



BART MARKET STREET STATIONS ENTRANCE PROJECTS

Neighborhood Notice and News



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BART Escalator Renovation Project to start at Powell Street Station entrance on 800-block of Market on the south side - July 2025

Market Street Stakeholders:

BART's Escalator Renovation Project contractor will begin replacing an existing street-level escalator above Powell Station. The escalator is located on the south side of Market Street, on the 800-block between 4th and 5th Streets. This project will begin in July 2025 and is anticipated to take approximately six months to complete.

While the escalator is under construction, this Powell Station entrance stairway on the southside of Market Street will remain open to public access during most of the construction period. There will be a 4-week full closure of the station entrance at the start of construction to hoist the existing and new escalators in place, and a brief 2-week full closure of the station entrance toward the end of construction to install the stainless-steel cladding along the new escalator walls. The contractor will work 4 nights to hoist the existing escalator out and place the new escalator under the canopy, and one night to complete testing and commissioning of the new unit at the end of the project.

The fencing footprint around the worksite will be significantly smaller in comparison to the fencing plan for the canopy construction. The footprint during the 4-week full closure of the station entrance will have an expanded fencing area for scaffolding at the side of the canopy, while pedestrian access will be allowed between fencing and storefronts. After the 4-week full closure ends, the fencing footprint will be reduced for the remainder of construction.

Construction hours during weekdays and Saturdays will be from 6am to 3pm. Construction-related noise will not exceed contract specifications. Construction equipment used at the site will include a truck, hand cart, small hoist rig, welder, grinder, drill, saw, forklift, generator, compressor, rivet buster in combination with other hand tools.

BART's Escalator Renovation Project is replacing 41 escalator units in the four downtown stations at both platform and street levels. These escalators are original to the BART system and have outlived their expected mechanical life, frequently requiring repairs. To date, BART has completed installation of 19 units, 6 are currently under construction, and there are 16 remaining escalator units to be completed through January 2027.

Simultaneously, BART is constructing a total of 21 street-level canopies over downtown station entrances. BART has completed construction of 18 units (including 2 pilot canopies) with 3 more canopies currently under construction through 2026. These entrance canopies will protect the new escalator equipment and reduce maintenance costs. In addition, canopies will include wayfinding, lighting, real-time information, and security cameras on Market Street.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this important escalator renovation project. For more information on this project visit: bart.gov/about/planning/sfentrances

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