Subsurface Potholing Work to Begin on Market Street Canopy Project
Nov 2020 through Jan 2021

Dear Neighbors and local Stakeholders:

We are reaching out to let you know the Market Street Canopy project will begin doing subsurface exploratory work at each of the downtown Market Street BART station entrances at Embarcadero, Montgomery, Powell and Civic Center, where a canopy is planned to be constructed.

The work will include potholing (limited digging) in the sidewalk area around each Market Street station entrance. The work will begin November 9, 2020 and is expected to continue through January 2021 weekly, Monday through Friday, approximately 7am to 4pm. If necessary, weekend work may be scheduled. During December, the work will be focused at Embarcadero Station to avoid inconvenience to holiday shoppers.

The contractor will work at one canopy location at a time and will set up temporary barricade panels to delineate the work area from the public area. The contractor will remove pavement, excavate and document findings within the barricaded work area using use flat saws to cut the concrete and a vacuum truck to remove soil below the sidewalk. The work will not impact entry to a station if that entrance is currently open to the public.

The primary focus of the exploratory work will be to investigate existing and abandoned utilities, footings and potential unforeseen underground conditions in preparation for the start of canopy construction. Upon completion of each investigation site, the contractor will restore the exposed pothole sites with temporary paving backfill. If an area needs further inspection, temporary paving covers will be used until investigative work has been completed.
We appreciate your patience as we move down Market Street to each of the four downtown station entrances to complete this work over the next three months.

REMINDER: Some Market Street BART entrances remain closed to the public during the Shelter in Place period for safety and maintenance reasons.  