

Celebrate Earth Day with BART



The fifth annual BART Blue Sky Festival is Wednesday, April 22, from 11am to 1:30pm at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco. This Earth Day celebration includes games, eco exhibits, giveaways and more!

April 22 marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, and it also happens to be the date of BART's fifth annual Blue Sky Festival.

Join us from 11am to 1:30pm at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco for a lunch-time eco celebration. There will be environmental info and giveaways from more than 50 environmental exhibitors, plus valet bicycle parking, a Segway obstacle course and carnival games with an eco-twist. Get a BART Blue Sky

Passport at the festival, fill it with stamps from six exhibitors and redeem it for a free \$6 BART ticket.

The first 5,000 people who turn in a completed passport will get a free \$6 BART ticket right at the festival! Stamped passports will be entered in a drawing to win a folding bike.

Official rules will be available at the festival.

Visit bart.gov/bluesky for an updated list of environmental partners attending the festival and

complete information and rules for receiving your free BART ticket and entering the drawing. This is an outdoor festival – rain cancels.

WIN PRIZES ALL OF APRIL

Can't make it to the festival? BART will be celebrating all month long at bart.gov/bluesky.

Check every Wednesday to enter a weekly contest.

Prizes up for grabs include \$100 Clipper cards, City CarShare memberships, a folding bike and more.

Track closed between Fruitvale and Coliseum some weekends April through August

Vital repairs are needed to the equipment and tracks between Fruitvale and Coliseum stations. The effort will ensure safer and more reliable service. When the work is completed, you will also experience a faster and quieter ride.

The work requires that the entire track be shut down and that no trains operate between these stations while it is being performed. To cause the least amount of inconvenience, we are scheduling this work mostly on Saturday nights and all day Sunday on some weekends through August.

To accommodate your travel while the work is being done, we will have a "bus bridge" providing lifeline service for customers who don't have other options. The buses will carry customers between the two closed stations. There will be no additional charge for the bus. The bus bridge will cause 30-60 minute delays for some customers.

We recommend that you avoid travel between Fruitvale and Coliseum on the designated weekends if possible.

Before traveling, check bart.gov and look for bulletins in the station for new or updated information.

We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause you. Visit bart.gov for work schedule and more information.

Baseball is back in the Bay

The smell of the grass, the crack of the bat and the familiar "boop, boop" of a BART train mean all the excitement of Major League Baseball is back in the Bay Area.

BART is the best way to get to AT&T Park to see the Giants. Exit BART at Embarcadero or Montgomery stations and walk to the park or transfer to Muni Metro for the quick streetcar ride.

Getting to the Coliseum for A's games is easy – just exit at Coliseum Station and cross the BART ramp to the stadium.

For Giants information, visit sfgiants.com; for A's information, visit athletics.com.

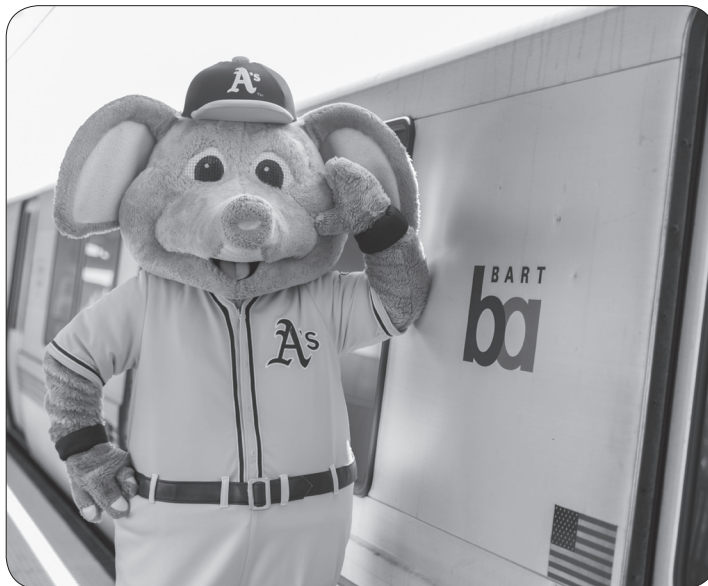
TAKE BART TO \$2 WEDNESDAYS

The A's longest-running ticket promotion, BART \$2 Wednesdays, is sold out.

Thanks to our fans for making this the most popular ticket promotion in history!

If you didn't get a chance to purchase a \$2 ticket, you still have a chance to score! At each \$2 Wednesday game, BART will give away \$50 BART tickets to two BART-riding A's fans. Get tickets to other games today at athletics.com or by calling 877/493-BALL.

Also, visit bart.gov/bartable for a chance to win A's tickets all season long.



bartable calendar

CORNEL WEST

April 10, 7pm
Nourse Theatre, 275 Hayes Street,
San Francisco
> **BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza,
walk 5 blocks**
ciis.edu/Public_Programs
Dr. Cornel West presents "The
Burden Carried by African
American Men." \$12 to \$75.

IN STATION OPEN HOUSES AT POWELL, CIVIC CENTER

April 21 and 23
> **BART Powell Street and Civic
Center/UN Plaza**
bart.gov
BART invites you to learn more
about our plans to modernize the
Powell Street and Civic Center/UN
Plaza stations. Join us at Powell
Street Station on April 21, 4-7pm,
and April 23, 7-10am. Join us
at Civic Center Station April 21,
7-10am, and April 23, 4-7pm.

LILA DOWNS

April 22, 8pm
Nourse Theatre, 275 Hayes Street,

San Francisco
> **BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza,
walk 5 blocks**
ciis.edu/Public_Programs
Lila grew up both in Minnesota
and Oaxaca, and her music and
vocal artistry has many influences,
including the folk and ranchera
music of Mexico and South
America and American folk, jazz,
blues and hip-hop. \$27 to \$107.

NEW LIVING EXPO

April 24 to 26
San Mateo Event Center
newlivingexpo.com
> **BART: Millbrae + catch the
FREE shuttle directly to San
Mateo Event Center**
The New Living Expo's focus
is to create wellness through
mind, body and spirit. There will
be workshops, lectures, panel
discussions, exhibits and more. A
free shuttle will be provided for
BART riders from Millbrae Station
to the event. \$15 for 1 day; \$20
for 2 days; or \$25 for three days.

Celebrate Cesar Chavez Day in SF



Aztec dancers at a previous Cesar Chavez Day celebration.

Commemorate and celebrate the life and work of labor and civil rights leader Cesar Chavez on April 18 at San Francisco's Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival.

Take BART to the 16th Street Mission station to assemble for the parade in Dolores Park. The parade starts at 11am.

For the street fair, take BART to 24th Street Mission Station. The fair runs from noon to 5pm. For more info, visit cesarchavezday.org. To plan your BART trip, visit bart.gov.

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

BART riders help keep the sky blue

You've ditched the disposable water bottle, purchase local produce and lowered your thermostat. You reduce, reuse and recycle, but what more can you do to help the environment?

Did you know riding public transit is one of the best ways to celebrate Earth Day? Riding the bus or train reduces carbon emissions and improves air quality, while saving money and wear-and-tear on a car.

BART riders significantly reduce gas consumption and pollution. Just one commuter using BART each weekday saves more than 300 gallons of gas and 6,277 pounds of CO₂ in a year.

On top of that, BART is the United States' cleanest transit system, emitting fewer pounds of CO₂ per passenger mile than any other transit system. BART is 100 percent electric and more than half of its power comes from clean hydro and renewable energy.

I invite you to learn more about BART's green initiatives by attending the 5th annual BART Blue Sky Festival April 22 at Justin Herman Plaza, or reading more online at bart.gov/bluesky.

Grace Crunican
General Manager

Board votes to change train floor plan

The BART Board voted to approve an agreement between BART and disability advocates to address concerns raised by disability organizations regarding the floor plan for BART's Fleet of the Future.

The Fleet of the Future is the name used by BART for the program to replace BART's aging fleet, and increase the size of the fleet to relieve crowding on the system.

The first new cars are slated to go into service in Fall 2016. The agreement changes the floor plan on the new train cars to consolidate all wheelchair zones at the middle door of each new train car, which will allow passengers with more than one wheelchair user in their group

to be closer together when they ride BART. Under the plan, BART also agrees to remove all floor-to-ceiling poles in the middle door area to maximize accessible paths.

The new plan retains tripod poles at end doors for semi-amputatory people with disabilities, senior citizens, and others who need extra stability as the train accelerates and decelerates.

The compromise agreement keeps the same number of seats and wheelchair areas as the floor plan approved by the BART Board in June 2014, and still maintains an almost 50 percent increase in priority seating for seniors and people with disabilities. Blind customers will always find priority seating immediately to their left as they enter the car.

For more information, visit bart.gov.



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