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Start Friday, November 13**

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which operates the Municipal Railway (Muni), announced today that track improvement work on the N Judah light rail line will begin on Nov. 13 at the intersections of Judah Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Judah Street and Sunset Boulevard. The work will continue over two additional weekends and require the use of Muni bus shuttles on the N Judah from Duboce and Church to La Playa and the diversion of traffic off of Judah Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sunset Boulevard.

“San Francisco’s infrastructure is at the core of our quality of life,” said SFMTA Executive Director/CEO Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. “The SFMTA will continue to aggressively prioritize these vital repairs and improvements in order to provide safe and reliable Muni service to our customers.”

Worn pavement and rails in these heavily traveled intersections require the replacement of rail and repaving of the intersections to keep the tracks in good working condition. In addition to replacing and repairing aging Muni tracks and components, the project will include long-overdue enhancements to the surrounding area such as street repaving and re-striping, sidewalk improvements and upgraded water lines.

On the weekends of Nov. 13, 20 and Dec. 4, regular N Judah light rail service will end at Church and Duboce streets. From there, Muni bus shuttles will substitute for rail service to deliver Muni customers to the end of the line at Ocean Beach/La Playa. Customers can get on and off the shuttle bus at all regular N Line stops except stops near the construction site.

During construction hours, Judah Street will be closed to through traffic in both directions at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sunset Boulevard. Detour signs will guide drivers to alternate routes. Track work requires one direction to be closed on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sunset Boulevard at Judah Street. Police officers will be on site detouring traffic onto parallel streets during the construction. Slow traffic is expected in the area. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes when possible.

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**Traffic Detour/Construction Schedule:**

- 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13 – 5 a.m., Monday, Nov. 16
- 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20 – 5 a.m., Monday, Nov. 23
- 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4 – 5 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7

**\*Note: Muni shuttle hours are 8 p.m., Friday to 4 a.m., Monday each weekend**

SFMTA community outreach staff will be on hand Friday, Nov. 13 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Church and Duboce streets to assist Muni customers. They have also made presentations to community groups and walked through the communities surrounding the intersections to alert neighbors and local merchants to the upcoming construction. In addition, brochures, signs in Muni vehicles and 3,500 direct mail notifications have been distributed to the community and Muni customers.

The work for these two intersections will cost \$2 million and is just part of a larger, \$18-million rail improvement project that will cover two Muni lines in addition to the N, the J Church and the L Taraval. Beginning early next year intersections along first the L Line and then the J Line will also receive new rails, repaired street pavement and other transportation improvements. These improvements go beyond the tracks to include new overhead wire poles, new curb ramps and new Muni train signal priority devices.

Most of Muni's 70 miles of track work is more than 30 years old. A robust schedule of key rehabilitation and replacement projects is necessary to ensure safe, reliable Muni service for generations to come. Each fiscal year, the SFMTA allocates between \$7.5 and \$10 million for its Rail Program to maintain and improve the infrastructure of the Muni system.

For information on substitute Muni bus shuttle service and traffic detours, please visit [www.sfmta.com/rail](http://www.sfmta.com/rail) or call 311.

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*Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 35,000 extra vehicles enter San Francisco on any given business day, and rely on the SFMTA to keep the flow of cars, transit vehicles, taxis, delivery trucks, pedestrians and bicycles moving smoothly through the streets.*