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## BART Escalator Renovation Project to start at Civic Center Station – UN Plaza entrance to replace aging escalator – Late August 2025

Civic Center / Market Street Stakeholders:

Beginning late August 2025, the BART Escalator Renovation Project contractor will begin escalator replacement of one escalator unit located in the United Nations Plaza on the north side of Market Street. This escalator replacement will take approximately six months to complete. The second escalator serving the large entrance will remain in service, and the stairway that sits between the two escalator units will remain open and accessible during most of the construction period. There will be a brief 2-week full closure of the stairway toward the end of the project to install the stainless-steel cladding along the new escalator walls.

The contractor will install a fencing enclosure at the top and bottom of the escalator. After fencing is in place the contractor will begin demolition work to remove the existing escalator. At the end of the project the contractor will work one night shift to complete testing and commissioning of the new unit.

Construction hours during weekdays and Saturdays will be from 6am to 3pm.

Construction-related noise will not exceed contract specifications. Construction equipment used at the site will include a truck, hand cart, small hoist rig, welder, grinder, drill, saw, forklift, generator, compressor, rivet buster in combination with other hand tools.

BART's Escalator Renovation Project is replacing 45 escalator units in the four downtown stations at both platform and street levels. Forty escalator units are original to the BART system and have outlived their expected mechanical life, frequently requiring repairs. Four escalators are MUNI platform escalators to be replaced at Embarcadero Station under the BART contract, and there is one new unit at Civic Center / 8<sup>th</sup> Street. To date, BART has completed installation of 19 of the 45 downtown escalator units, 6 are currently under construction, and there are 20 remaining escalator units to be completed through January 2029.

Simultaneously, BART is constructing a total of 21 street-level canopies over downtown station entrances. BART has completed construction of 18 units (including 2 pilot canopies) with 3 more canopies currently under construction through 2026. These entrance canopies will protect the new escalator equipment and reduce maintenance costs. In addition, canopies will include wayfinding, lighting, real-time information, and security cameras on Market Street. There is no canopy planned over the Civic Center / UN Plaza entrance.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this important escalator renovation project.

For more information on this project visit: <a href="mailto:bart.gov/about/planning/sfentrances">bart.gov/about/planning/sfentrances</a>

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