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PRESS RELEASE

TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES UPDATES ON TEMPORARY CLOSURE AT SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER, PEER REVIEW AND NEW PORTAL FOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

San Francisco, CA – The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) announced today that work on a shoring system on Fremont Street will begin this weekend. Crews moved utilities and prepared the site today. Materials will begin arriving Saturday, September 29th and work on initial stabilization will begin Sunday, September 30th. The shoring design was finalized today and is being independently reviewed.

The TJPA also announced it will conduct a Peer Review of the permanent repair plan and another Peer Review of the entire building as requested by TJPA Board Chair Mohammed Nuru. A Peer Review of the building was done as part of the original design process.

A new portal where the public and members of the media can access peer reviews, design reports, contracts and inspections launched today with some documents and more will be added on an ongoing basis. Documents can be found at the following link: <https://transbaycenter.box.com/s/sfivpl21ii3h27ahbhmhd04uonq5nv5d>

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

If any updates occur over the weekend, the media hotline will be updated.

Fremont Street and the Transit Center will be closed at least through next week.

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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 while a permanent solution is designed.

All transit operators are temporarily providing bus service out of the nearby Temporary Transbay Terminal at Howard and Main streets until the shoring system is installed.

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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