



## Community Notice

### Utility Potholing on Townsend Street between Third to Sixth streets

*This important work is part of the TJPA's Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project*

#### What?

The TJPA 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 Sixth 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.

#### Where?

Work will occur from Third to Sixth streets on Townsend streets (~210 Townsend Street, ~330 Townsend Street, ~460 Townsend Street)

#### When and What Time?

The work will begin this Monday, May 24, 2021 to June 2, 2021 with expected hours of operations from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday to Friday on the following approximate dates and locations:

- May 24 - 25: Potholing at ~ 210 Townsend
- May 26: Potholing at ~ 330 Townsend
- May 27: Potholing at ~ 460 Townsend
- May 28: Restoration at ~ 210 Townsend
- June 1: Restoration at ~ 330 Townsend
- June 2: Restoration at ~ 460 Townsend

*(Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, this schedule may be subject to change without notice.)*

#### What Does This Mean to You?

- Parking spaces and bike lanes will be temporarily un-usable 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 8 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 trailer

#### What is Potholing?

Potholing is an excavation method used to locate underground utilities. A narrow slit (about one foot wide) is cut across a 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.

#### 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 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 Downtown Rail Extension project.