BART MARKET STREET SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Neighborhood Notice and News

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BART Weekend Work to Install Traction Power Equipment at Montgomery Station

On Friday, August 18 through Sunday morning August 20, BART's Traction Power Substation Project contractor will use a large crane to lift and lower heavy traction power equipment from the street into the Montgomery Station. The new equipment will be lowered through a hatch in the sidewalk leading to the station interior. This work will take place at the intersection of 2nd & Market Street on the south side of Market.

Beginning Friday, August 18 from 10:00pm to 6:00am BART's contractor will establish the city-approved traffic plan for the weekend work at 2nd and Market Street. Once a traffic plan is in place the contractor will move a large crane on site in the early morning hours Saturday, August 19. The work to install the large equipment will take place on Saturday, August 19 from 6:00am through Saturday night, and into Sunday morning August 20. The work is expected to be complete by 8:00am Sunday morning. 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 must be cancelled on August 18-20 due to weather or other unforeseen conditions the community will be notified of an alternative date.

The 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:

- Closure of 2nd Street at Market Street
- Closure of Stevenson Street between 2nd and New Montgomery
- Closure of one lane of Market Street in the Northeast bound direction
- One lane of southbound bike access on Market Street will be maintained
- All sidewalks will remain open, but pedestrian traffic will be held during crane lifts for approximately 90 seconds
- Market Street sidewalk will be shifted into half of the closed lane on Market Street with ADA pedestrian barricades
- Sidewalk between the crane and pick-up area will be flagged, but only when the load is suspended
- Bicycles on Northeast Market may use half of lane #2, not occupied by pedestrian diversion, keeping them and the work area away from the tracks
- All pedestrian diversions will be delineated with ADA compliant pedestrian barricades

Cones, detour and directional signage, and flag personnel will be in place to direct all foot, bike, and vehicular traffic. Flaggers will maintain ATM and bank access for Chase Bank customers at 2nd & Market Street, however sidewalks around the work site will be closed for safety. Pedestrians in the area will be held for up to 90 seconds at a time while equipment is lifted into the station. Flaggers will also monitor the soft closure at Mission Street, allowing local traffic and work trucks to enter as needed. Flaggers will also assist local traffic at Stevenson Street, and aid pedestrians through the project detour.

Following the weekend installation of the traction power equipment, the site will undergo further work before the project is completed. The existing sidewalk hatch will be closed, backfilled, repaved, and new brickwork will be installed. There is a possibility the contractor will reduce the fenced lay-down area, tentatively scheduled by March 31, 2024. Project completion and removal of the fenced lay-down area are tentatively scheduled for December 31, 2024.

The contractor has worked for nearly three years to prepare the inside of the Montgomery Street 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.

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