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PRESS RELEASE

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES UPDATES ON TEMPORARY CLOSURE AT SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER, FREMONT STREET SHORING & REINFORCEMENT PLANS

Ongoing Monitoring Shows No Evidence of Fissures on First Street, First Street to Receive Additional Reinforcement as Proactive Measure, Shoring Begins this Weekend

San Francisco, CA – The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) announced today that work on a shoring system beneath the Salesforce Transit Center at Fremont Street between Howard and Mission streets continued today and that Fremont Street is scheduled to reopen by October 12, 2018 in time for the morning commute.

Sheedy Drayage Company, Bigge Crane and Rigging Company and Herrick Corporation are performing the installation. The design for permanent reinforcement on Fremont Street is underway and will be independently reviewed and will also be applied to First Street.

First Street, which has a similar design as Fremont Street, has received continuous inspections and monitoring since September 25, 2018, the date the first fissure was discovered on a beam at the Fremont Street location. To date, no fissures have been discovered at First Street and monitoring will continue.

“Because Fremont and First streets are similarly designed, to be prudent, we have decided to reinforce First Street as a proactive measure,” said Mark Zabaneh, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority. “We have inspected and

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are continuously monitoring First Street and have found no issues, but because of its similar design to Fremont Street, we think the most prudent course of action is to reinforce First Street as we repair and reinforce Fremont Street. This will help us reassure the public and make the building as safe, stable and secure as possible.”

First Street will be proactively reinforced with the similar reinforcement plan that Fremont Street will receive. The first step to reinforcing First Street is to install a similar type of shoring system. Preparation will begin on First Street this evening by removing ceiling panels and moving utilities. This will be followed by installing shoring. Work will occur during evenings (9 pm – 5 am) outside of commute hours to minimize traffic impacts.

Peer reviews, design reports, contracts and inspections are available at tjpa.org or at this direct link: <https://transbaycenter.box.com/s/sfivpl21ii3h27ahbhmhd04uonq5nv5d>

Documents are added on an ongoing basis.

The media can continue to call the TJPA’s media information line at 415-597-4039 or go to tjpa.org for updated information.

Background

As previously announced, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, crews discovered a fissure in a steel beam in the ceiling of the third-level Bus Deck on the eastern side of the Salesforce Transit Center near Fremont Street, which prompted closure of the building and Fremont Street. This triggered additional inspections, revealing a second fissure, again at the Fremont Street location. The closure was conducted as a safety measure out of an abundance of caution after conferring with design engineers and contractors. The TJPA continues to work with Webcor/Obayashi and structural engineers Thornton Tomasetti to address these issues and install a shoring system on Fremont Street and now on First Street while a permanent reinforcement plan is designed and independently reviewed.

All transit operators are temporarily providing bus service out of the nearby Temporary Transbay Terminal at Howard and Main streets until the center is reopened. For transit information, riders can call 511 or go to 511.org or contact their bus operator, who are in contact with the TJPA about these impacts.

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