BART Weekend Work to Install Traction Power Substation Equipment at Civic Center Station

On Friday, June 17 through Sunday morning June 19th, BART’s Traction Power Substation project contractor will lift and lower heavy power equipment into the west end of the Civic Center Station from the street level via use of a large crane.

Beginning Friday, June 17 from 11:00pm to 6:00am on Saturday, BART’s contractor will establish the city-approved traffic plan for the weekend work at 8th and Market Street. Once a traffic plan is in place the contractor will move a large crane on site in the early morning hours. The work to install the 25-ton equipment will take place on Saturday, June 18 from 6:00am through Saturday night, and into Sunday morning, June 19. In addition to the large crane, the contractor will use generators, heavy tools, and trucks with back-up beepers to accomplish the installation work. If for any reason this planned work cannot happen on June 17th to June 19th due to weather or other unforeseen conditions, a contingency plan to implement this work will take place on Friday, July 1st to July 3rd.

A traffic plan approved by the City of San Francisco will be implemented for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and any vehicles traveling near the work zone. Cones, detour and directional signage, and flag personnel will be in place to direct all foot, bike, and vehicular traffic. Flaggers will maintain bank and ATM access for Chase Bank customers.

The crane setup and support trucks will require the closure to all vehicular traffic on 8th Street from Market Street to Stevenson Street, and a 1-lane closure on Market Street from 8th Street to 9th Street. Bike access on 8th Street will be maintained. Pedestrian access will be maintained along the south side of Market Street via a pathway, and access to the boarding island on Market Street will be maintained. For safety, pedestrian traffic and Chase Bank customers will be asked to wait briefly when loads are suspended by crane above Market Street.

The contractor has worked for nearly two years to prepare the westerly end of the Civic Center station by removing portions of the station interior to create space for this critical equipment. The traction power equipment is an essential part of BART’s core capacity project and will allow BART to meet the power requirements for more frequent service. This investment will allow BART to operate up to 30 10-car trains per hour in each direction through the Transbay Tube, maximizing throughput in the most heavily used part of the system. The Contractor will also install traction power equipment inside the Montgomery Station in late 2022.

We thank you for your patience as we complete this important work. For more information on the multi-year Traction Power Substation project, go to the Project page: https://www.bart.gov/about/projects/substations