



Community Notice

Utility Potholing on Townsend Street between Third to Seventh streets

This important work is part of the TJPA's Downtown Rail Extension/The Portal Project

What?

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority, delivering the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX), also known as The Portal, 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 Seventh 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.

What is Potholing?

Potholing is an excavation method used to locate underground utilities. A 10" diameter hole is cut in the 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.

When, Where and What Time?

The work will occur from Monday, October 16 to Friday, November 3, 2023, with expected hours of operations from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m. – 5 a.m., Monday – Friday from Third to Seventh streets on Townsend Street on the following approximate dates and locations (see Figure 1):

16-Oct	689 Third	21-Oct	260 Townsend	30-Oct	410 Townsend
17-Oct	200 Townsend	23-Oct	280 Townsend	31-Oct	450 Townsend
18-Oct	216 Townsend	24-Oct	292 Townsend	31-Oct	460 Townsend
18-Oct	224 Townsend	24-Oct	330 Townsend	1-Nov	466 Townsend
18-Oct	232 Townsend	25-Oct	340 Townsend	2-Nov	520 Townsend
19-Oct	240 Townsend	26-Oct	370 Townsend	3-Nov	550 Townsend
20-Oct	242 Townsend	26-Oct	388 Townsend		
20-Oct	250 Townsend	27-Oct	400 Townsend		

(Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice.)

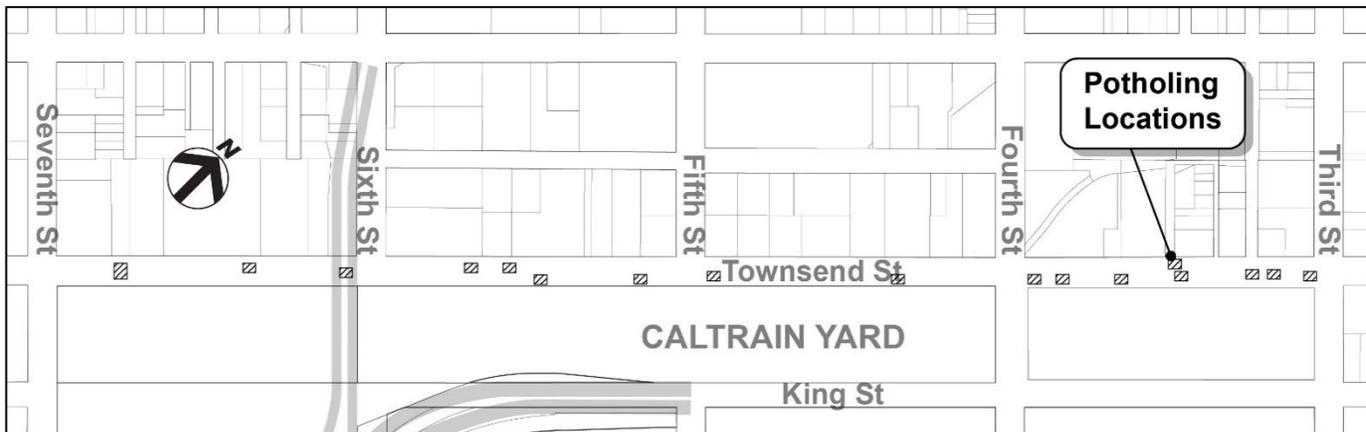


Figure 1. Potholing Locations on Townsend Streets



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What Does This Mean to You?

- Parking spaces and bike lanes will be temporarily unusable 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 eight 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 trail.

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 multimodal 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 DTX project.



