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## BART Canopy Project to begin exploratory potholing near the Embarcadero BART entrance between Beale and Main Streets on the south side of Market Street

Market Street Stakeholders:

In preparation for future canopy construction at the Beale and Main Street Embarcadero entrance, the contractor will perform exploratory potholing work. This excavation work is the first step to installing a new canopy. The work will take place from November 6-10 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The BART entrance will remain open to transit riders during this phase of preconstruction work. Canopy construction will begin in Spring 2024.

Potholing is a method of subsurface investigation where small holes are made in the ground to expose the existing utilities. To avoid damage to existing utilities during potholing, vacuum trucks are used to remove soil from the ground. Once potholing is completed and the routing of existing utilities are determined potholes are backfilled with soil and surfaces are restored.

BART has already built 8 new canopies and will be constructing 11 more canopies over downtown station entrances on Market Street. The entrance canopies protect new escalator equipment, reduce maintenance costs, and protect employees who open and close stations at the beginning and end of revenue service. The canopies also provide additional wayfinding, lighting, real-time information, and security cameras on Market Street. As part of a separate project, 41 new escalators will be installed at the four downtown stations on both platform and street levels.

We thank you for your patience as we work to complete this important construction project. For more information on this project visit: <u>bart.gov/about/planning/sfentrances</u>