside the Sunset Tunnel, located between Cole Valley and Duboce Triangle, Transit Signal Priority upgrades for nine intersections along the N Judah Line and construction of two accessible platforms at Judah Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

These multiple system upgrades to the N Judah Metro Line will make transit safer and more reliable. Seismic upgrades to Sunset Tunnel are important part of the safety enhancement project. It will involve structural retrofit of the tunnel portal retaining walls and their foundations.

In order to maximize construction opportunities, the SFMTA has integrated multiple construction components under the Sunset Tunnel project in order to minimize the inconveniences for both N Judah riders and the community around the construction area:

1. The Transit Signal Priority (TSP) system upgrades are taking place at nine intersections sequentially along the N Judah Line. The TSP system will use technology to reduce dwelling time at traffic signals for Muni light rail vehicles by holding green lights longer.
2. The construction of two new wheelchair accessible platforms on Judah and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue which includes longer boarding islands and in compliant of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) curb ramps will make Muni Metro system safer and easier to use for all customers. Construction of the new platforms was successfully completed in late March. The eastbound and westbound stops are now being served by N Judah trains.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Ghirardelli Chocolate Festival**

**On September 12 and 13, Saturday and Sunday:** The annual Ghirardelli Chocolate Festival will be held in Ghirardelli Square, from noon to 5 p.m. each day. For more details, please visit [www.ghirardelli.com/chocolatefestival](http://www.ghirardelli.com/chocolatefestival).

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

### **Sunday Streets: Western Addition**

**On September 13, Sunday:** The seventh Sunday Streets event will be held in the Western Addition. The route will travel through the Western Addition, North Panhandle, Fillmore and Japantown neighborhoods. 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, please visit <http://www.sundaystreetsf.com/western-addition-91315/>.

More details of street closures and Muni service impact to follow.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Safer Market Street Turn Restrictions**

Enforcement of turn restrictions on Market Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets went into effect on Tuesday, August 11. The Safer Market Street project supports the city's Vision Zero goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities by improving safety conditions and reducing conflicts for all road users. The project includes turn restrictions, the extension of east and westbound transit only lanes to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and additional loading and painted safety zones.

Locations where turn restrictions are enforced are indicated on the turn restriction [notice](#). Muni, paratransit, bicycles, taxis, commercial and emergency vehicles are exempt from the turn restrictions. Parking control officers will be monitoring and directing traffic as necessary.

**Note:** Cars are permitted to turn right onto Market Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Street until Ellis Street reopens.

For more project details, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/safermarketst>

### **Muni Subway System Closed Evenings for Upgrades**



All Muni Metro subway stations are closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., each night. It is anticipated that this subway shutdown will take effect until the end of January 2016.

During these shutdowns, bus shuttle service is provided between Market/Steuart Street and St. Francis Circle nightly from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The shutdowns allow the SFMTA to implement system upgrades and address maintenance of infrastructure in the subway to improve Muni's communications and keep trains running safely and reliably throughout the city. The two upgrades are expected to complete in the end of January 2016.

- The Radio Replacement project will modernize Muni's currently outdated radio system and improve communications between Muni Operations Control and vehicles out in the field
- The Blue Light Emergency Telephone Replacement will upgrade and expand a vital emergency system throughout the underground tunnels

For details of Muni service during the upgrades work, please see separate release: <https://www.sfmta.com/news/press-releases/nightly-shutdown-begins-subway-receives-upgrades>

For more details of these projects, please visit [www.sfmta.com/subwayupgrades](http://www.sfmta.com/subwayupgrades).

### **Spear Street Sewer Restoration Work**

Crews from the Public Utilities Commission and San Francisco Public Works will continue the installation work of a new sewer main pipeline on Spear Street between Market and Mission streets. This construction project is anticipated to last until September 2015.

Construction work will continue to take place at the intersection of Spear and Mission streets. Work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

During the construction hours, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.:

- No street parking will be allowed
- Sidewalk will remain open for pedestrian traffic
- Local access will be allowed
- With an exception of Muni buses, the intersection of Spear and Mission streets will be close to all other traffic

During the closure, there may be brief delays on the following Muni lines and routes:

- 2 Clement
- 6 Haight/Parnassus
- 14 Mission
- 14R Mission Rapid



- 14 Owl
- 21 Hayes
- 31 Balboa
- L Owl
- K Morning Shuttle
- M Morning Shuttle

For project updates, please visit [sfwater.org/NorthShoreSewer](http://sfwater.org/NorthShoreSewer).

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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](http://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](http://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 / الرقم على المجاني المساعدة خط /

