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### **STATEMENT**

# TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY'S STATEMENT ON TEMPORARILY CLOSING SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER

San Francisco – Crews today discovered a fissure in one of the steel beams in the ceiling of the third level Bus Deck on the eastern side of the Salesforce Transit Center near Fremont Street. Out of an abundance of caution, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, after conferring with design engineers and contractors, will temporarily close the transit center as the agency works with Webcor/Obayashi and structural engineers Thornton Tomasetti to investigate and repair this issue and conduct an exhaustive inspection of all steel beams throughout the transit center. Inspections have begun.

All transit operators will temporarily provide bus service out of the nearby Temporary Transbay Terminal at Howard and Main streets until all inspections are complete. The closure is effective immediately.

"The safety of everyone who visits the Salesforce Transit Center is our obligation and highest priority," said Mark Zabaneh, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority. "While this appears to be a localized issue and we have no information that suggests it is widespread, it is our duty to confirm this before we allow public access to the facility."

For transit information, riders can contact their bus operator, who are in contact with TJPA about these impacts. There will be a media availability at 5:30 p.m. at 201 Mission Street, 21st Floor.

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