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New SF Muni Report Underscores Urgent Need for New Public Transit Funding to Prevent Devastating Service Cuts

New report highlights dire contingency plan that will be necessary if the Connect Bay Area regional funding measure and a local SF funding measure for transit don't pass this fall

SF Bay Area — A new report released this morning detailing potential service cuts at SF Muni underscores the urgent need for sustainable funding solutions for public transit.

The report released by San Francisco Municipal Transportation (SFMTA) sets out a contingency plan for Muni if both Connect Bay Area and a local funding measure don't pass to shore up SFMTA's budget. Included in the report are potential cuts that could include:

- Cutting up to 20 Muni lines & reducing service on main lines
- Slashing service on historic Cable Car and F Lines
- Ending regular Muni service at 9:00 p.m.
- Laying off up to 2,100 workers

These potential reductions would impact riders across San Francisco, by creating longer wait times and reducing access to jobs, schools and more, while also hurting drivers by increasing congestion.

[Read the SFMTA full report here](#)

These proposed cuts reflect a broader regional emergency facing transit systems throughout the Bay Area, driven by declining revenues and the absence of long-term operating funding. This will make the region less affordable for working people and jeopardize the Bay Area's economic recovery.

"Today's Muni report makes clear that without action, entire bus lines will be cut, overall transit service will deteriorate, and traffic congestion will skyrocket," said Jeff Cretan spokesperson for the Connect Bay Area campaign. "San Francisco needs stable, long-term funding for transit so people have a safe, affordable, and efficient way to get wherever they need to go. Passing Connect Bay Area, along with a local funding measure, are essential to the future of San Francisco."

The Connect Bay Area campaign will bring a five county sales tax to the ballot in November 2026 through a citizen signature gathering effort. The rate will be set at ½-cent,

with the exception that San Francisco will be set at a 1 cent rate to provide additional support for MUNI. This measure will provide long-term operations funding for major Bay Area transit agencies and support regional projects to strengthen transit throughout the Bay Area.

Last week, the Connect Bay Area coalition of elected leaders, labor organizations, business groups, transit advocates, and community organizations launched a major signature gathering initiative to qualify the measure for the November 2026 ballot.

The campaign has already secured \$3.6 million in early financial commitments from businesses, labor organizations, and civic leaders, providing critical resources to support signature gathering and voter outreach. The campaign is now actively collecting signatures across the Bay Area, building a grassroots movement to qualify the measure for the ballot and engage voters in the stakes for transit.

The Connect Bay Area measure will support the future of public transportation in the Bay Area:

- **Protect and improve** service on BART, Muni, Caltrain, SamTrans, VTA, and AC Transit
- **Prevent catastrophic service cuts** that could devastate the Bay Area
- **Keep traffic and emissions down**, preventing gridlock and protecting climate progress;
- **Support the Bay Area's economy**, ensuring that downtown recovery and regional mobility remain strong.

The Connect Bay Area Transit Committee is comprised of labor, business, and transit advocates, including Bay Area Council, SEIU 1021, ATU 1555, SPUR, and SAMCEDA, alongside an advocacy council of more than 20 organizations representing transit, housing, environmental, equity, and senior and disability groups.

For more information about the Connect Bay Area campaign or to get involved, visit <https://connectbayarea.com/>