DEAR BART NEIGHBORS:

In the coming weeks BART will begin the Traction Power Substation Project at Civic Center and Montgomery Stations. Existing traction power equipment has reached the end of its useful life and must be replaced by new and efficient equipment. BART will need additional traction power substations to supply electricity to the trains, enabling the BART District to run more frequent and longer trains in the future.

Over the next 2 to 3 years, BART crews will install two new substations inside the downtown Civic Center and Montgomery stations. The new substation equipment will be located underground on the concourse levels, inside the two downtown stations in a protected area away from the public path of travel.

The contractor will begin by preparing the underground area inside the station by installing lighting and prepping the area for demolition. The contractor will then construct street-level work enclosures above ground on Market Street at three locations as needed over the course of the project (see schedule below). Once street-level work enclosures are in place (Site A and C) the contractor will begin demolition inside the station to create space for the large traction power substation equipment each weighing between 20 to 25 tons. The contractor will remove debris from inside the station, pushing it through the work enclosures at the street level. Each street-level work enclosure will be surrounded by 10’ high chain-link fencing and will remain in place for approximately one year so the contractor can install the equipment and restore the work areas after completion of the installations. Most work will be carried out between 7am and 5pm with occasional night and weekend work. Lighting will be provided around the enclosures.
Work Enclosure - Site A – Located on city plaza area in front of 1200 Market Street (former Burger King)

Set up work enclosure – Spring 2021
Remove work enclosure – Spring 2022

Work Enclosure - Site B – Located on city sidewalk between Chase Bank and Hotel Whitcomb

Set up work enclosure – Summer 2021
Remove work enclosure – Spring 2022

Work Enclosure - Site C – Located on city sidewalk at 2nd & Market Street on south side of Market Street

Set up work enclosure – Spring 2021
Remove work enclosure – Spring 2022

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