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Muni says it won't transport SFPD to protests: 'We have a lot of work to do'

By Amanda Bartlett, SFGATE Updated

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FILE - A San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI) train passes by the UCSF Mission Bay medical center in San Francisco on March 23, 2020. The transit agency announced Tuesday it would no longer transport police

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Just hours before SFMTA bus drivers **halted service** for eight minutes and 46 seconds to symbolically memorialize the life of George Floyd, the transit agency made another monumental decision.

As several demonstrations continued to take place throughout the Bay Area on Tuesday, Muni announced it would no longer transport officers from the San Francisco Police Department to protests.

"The idea for the memorial was suggested by one of our transportation controllers in our Transportation Management Center," said Erica Kato, a spokesperson for Muni. "We've been engaged in conversations with our staff, and that has given us the opportunity to reflect on what we can do to support our staff and black and brown community, and turn words into action."

This news comes after the transit agency was criticized on social media for **videos** uploaded by users showing officers in riot gear departing packed buses in downtown San Francisco earlier this month. Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez, a journalist for KQED, also shared a **photo** on Twitter of a digital display that read "Police Services" on the back of a bus.

"We transport everyone at MTA and make sure our services are available for critical needs," SFMTA responded at the time. "From the COVID+ patients we transported to health care and rooms to SFPD officers, Muni is for everyone. To be clear, no Muni vehicles or employees will be used to transport any detainee."

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On Tuesday, however, the transit agency said it was making efforts to advance its racial equity work and support communities of color.

"We want to be clear about the SFMTA's commitments going forward. We have an opportunity as agents of change," wrote SFMTA.

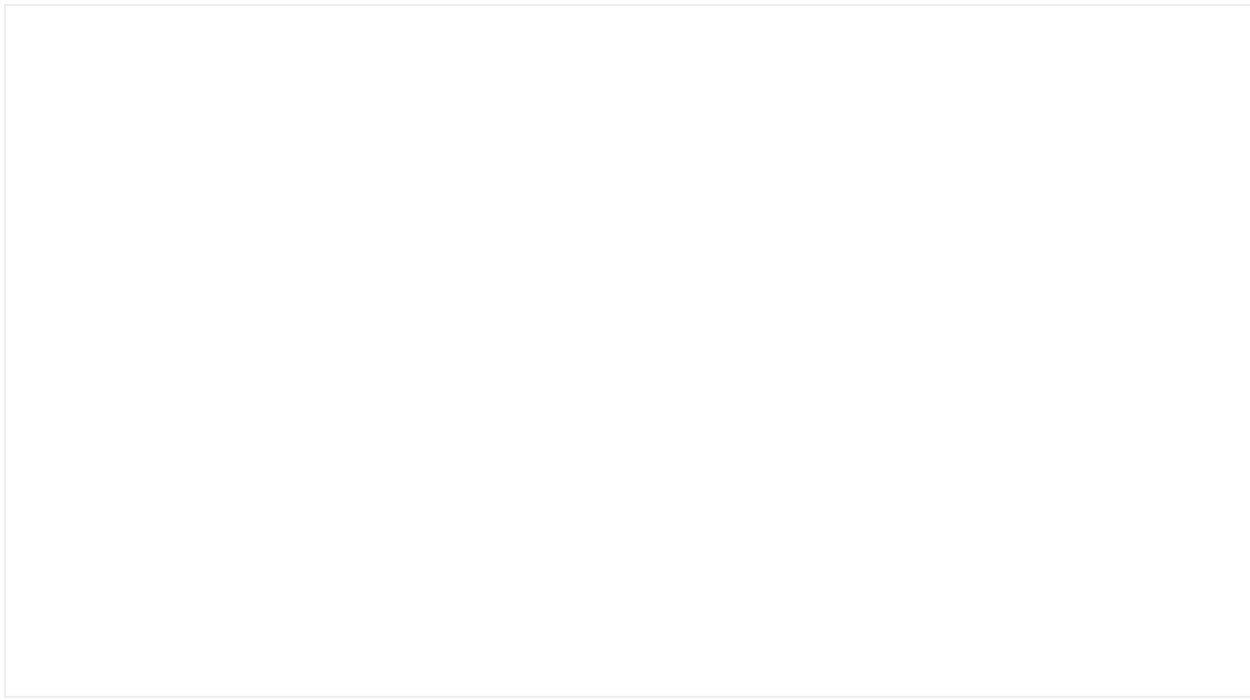
The organization said it will **prioritize** "agency-wide implicit bias training" in addition to building upon its **equity strategy** to improve service performance in San Francisco neighborhoods with high percentages of people of color in low-income households.

"Thanks to our staff and riders for sparking 100s of conversations at @sfmta\_muni about undoing the deep structural racism at root of all transport depts," **tweeted** Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA's director of transportation. "We have a lot of work to do."

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