Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan

Menlo Park

April 28, 2026

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SamTrans Snapshot

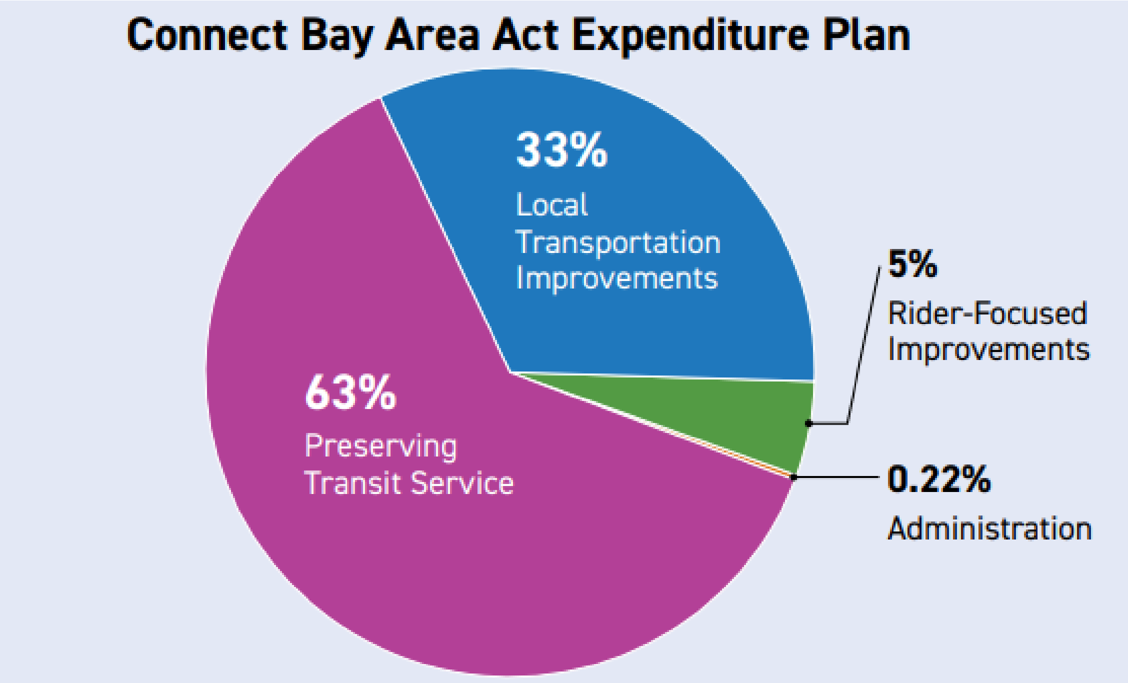
- **Established in 1976 – Celebrating 50 Years!**
  - San Mateo County, parts of San Francisco, City of Palo Alto
  - 315 buses serving 76 bus routes, 10 million annual boardings
  - Other services: Redi-Wheels and RediCoast paratransit, Ride Plus on-demand rideshare (two zones), shuttles
  - School-oriented bus service
- **Rider Profile**
  - 94% low income (68% extremely low income) based on SMC affordable housing metrics
  - Lowest household income among major Bay Area transit agencies
  - 40% speak a language other than English at home
  - Nearly 80% do not drive/own a car
  - 98.8% of pre-pandemic ridership

Key Issue

- Caltrain, BART, SFMTA, and AC Transit are facing deficits as post-pandemic fare revenue lags and operating costs rise
- Despite ridership gains and cost efficiency measures, expenses are outpacing revenues
- Federal and state support has declined
- Need for a stable, predictable source of funds to keep these agencies going

Connect Bay Area Measure

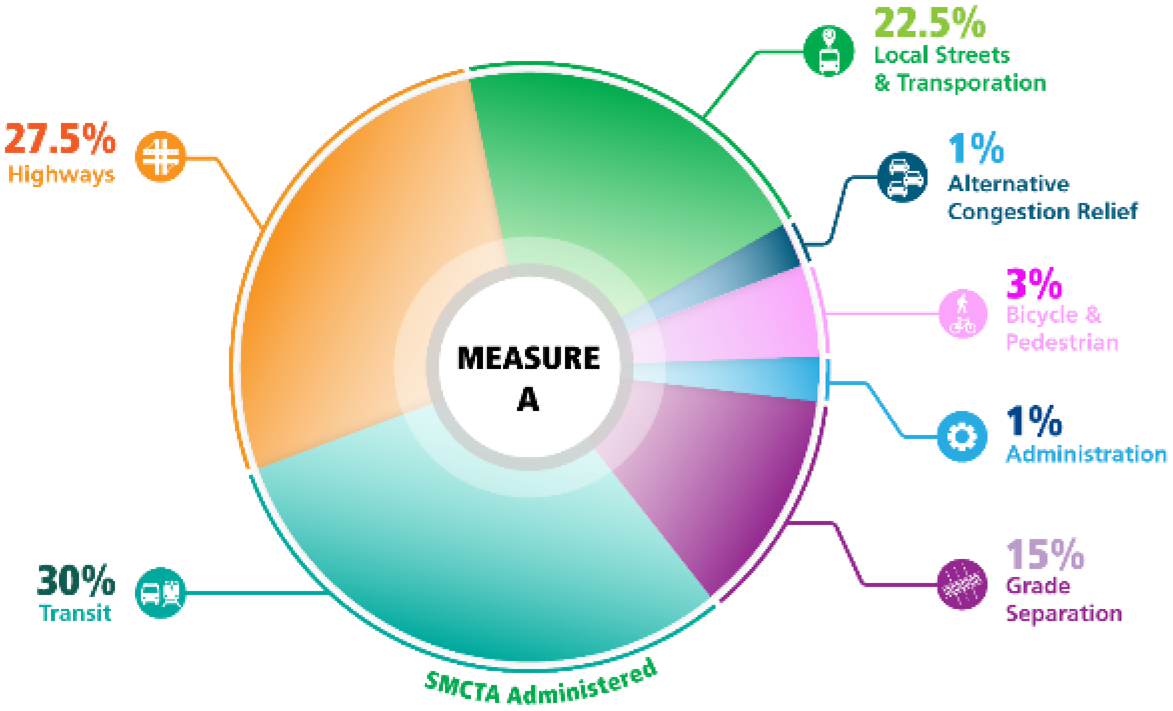
- 14-year, 1/2 cent sales tax in 4 counties (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa), full cent in San Francisco
- Would generate approx. $980 million annually
- Includes accountability and oversight provisions
- 24% of SMC sales tax to Caltrain, 27% to BART, 7% to Muni, 37% SamTrans Local Investment Plan

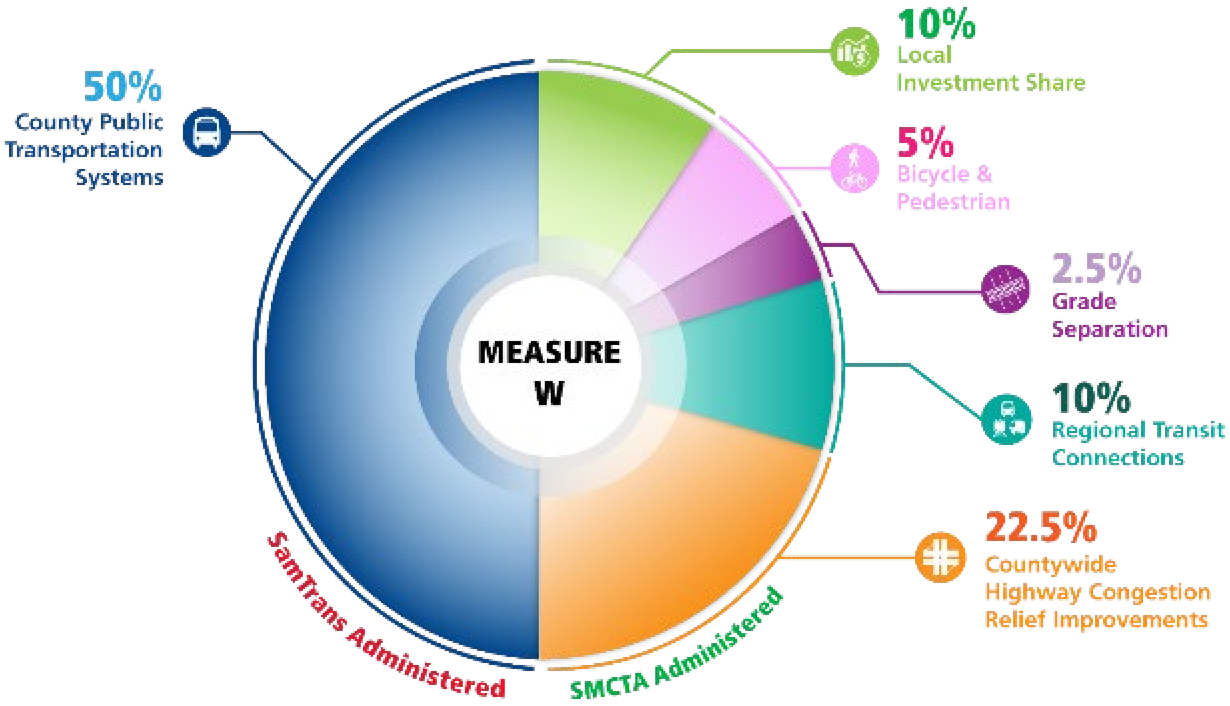


Connect Bay Area Measure – San Mateo County

- Approximately $50M annually for 14 years for public transit in San Mateo County; Total = $700M
- Funds may be used for:
  - Public transit operations and capital
  - Public transit components of larger capital projects
  - Targeted pavement repairs on local roads served by fixed-route transit

Transportation Funding in SMC





Measure A generates approximately **$120 million** annually. **Measure W** generates approximately **$60 million** annually for SamTrans local transit and **$60 million** annually for SMCTA to allocate for broader transportation improvements and operations throughout the county.

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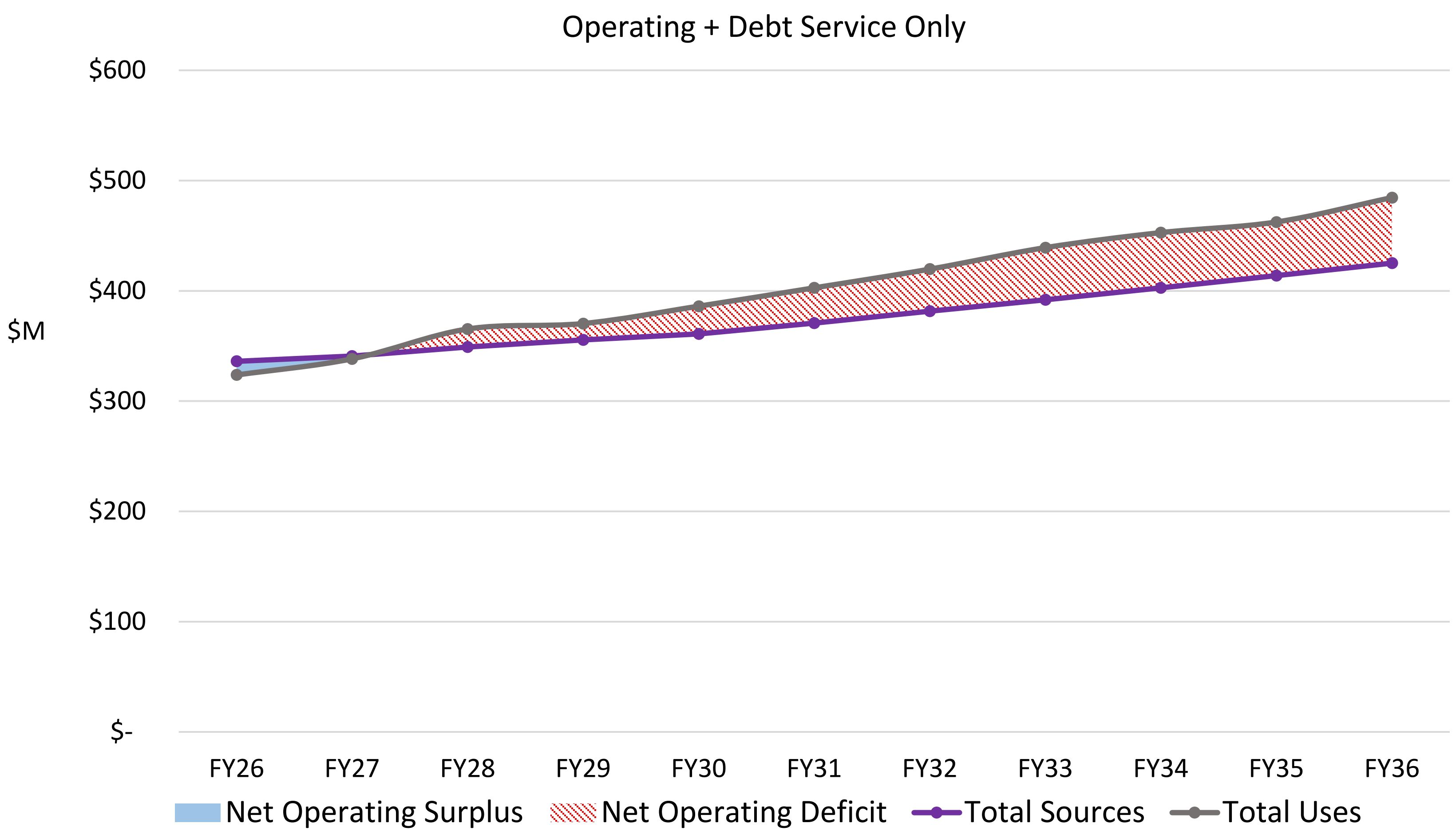
SamTrans Financial Outlook

FY26-FY36 Operating Outlook (assumes zero new tax revenue)

- **Operating deficit projected to begin in FY28**
- Average annual deficit over next 10 years of nearly $30M
- Increased labor, energy, and contracted services costs
- Cost saving measures
  - No new positions approved, reducing consultant use
  - Cuts across all discretionary spending



Local Investment Plan: Your Input Matters!

- SamTrans' Local Investment Plan will be informed by:
  - San Mateo County Transit District Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
  - SamTrans Board of Directors
  - Stakeholder and Agency Advisory Group meetings
  - City Council presentations
  - Public outreach
- Goal is to have a Board-adopted plan in June 2026

Local Investment Plan Categories

- Improve transit routes to reduce traffic on the most heavily traveled corridors
- Continue free and reduced fare programs for seniors, students, and people with disabilities
- Protect transit infrastructure against sea-level rise, flooding, and extreme weather
- Increase safety, cleanliness, and accessibility at bus stops
- Enhance bus service to be more efficient, faster, and more reliable
- Expand access to transit for communities that are currently underserved
- Make repairs and upgrades to aging paratransit vehicles to ensure reliable service
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality by transitioning to zero-emission buses
- Repair potholes and fix streets along bus routes
- Offer affordable ride-share and on-demand programs to more communities

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Local Investment Plan

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Stakeholder and Agency Advisory Group Meetings: February – April, May (if needed)					
Public Communications Effort: March – May					
City Council and other presentations: March – May					
Board Information Item: May 6					
Board Action Item: June 3					

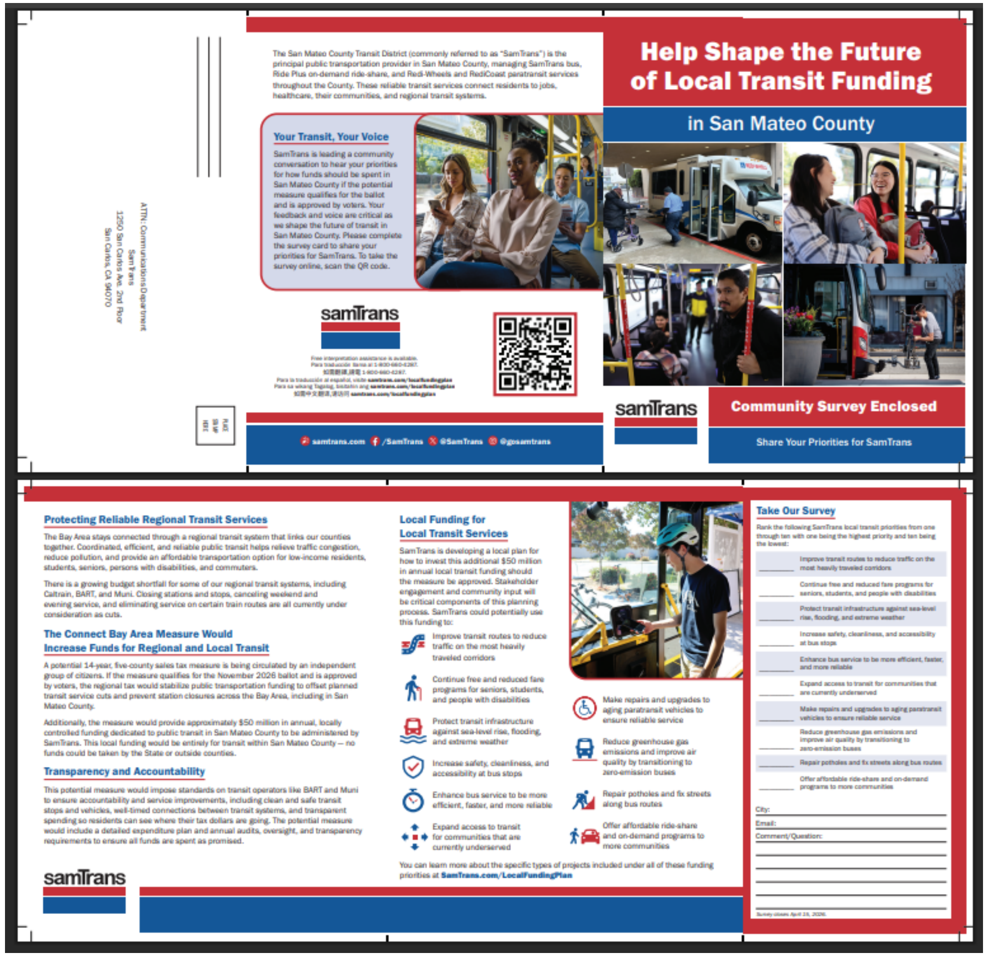
Approximately 10 weeks for public engagement

Take the Survey and Spread the Word!

Visit
https://www.samtrans.com/projects/LocalFundingPlan

- Multilingual **online survey** + printable mail-return version
- Multilingual **fact sheets**
- **Social media** toolkit
- Translations in Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog

- Additional support and language assistance available at 1-800-660-4287



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