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BART TO STOP TRAINS FOR 1 MINUTE TO COMMEMORATE "GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE OUT"

OAKLAND, CA – Tomorrow, October 21 at 10:21 am, BART will bring to a stop all trains for about one minute to participate in the U.S. Geological Survey's annual earthquake preparedness event called "The Great California ShakeOut." The event is designed to encourage people to participate in earthquake drills on the 142nd anniversary of the last major quake to shake the Hayward fault. That 6.8 magnitude earthquake occurred on October 21, 1868.

When BART trains stop for one minute, the agency will use the time to say "thanks" to its riders and the public for their overwhelming support for a 2004 BART Earthquake Safety bond measure. The agency will also use the symbolic stopping of trains to remind customers why BART halts service immediately after even minor quakes.

The Hayward fault is of particular concern to BART because all five train lines either cross or run fairly close to that fault. Fortunately, BART is halfway through its $1.2 billion Earthquake Safety, which is strengthening the system to withstand the maximum credible earthquake.

BART will allow the media to access the West Oakland BART Station to get video of trains coming to a stop beginning at 10 am through 12:30pm for this event. The West Oakland BART Station is also one of the stations undergoing earthquake safety improvements.

WHAT: BART to Stop Trains for 1 Minute to Commemorate "The Great California ShakeOut."

WHEN: 10:00 am until 12:30 pm on Thursday, October 21

WHERE: West Oakland BART Station
1451 7th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

WHO: BART Chief Communications Officer Linton Johnson will be available to escort media into station

VISUALS: Trains coming to at 10:21 am; Heavy earthquake safety equipment and improvements both inside and outside station

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