



# Connector

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*Including BART Service Announcement, BART Weekend Track Closures, Bay Area Event Guide, Critical Mass, and Additional Resources*



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## BART Service Update *As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016*

The information below in italics was received directly from BART regarding the service between Pittsburgh/Bay Point & North Concord. This information is current as of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 @ 4PM.

### **LATEST UPDATE FROM BART 3/23/2016 4 PM**

*BART is running shuttle trains between North Concord and Bay Point stations every 10-minutes. Passengers with a final destination of Bay Point must transfer at North Concord. Passengers departing from Bay Point must transfer at North Concord for a SFO/San Francisco train.*

### **NO SAFETY CONCERN FOR RIDERS**

*There's no safety risk or concern for riders on the shuttle trains going over the area that is being assessed for voltage spikes, because the voltage spikes may not even be noticeable to them.*

*"Crews are looking over the data collected from sophisticated measurement tools equipped over the weekend," said Alicia Trost, BART spokeswoman. "Experts are assisting in this process. The root cause of the spike in voltage has not yet been discovered."*

### **REPAIRING DAMAGED CARS**

*While one team focuses on finding and fixing the electrical problems, technicians in BART shops are working round the clock to repair the damaged cars as quickly as safely possible.*

*"The car count has improved" as crews repair more and more cars, she said.*

*Crews on Wednesday continued their work of repairing the 50 or so train cars that had been damaged by the voltage spikes.*

*"We are also exploring alternate suppliers of the parts we need," Trost said. "We are cautiously optimistic that the car availability will be on an upward trajectory toward improvement."*

*A new Fleet of the Future is on the way to bring some relief to crowded cars (more info at [www.bart.gov/cars](http://www.bart.gov/cars)), however, other infrastructure needs such as replacing old rails, updating train control equipment, expanding maintenance facilities and rebuilding other parts of the system must be dealt with as well.*

Please continue to monitor [bart.gov](http://bart.gov) for updates.



## BART Weekend Track Closures San Leandro and Bay Fair Stations

--Intermittent Weekends from March 26<sup>th</sup>- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016--

We have received the following information from BART regarding their **upcoming weekend track closures between San Leandro and Bay Fair Stations**:

As part of maintenance for the “Building a Better BART” program, there will be no BART train service between San Leandro and Bay Fair stations on selected weekends between March and June as BART crews perform vital repairs to the equipment and tracks.

BART will have a **bus bridge** between San Leandro and Bay Fair Stations provided by AC Transit. The bus bridge will cause 30 minute to 1 hour delays for some customers. Customers traveling between Fremont to Richmond will have to transfer to the bus bridge at Bay Fair, back to a train at San Leandro, and then transfer to a Richmond-bound train.

There will be extra staff in our stations to assist you. Give yourself extra travel time, follow signs, and listen to announcements for important information.

### Travel tips

- Consider using a station not affected by the bus bridge if you are able.
- Lock your bike at our stations rather than bringing them on crowded buses.
- Check [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov) for the most up-to-day information about the closure

### Closure Dates and Schedule

*\*Please note dates may be subject to change*

Date	Track Work Times
March 26-27	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday
April 9-10	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday
April 23-24	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday
May 7-8	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday
May 28-30	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday & Monday
June 11-12	From end of service Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday

Please continue to monitor [bart.gov](http://bart.gov), [TMASF Connects](http://tmasfconnects.org), and local news sources such as [KGO](http://kgo.com), [KCBS](http://kcbs.com), [KGO](http://kgo.com), [KTVU](http://ktvu.com), [NBC Bay Area](http://nbc.com), and [SF Gate](http://sfgate.com) for additional updates.



## Upcoming Bay Area Events Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Below we have listed large-scale events occurring in San Francisco between **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Click on the link for each event to learn about event details. Please be aware of the impact these events could have on traffic and transit. Know your [commute alternatives](#)! Be on the lookout for updates from us on specific events.

Event	Date	Location	Time
<a href="#">Critical Mass</a>	Friday, 3/25	Justin Herman Plaza	5:30 PM
<a href="#">Union St. Easter Parade</a>	Sunday, 3/27	Union St: Gough to Fillmore	10 AM- 5 PM Parade: 2 PM
<a href="#">Bring Your Own Big Wheel</a>	Sunday, 3/27	20 <sup>th</sup> and Vermont Street	4 PM- 6 PM
<a href="#">Giants vs OAK</a>	Thursday, 3/31	AT&T Park	7:15 PM
<a href="#">Giants vs OAK</a>	Friday, 4/1	AT&T Park	7:15 PM
<a href="#">Rock N Roll Half Marathon</a>	Sunday, 4/3	Great Hwy to GG Bridge to Civic Center	6:30 AM- 11:30 AM
<a href="#">Walk 2 Work Day</a>	Thursday, 4/7	Various	All Day
<a href="#">Giants vs LAD</a>	Thursday, 4/7	AT&T Park	1:35 PM
<a href="#">Giants vs LAD</a>	Friday, 4/8	AT&T Park	7:15 PM
<a href="#">Cherry Blossom Festival</a>	Saturday, 4/9	Post: Laguna to Fillmore; Webster: Sutter to Geary	4 AM- 11 PM
<a href="#">Giants vs LAD</a>	Saturday, 4/9	AT&T Park	TBD
<a href="#">Giants vs LAD</a>	Sunday, 4/10	AT&T Park	1:05 PM

## Critical Mass

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM

*Justin Herman Plaza*



On the last Friday of each month San Francisco is host to the Critical Mass bicycle ride. The ride will begin at 5:30 PM on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Justin Herman Plaza, and then continue on a spontaneously-determined route.

Please use caution while driving near bicyclists. Allow extra time if you plan to travel to and from downtown; there will be heavy traffic on downtown streets. MUNI customers are encouraged to use the Metro subway during this time.

For more information on Critical Mass:

[SFCriticalMass.org](http://SFCriticalMass.org)

## Additional Information

TMASF Connects offers building events, commuter materials, and assistance with trip planning. For more information, call 415.392.0210, email [staff@tmasfconnects.org](mailto:staff@tmasfconnects.org), or visit the [TMASF Connects website](http://tmasfconnects.org).

Please continue to monitor local transportation and news outlets for more information:

[SFMTA](#)

[KCBS](#)

[BART](#)

[KGO](#)

[KTVU](#)

[SF Gate](#)

[511.org](#)

[NBC Bay Area](#)

[TMASF Connects](#)

## See What You Can Win!

*In appreciation of our members and in celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary promoting alternatives to driving alone, TMASF Connects is asking members to visit our [website](#) and [register](#) to win tickets to cheer on the Warriors (the reigning NBA Champions) in the 2016 season, live theatre tickets, and more! The site features current traffic conditions paired with transit options, commute, workforce development and employment tools and links to community and daycare services.*





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