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BART TO RUN MORE AND LONGER TRAINS MONDAY IN WAKE OF FREEWAY COLLAPSE BART OFFICIALS URGE COMMUTERS TO ARRIVE EARLY

OAKLAND, CA – BART will run longer trains all day Monday, April 30, 2007, adding cars to increase passenger capacity. The longer trains will begin running at the start of normal service hours, at about 4:00 a.m., and continue running until the end of service after midnight.

BART will also beef up its peak morning commute service by adding six trains between Pleasant Hill and Montgomery Street stations. In the afternoon, BART will add four trains for the commute: three between Montgomery Street and Pleasant Hill and one between Daly City and Richmond.

BEST ADVICE: BE FLEXIBLE

While BART is committed to doing everything it can to mitigate the freeway connector closure, officials say the best advice for commuters is to be flexible: arrive at stations earlier or consider postponing your BART commute until after rush hour.

BART is also suggesting buying round trip tickets in the morning to minimize the wait at ticket machines in the afternoon or buying tickets at Tickets to Go locations, which are listed at www.BART.gov.

EXPECT EXTRA DEMAND FOR PARKING

BART is urging commuters to take a bus or to get a ride to its stations tomorrow because most parking lots fill by 8 a.m. or earlier.

BART Police will enforce reserved parking restrictions.

TUESDAY'S SERVICE PLAN NOT FINALIZED

BART officials will meet Monday to create a service plan for Tuesday based upon Monday's ridership. BART will assess the impact of the MacArthur Maze collapse on an ongoing basis and adjust service accordingly.

MEDIA ADVISORY

BART Spokesman Jim Allison will be at Lake Merritt Station at 4:45 a.m. Monday. If your reporter/photographer needs access to **any other station**, please page Jim at (510) 899-2446 for advance clearance.