



SFMTA

Bridging Muni's Budget Gap

The Challenge

Muni is critical to keeping San Francisco moving, whether you take transit or not. It gets people to jobs, school, doctor's appointments and events, while making city streets safer and less congested. Muni is a critical piece of what San Francisco has to offer for people who work, live and visit here.

Since the pandemic, Muni has lost a significant amount of funding, leading to a large funding gap. Federal relief funding and other revenue sources have expired. Now, the **SFMTA faces the largest budget deficit in its history**. Beginning July 1, 2026, the SFMTA will be faced with a \$307 million budget shortfall that is expected to grow to more than \$430 million in 2030.

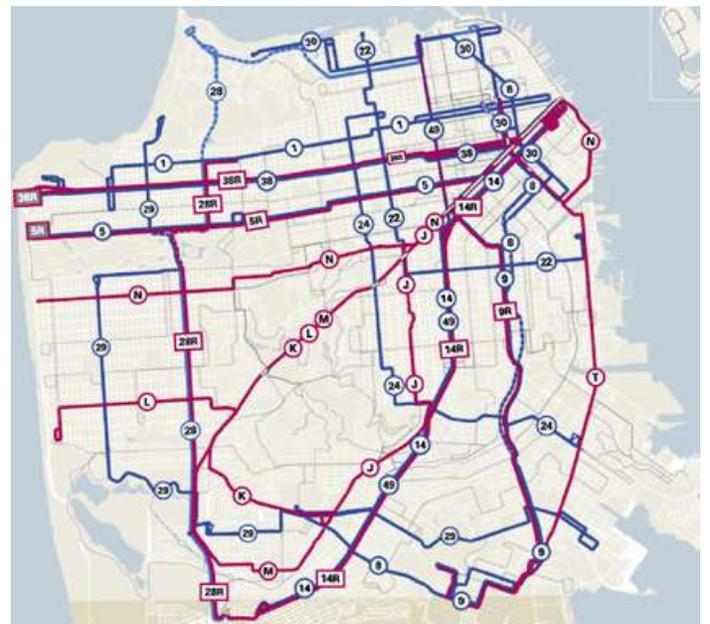
The Stakes

Without enough additional funding, the SFMTA will have to make severe cuts that will affect everyone who lives and works in San Francisco. This could mean up to 20 Muni lines cut, doubled wait times on other Muni lines, 62% reduction to late night service, and longer commutes.

20 Muni routes could be cut citywide



Doubled wait time on remaining routes



The Solution

The SFMTA will continue to find internal cost-savings, but in order to maintain fast, reliable and affordable Muni service. New sources of funding are necessary to balance the budget.

Agency Efficiencies

-  Accountability and fiscal management: *Savings of \$120 million a year*
-  Upgrades to transit priority and reliability: *Savings of \$10 million a year*
-  Improved parking program efficiency: *Savings of \$18 million a year*

Regional Ballot Measure: Connect Bay Area

Voters could have the opportunity to consider the Connect Bay Area Act in November 2026. It would authorize a regional sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. If passed, it would generate ~\$155M per year for Muni.

Local Ballot Measure: Stronger Muni For All

The regional measure would not fully address the structural deficit. Voters could also have the opportunity to consider a local parcel tax which would further reduce the gap. If passed by voters in November 2026, it would generate ~\$150M annually to reduce the deficit and ~\$10M to make marginal service quality improvements.

The SFMTA will continue to look for cost savings and new revenue streams.

The Bottom Line

Without new revenue, San Francisco faces severe reductions to transit service, street safety programs and mobility support for the city's most vulnerable residents.

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