



Transbay Program

Community Notice

Utility Potholing on Townsend Street near Fourth Street

This important work is part of the TJPA's The Portal/Downtown Rail Extension Project

What?

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority, delivering The Portal, also known as the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project, through its subcontractor, Bess (Bess) Testlab, Inc., will be potholing utilities (i.e. domestic water, sewer, power, telecon/data, etc) on the street and sidewalk along Townsend Street near Fourth Street to obtain important utility information to inform The Portal. Bess will pothole one utility at a time. As the utility is exposed and data is collected, work crews will backfill and cover the exposed potholes with a temporary cold-patch. Once all utility potholing is complete, a restoration work crew will apply the final pavement hot patch to seal the area.



When, Where and What Time?

The work will occur from Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 2, 2024, with expected hours of operations from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

What Does This Mean to You?

- Parking spaces and bike lanes will be temporarily unusable while potholing is happening. They will be usable again once the potholing has been performed and cold patch is installed.
- Traffic control will be provided where the work encroaches traffic lanes.
- As a safety practice, no pothole will be left open. All holes will be backfilled with temporary cold-patch until potholing is complete and final hot patch is administered.

What is Potholing?

Potholing is an excavation method used to locate underground utilities. A 10" diameter hole is cut in the road then soil is "excavated" using a powerful vacuum truck which removes the soil exposing buried utilities without damaging them. Once the utility locations have been documented, the trench is filled with compacted sand and patched with asphalt.

What Can You Expect?

A construction crew of up to eight individuals may be present with the following equipment:

- Vacuum truck
- Dump truck with Class II aggregate base (engineered soil fill)
- Traffic control vehicle with arrow board
- Equipment Trailer (core machine)
- Support vehicle (Pickup Truck / Passenger Vehicle)
- Hot patch restoration equipment and trailer

Questions? Contact Us!

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Learn more about The Portal

<https://www.tjpa.org/portaldtx>

About the Transbay Joint Powers Authority

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority is the owner and operator of the world-class multimodal Salesforce Transit Center; and is working to extend Caltrain and ultimately, California High-Speed Rail service from 4th and King streets to the Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco through The Portal.