



Community Notice

Utility Potholing on Townsend Street between Third to Seventh streets

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

What?

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority, delivering the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX), also known as The Portal, through its subcontractor, Bess (Bess) Testlab, Inc., will be potholing approximately 30 utilities (i.e. domestic water, sewer, power, telecon/data, etc) on the street and sidewalk in three different areas along Townsend Street (between Third to Seventh streets) to obtain important utility information to inform the DTX project. 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.

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.

When, Where and What Time?

The work will occur from Monday, August 21 to Saturday, September 2, 2023, with expected hours of operations from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday from Third to Seventh streets on Townsend Street on the following approximate dates and locations (see Figure 1):

21-Aug	689 Third	25-Aug	260 Townsend	31-Aug	410 Townsend
21-Aug	200 Townsend	25-Aug	280 Townsend	31-Aug	450 Townsend
22-Aug	216 Townsend	28-Aug	292 Townsend	1-Sep	460 Townsend
22-Aug	224 Townsend	28-Aug	330 Townsend	1-Sep	466 Townsend
23-Aug	232 Townsend	29-Aug	340 Townsend	2-Sep	520 Townsend
23-Aug	240 Townsend	29-Aug	370 Townsend	2-Sep	550 Townsend
24-Aug	242 Townsend	30-Aug	388 Townsend		
24-Aug	250 Townsend	30-Aug	400 Townsend		

(Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice.)

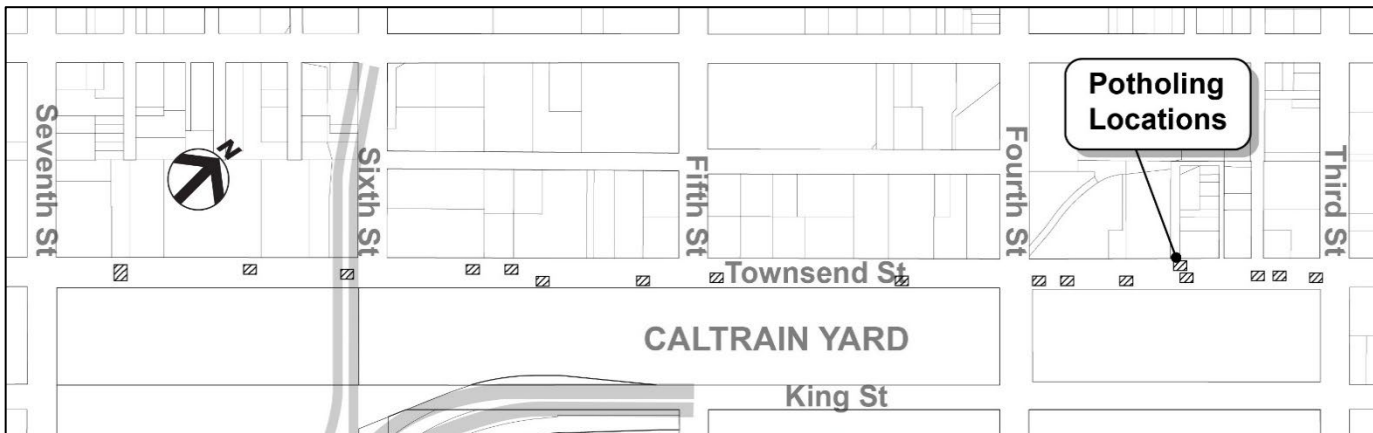


Figure 1. Potholing Locations on Townsend Streets



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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 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 trail.

Questions? Contact Us!

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Learn more about the TJPA's DTX project:

<https://www.tjpa.org/project/downtown-rail-extension>

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 DTX project.

