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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 an independent review 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 fully cooperating with an independent review by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Update:

- The MTC’s independent review panel approved the permanent repair of Fremont Street and reinforcement of First Street.

- Herrick Steel & Arcelor-Mittal Steel companies have procured the material for the girder repair and reinforcement and are currently fabricating the plates that will be delivered onsite.

- A repair schedule is being finalized and will be provided as soon as possible.

- Bolts in the surrounding areas around the fractured girders over Fremont street were tested and none were found to be damaged or cracked.

- The Peer Review Panel is overseeing the TJPA’s review of building-wide shop drawings, inspection reports, design documents, etc to determine if other inspections will be necessary before reopening.
Next Steps

- In addition to this web page, the public will receive another comprehensive update on February 14, 2019 at the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting from TJPA staff and the peer review panel. Agenda and information – click here.
- MTC Peer Review accepts findings report and approves recommended permanent repair
- Perform Structural Evaluations
- Complete any additional inspections proposed by peer reviewers
- Reopen the Transit Center and Park to the public
- Resume Bus Operations

Other Resources:

- Press Releases – click here.
- Reviews, design reports, contracts, inspections – click here.
- Construction Repair 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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