

Pilot program will allow bikes on BART all day on Fridays in August

BART is launching a pilot program to allow bicycles on board trains all day on Fridays in August to see how allowing bikes on trains during peak hours will affect passengers and train operations.

This pilot program does not change bicycle rules for Monday through Thursday. Other bike rules will remain in place during the pilot program, including: bikes are not allowed in the first car

of trains or on crowded trains. Cyclists must continue to yield space on trains to elderly riders and people with disabilities. Folding bikes are allowed on all trains at all times.

Under BART's current policy, bikes are allowed

on most trains, except those highlighted on BART schedules.



Evaluation of the pilot will help determine if the program is extended. The evaluation will include feedback from riders, both cyclists and non-cyclists, and an analysis of operational issues, such as the amount of time a train remains at each station to accommodate bicycle boarding. BART is working with the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force and with the BART Accessibility Task Force to make sure access issues are considered for all

BART passengers. BART is also collaborating with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition and the SF Bicycle Coalition.

For more information and to provide feedback, visit bart.gov/bikes.

From the General Manager Welcoming bikes on BART...

Biking is an increasingly popular way to get around the Bay Area: it's good exercise, better for the air, and fun. BART has been a longtime supporter of bicycling as a way to access our stations: we operate several of the largest bike stations in the nation, providing safe, secure, indoor bike parking and have steadily been increasing our supply of bike racks and electronic BikeLink lockers.

Next month we will be launching a pilot program to test allowing riders to bring bicycles on trains all day (see story at left). We are actively seeking feedback from BART riders and analyzing operational issues to help determine the impact of bicycle boarding during peak commute hours.

We ask that cyclists and non-cyclists use common sense and common courtesy during the five Fridays in August when the test is taking place and we are looking forward to feedback from both groups.

Get more information at bart.gov/bikes.

As always, thanks for riding BART.

Grace Crunican
Grace Crunican, General Manager

Take BART to the Fremont Festival

Take BART to Fremont on August 4 and 5 as the Fremont Festival of the Arts celebrates 29 years of fun in the sun.

The Fremont Festival of the Arts is the largest free street festival west of the Mississippi and this year will be bigger and better than

ever. With over 350,000 people attending the festival, traffic and parking are certain to be a



nightmare. Take BART instead!

Exit BART at Fremont Station and you'll be just two blocks away from all the fun.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and features a Kid City, music, artists and a gourmet marketplace.

For more festival info, visit fremontfestival.net. To plan your BART ride, visit bart.gov.

Enjoy "Summer & the Symphony"

The summer symphony series returns to Davies Symphony Hall featuring the San Francisco Symphony and top performers and concerts including classical favorites, The Wizard Of Oz: Movie Night with the San Francisco Symphony, Pixar in Concert, and so much more!

Take BART to Civic Center. Visit bart.gov to plan your trip. See sfsymphony.org for information on the Summer & the Symphony concert series.

Good Times calendar

Free Summer Sounds concerts

Oakland City Center Plaza Stage
13th Street @ Broadway
www.oaklandcitycenter.com/events

>BART: 12th Street/Oakland City Center

Every Wednesday, noon-1 p.m., through August:
July 18—Relive the '90s with Hot Einstein. July 25—Soulful vocalist Alexa Morales mixes acoustic jazz with Latin, Cuban, Brazilian, and African flavors.

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Children's Garden Series

Free performances in the Esplanade
Howard and Fourth streets, San Francisco
www.ybgf.org

>BART: Powell or Montgomery, 2-block walk

Fridays and Saturdays through August, 11 a.m. and repeating at 12:15 p.m. daily: A cornucopia of interactive performing arts for kids under 10 and their adults, taking place in the Children's Garden at the corner of Howard and Fourth, near the historic Looft Carousel. School groups and summer day camps welcome! Programs are held outdoors under the open sky, without much shade. Hats or caps are recommended to protect children from the sun.

Woody Guthrie's American Song

Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse
2020 Addison St., Berkeley
510/ 644-2020 or www.thefreight.org

>BART: Downtown Berkeley, 1-block walk

July 11-22: This concert production of Woody Guthrie's American Song, the award-winning musical based on the life and music of the iconic singer, is written and directed by Peter Glazer. From the Dust Bowl of Oklahoma at the dawn of the Great Depression, the musical follows Guthrie west to a migrant camp in California and east to a Bowery bar on the New York island.

"Truffaldino Says No"

Shotgun Players
Ashby Stage
1901 Ashby, Berkeley
www.shotgunplayers.org

>BART: Ashby

Through July 22: Doomed to repeat the traditional life of an Italian harlequin, Truffaldino shirks his Commedia Dell'arte upbringing and two-steps across the Atlantic to find a strangely parallel world in the States. The cast of characters may have evolved from old to new world sensibilities, but a host of problems are one and the same. Truffaldino's search for himself turns into a poignant romp across two continents. Genres collide when classic commedia and modern sitcom share the stage in a new work by local star Ken Slattery.

Better Market Street Public Workshop

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
One South Van Ness Ave. at Market St., San Francisco
2nd Floor, Atrium
www.bettermarketstreetsf.org

>BART: Civic Center, three-block walk.

Saturday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Help create a new vision for Market Street. Share your thoughts with urban planners and other transit, bike and pedestrian mobility experts; view initial ideas for a Better Market Street.

Pistahan Parade and Festival

Yerba Buena Gardens
Third and Mission streets, San Francisco
www.pistahan.net

>BART: Powell or Montgomery, 2-block walk

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-12: Experience the best of Filipino art, dance, music and food at the 19th Annual Pistahan Parade and Festival.

Take BART to Art & Soul Oakland

The festival that launched downtown Oakland's transformation as a hot

dining and arts scene, Art & Soul Oakland will sizzle this year with two art- and music-packed days featuring live jazz, rock, gospel, E.D.M., punk, honky-tonk, metal, world, Latin, folk, R&B, and blues music performed by national recording artists and top local talent.

This year's event also features epic art installations, film projections, and light-based art from local artists, hundreds of artisan booths, gourmet global

cuisine and mobile food trucks; and for kids: carnival rides, music, art activities and costumed characters.

Take BART to the 12th Street/Oakland City Center station and you'll be right in the middle of the action!

New expanded hours for 2012!

Saturday, August 4: 2 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, August 5: noon to 6 p.m.

Same great value! Ticket prices will be:

Advance online: \$10 adults; \$5 seniors (65 and older) & youth (13-17).

At the Gate: \$15 adults; \$8 seniors & youth. Children 12 & under free!

To plan your BART trip, visit bart.gov. For festival info visit artandsouloakland.com.



BARToon caption contest winner selected

Congratulations to Chris Ham who submitted the winning caption in our BARToon caption contest and was named the BART A's Fan of the Game for July.

Chris got tickets to the July 4 A's game against Boston, a \$50 BART ticket and the pre-game ride around the field in the BARTmobile. Chris' winning caption was:

"What is the feline's favorite baseball position?" "Cat-cher!"

You can see Chris's caption with cartoonist John Grimes' artwork below.

We received so many clever entries we decided to reward the top four runners-up with \$10 BART tickets. Here they are, in no

particular order.

"Oh goody! Yummy Red Sox to chew!"
-Ann Jennings

"I wonder if they get treats for chasing fly balls"
-Carey Chan

"Dumb dogs, all they're interested in is fetch!"
-Milo Felicitas

"Good idea, Fluffy! Watching the A's IS more fun than playing poker!"
-James Wood

For more details, rules and upcoming BART A's Fan of the Game contests, visit bart.gov/fan. Go A's! BART...and you're there.

BARToon grimescartoons.com

