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Dear Neighbors and Local Stakeholders:

As reported, BART crews worked last weekend (Aug 14-17) to close the station entrance temporarily to complete the removal of existing escalator equipment from the Powell Station entrance located at 4th & Market Street at Ellis Street.

During the equipment removal process crews discovered that a critical support beam will need to be replaced before the new escalator can be installed. The escalator contractor is working expeditiously to come up with a solution and seek engineering approval from BART before work can begin on beam replacement.

BART will postpone the original date (Aug 28-31) of the second entrance closure to install the new escalator.

The second weekend entrance closure will now begin Friday, September 11 at 9:00pm, and will remain closed until Monday, September 14 at 4:30am, prior to the start of revenue service. At 4:30am the contractor will remove the temporary entrance barricades at the top and bottom of stairway to allow public access.

We thank you for your patience as we work to accomplish this important escalator replacement project. As a reminder, per state code, street-level escalators can only be installed at locations where a canopy has been constructed. For the remainder of 2020, all other escalator replacement installations will be performed on platform escalators inside downtown stations.

To check if an elevator is in service before arriving at a station, please call 510-834-LIFT (510-834-5438) or 888-2-ELEVAT (888-235-3828), or sign up for elevator status alerts

at <u>www.bart.gov/elevators</u>. If you arrive at any station and find that the elevator(s) are out of service, you may contact a Station Agent to arrange for a lift van to take you to a nearby station with a working elevator.