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Major weekend track work marks first Measure RR-funded project

OAKLAND, CA – BART weekend maintenance and repair crews will be off and running over the next few months to rebuild the trackway between Lake Merritt and Fruitvale stations, the first of many aggressive capital improvement projects to be paid for with money from last year's voter-approved Measure RR. Measure RR partially funds BART's ongoing multibillion-dollar capital improvement efforts, and will result in several track closures as degraded infrastructure such as rail, switches, and track circuitry are replaced to improve the customer experience.

The track closures will occur over the following weekends:

April 8-9, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Monday
April 29-30, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Monday
May 13-14, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Monday
May 27-29, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Tuesday
June 10-11, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Monday
July 1-2, end-of-service Friday to 4 am Monday

No trains will run between Fruitvale and Lake Merritt stations while this work is being done, expected to occur on select weekends between April and July, and will likely incur delays of 20 to 40 minutes for passengers traveling on affected lines. Trains will also not be running between West Oakland and Lake Merritt, or between 12th Street and Lake Merritt. During those times, Lake Merritt station will be closed (Fruitvale will remain open).

However, as with previous track shutdowns, BART will provide a free bus bridge to 19th Street station for passengers traveling north beyond Fruitvale from the Dublin/Pleasanton and Warm Springs/South Fremont lines. For passengers who typically board at Lake Merritt station, an additional free local shuttle will go back and forth to Fruitvale, where upon arrival they may continue on the southbound lines or board the northbound bus bridge to 19th Street station in Oakland.

Normally, BART carries out track maintenance and repair during the late-night hours when trains aren't running. However, the scale of the needed repairs through this stretch of track is too great to accomplish in only a few hours as it takes too much time to stage, deploy, and break down a work area.

Extra staff will be in our stations alongside clear signage to helpfully guide passengers to their destinations. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause, and encourage people who may be traveling through the area to board at stations unaffected by the bus bridge such as in downtown Oakland, West Oakland, or directly to Fruitvale or Coliseum stations if traveling south or east. We also encourage riders to utilize our bike stations and lockers, as there is limited room on the buses for bicycles.

Finally, for passengers traveling to Oakland International Airport, we recommend building in up to an extra hour of time to ensure no flights are missed. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience this will cause and hope you understand as we work together to build a better BART for a better Bay Area.

MAP BELOW

Service During Track Work Between 19th St/Oakland & Fruitvale Stations



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