

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Neighbors and Local Stakeholders:

In early October the escalator contractor will work over a weekend to lift and place the new escalator equipment at the BART entrance on the corner of 4th and Ellis on the north side of Market Street.

The work is scheduled to begin Friday, October 2 at 9:00pm and will continue until Monday, October 5 at 4:30am. (There is a chance the work will need to be delayed, if that is the case, the work will be rescheduled to the weekend of October 16 and a new notice will be issued.) Just a reminder that this entrance has been temporarily closed to the public through early 2021. The public can access the station at other north side entrances, or the 4th & Market south side entrance near Old Navy.

The contractor will arrive on site and begin prep work at the corner of 4th & Ellis to include staging of equipment inside a 30' ft x 10' ft cordoned area of the sidewalk. The contractor will use a forklift to move equipment from the staging area to the escalator pit. Air compressors will be in use and there may be some minimal truck and back-up beeper noise, but it is not expected to last long. Impacts to the public will be minimal.

Once the escalator unit has been hoisted in place, the contractor will begin several months of electrical and mechanical installation work to bring the unit to an operational status.

We are reaching out to let you know about some entrance changes taking place at the Powell Street Station – most specifically the entrances at 4th Street on the north and south sides of Market Street.

The BART District has made an operational decision to temporarily close the full station entrance on the north side of Market Street at 4th and Ellis. This closure will begin at the start of revenue service 5:00am on Friday, September 11, 2020. The entrance will remain closed until the escalator replacement at that location has been completed in early 2021.

You may recall, in April 2020, BART Operations had closed the 4th & Market south side entrances to reduce access for maintenance and station operation purposes. The District will now open the Powell 4th / Market Street entrance on the south side of Market near Old Navy to provide a working escalator at the east end of the station. This entrance will open at the start of revenue service 5:00am on Friday, September 11, 2020.

We truly thank you for your patience. Please know we are working hard to complete the Escalator Replacement Project on Market Street, while continuously taking our rider safety, access and overall experience into consideration.

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 www.bart.gov/elevators. 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.

