

Our budget challenges



Revenues are lower than pre-pandemic in several categories

FY25-26 Budget: ~\$50 million need

This budget shortfall starts in July and is why we need to realign expenditures and make other adjustments to programs, services and revenue.

FY26-27 Budget: ~\$320 million need

This budget shortfall starts when federal and state one-time relief funding are exhausted by June 2026.

Near Term Budget Challenges



- We are focusing on the near-term need
- Identified ways to close \$42.8 million of the funding gap with a combination of efficiencies and programmatic cuts.
- On March 18, presented two options to Board of Directors on how to close the remaining \$7.2 million gap with either Muni Service Cuts or Reserves.
- Direction was given to pursue Muni Service Cuts to be implemented this summer.

Draft Muni Service Cut Scenarios

Note: Each scenario aims for a 4% systemwide service cut

Scenario 1: Preserve high ridership routes

 Suspend lower ridership routes where there are parallel options

Scenario 2: Maintain existing connections

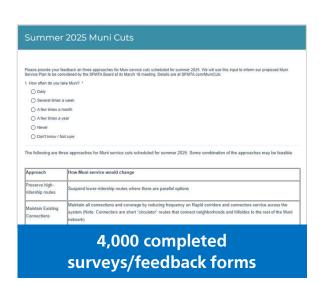
 Maintain all connections and coverage by reducing frequency on Rapid corridors and connectors service across the system

Scenario 3: **Prioritize equity** routes

 Prioritize service on Muni Equity routes and access in Muni Equity Neighborhoods by suspending routes and reducing frequencies elsewhere

Outreach to collect service cut feedback











8 pop-ups at transfer points hosted by multilingual staff



Outreach continued

In addition, we conducted targeted outreach to city wide groups or interest areas including:

- Muni Service Equity Working Group
- Senior Disability Action
- Transit Justice Coalition
- SFMTA Labor Unions
- SF Board of Supervisors
- SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council
- SF Transit Riders
- Walk SF
- Kid Safe SF
- Excelsior Collaborative



What we heard

I worry you will lose more riders and as a result more money and this is a death spiral. No recortan el servicio por favor!

The combined 6/21 route is a good solution

They all stink

Maintaining access for seniors and disabled via less frequent lines is key

Reducing frequency is not the answer

Modified Service Cut Proposal

Overwhelming feedback fell into two categories:

- Do not cut Muni service.
- If you do, do not cut connections or frequency.
- Additionally, the SFMTA Board directed we lower the level of cuts.

Consequently the modified proposal includes:

- Maintaining all connections and frequency levels.
- Reducing the overall service cut level to 2% (vs the original 4%) based on SFMTA Board direction.

We will do this by taking advantage of the transit rich Market Street corridor.



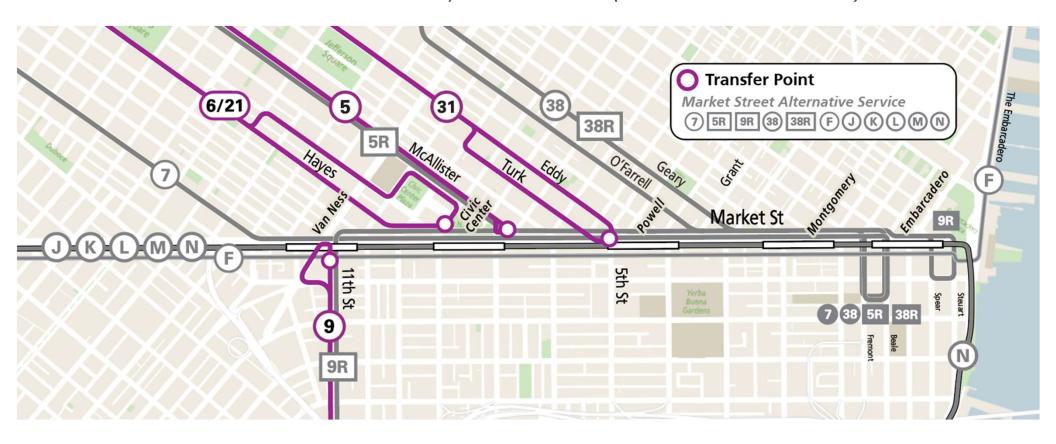
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Next Steps



- Implement service cuts in Summer 2025.
- Continue working with the Muni Funding Working Group to gain consensus on a package of efficiency measures, service cuts and funding measures to bridge the FY26-27 budget shortfall.

