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## **UPDATE ON TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER**

### **Background:**

The Salesforce Transit Center is temporarily closed. In September 2018, workers discovered two fissures in steel beams on the bus deck above Fremont Street. After several inspections and out of an abundance of caution, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) temporarily closed the Transit Center.

This is a localized issue within the transit center. The TJPA's contractor installed a multi-level shoring system at Fremont and First streets as testing and monitoring continue. No additional fissures have been found.

The TJPA is working swiftly to determine a cause and reopen the facility, but must balance that with the responsibility of conducting a thorough investigation. The agency is also fully cooperating with an independent review by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

### **Update:**

TJPA, contractors and independent peer reviewers extracted samples and visually inspected the beams in question in addition to smaller samples from beams from similarly designed areas of the transit center (First Street).

Samples, including smaller samples from First Street, were sent to LPI, Inc., a metallurgical lab, on November 2, 2018. Testing is underway to determine the cause of the fissures.

### **Next Steps:**

- Test results are expected in November after which time the TJPA and/or independent reviewers could request additional testing.

- Additional review of final test results by independent experts will occur.
- Determine the cause of the failure.
- Design an appropriate permanent repair.
- MTC Peer Review Panel approval of recommended permanent repair
- Develop construction schedule for permanent repair and determine reopening date.
- Open the transit center and park to the public
- Complete evaluation of any other elements, as required, by the Peer Review Panel (unrelated to fissures).

**Other Resources:**

- Press Releases – [click here](#).
- Reviews, design reports, contracts, inspections – [click here](#).
- The latest construction/temporary closure update – [click here](#).

Transit agencies continue to provide bus service out of the Temporary Transbay Terminal at Howard and Main streets. Commuters are encouraged to call 511 or go to 511.org for up-to-date transit information, or to contact their bus operator directly.

We apologize for the impacts to our transit riders and the public for this temporary closure. It is an inconvenience and we are committed to reopening the transit center as soon as safely possible.

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