Temporary Terminal

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) continues to make exciting progress toward building the Transbay Transit Center, the “Grand Central Station of the West.” Groundbreaking commenced in December 2008 for the Temporary Terminal that will serve bus passengers while the new Transit Center is under construction.

Sign-up for Notices

The TJPA is committed to mitigating traffic impacts during the course of construction. However, traffic disruptions are expected throughout the course of the project.

In order to stay informed on our progress, upcoming community meetings and potential street closures, please sign up to receive email alerts and to join our project mailing list at wwwtemporaryterminal.org

PROJECT TIMELINE

December 2008
Temporary Terminal Groundbreaking.

Fall 2009
Temporary Terminal construction completed. Following completion of the interim bus facility, test runs will be conducted by the transit operators.

Winter 2009
Greyhound operations transfer over to the Temporary Terminal.

Early 2010
Early 2010: AC Transit, MUNI and WestCAT operations move to the Temporary Terminal.
February 2010: Begin demolition of Transbay Terminal; construction of new Transit Center begins.

April 2010
Demolition of East Loop (Phase II of Temporary Terminal) completed. SamTrans and Golden Gate Transit operations move to the Temporary Terminal.

2017
Construction of the Transbay Transit Center to be completed. Temporary Terminal to close.

For more information, please visit: wwwtemporaryterminal.org
Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE TEMPORARY TERMINAL?
The Temporary Terminal is the temporary replacement bus facility that will serve bus passengers while the new, multi-modal Transbay Transit Center is under construction. Located on the block of downtown San Francisco bounded by Main, Folsom, Beale and Howard streets, the Temporary Terminal will serve AC Transit, WestCAT, MUNI, Golden Gate Transit, SamTrans and Greyhound passengers.

HOW IS THE TEMPORARY TERMINAL DIFFERENT FROM THE TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER?
The Transbay Transit Center Project will replace the Transbay Terminal located at First and Mission streets in downtown San Francisco and create a new, multi-modal Transit Center that will eventually serve more than 100,000 passengers per day and become the new hub of economic life in San Francisco.

The Temporary Terminal will serve as a temporary facility for existing Transbay Terminal bus operations, allowing demolition of the existing terminal and construction of the Transbay Transit Center. This temporary facility is expected to operate from winter 2009 until 2017, when the new Transbay Transit Center will open.

WHY DO WE NEED THE TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER?
It is time for public infrastructure to meet the needs of the 21st century. The Transbay Transit Center Project will centralize a fractured regional transportation network—making transit connections between all points in the Bay Area fast and convenient. The new Transit Center will make public transit a convenient option as it is in other world-class cities, allowing people to travel and commute without the need for a car, thereby decreasing congestion and pollution.

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO USE THE TEMPORARY TERMINAL?
In winter 2009, the Temporary Terminal will begin Greyhound operations. AC Transit, MUNI and WestCAT operations will move to the Temporary Terminal in early 2010, and SamTrans and Golden Gate Transit operations will move to the Temporary Terminal in April 2010. For more information on the Transit Center Project, please visit www.temporaryterminal.org

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO USE THE TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER?
Transit Center building will be completed in 2017 and will be a bustling transit and retail center for those who live, work and visit the heart of downtown San Francisco. For more information on the Transit Center Project, please visit www.transbaycenter.org

THE NEW HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO

Originally built in 1939 to facilitate rail travel across the lower portion of the Bay Bridge, the current Transbay Terminal at First and Mission streets in downtown San Francisco no longer accommodates the region’s current and future transit needs. The Transbay Transit Center Project will return San Francisco to a culture of mass transit, replacing the current bus terminal with a new, multi-modal transportation center—the “Grand Central Station of the West”—which will centralize the region’s transportation networks by accommodating nine transit systems under one roof and serving more than 100,000 passengers per day.

The Transit Center features “City Park,” a 5.4-acre public park that will sit atop the facility. In addition to being a generous amenity for the up-and-coming South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood, City Park will double as a “green roof” for the transit facility, one of many environmentally-friendly building features.

Furthermore, the project will also create California’s largest transit-friendly neighborhood with 2,600 new homes (with 35% affordable), parks and a retail main street surrounding the new Transit Center.

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