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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:56 AM
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Subject: BART Board adopts Alternative Service Plan outlining budget balancing details

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Dear SamTrans Board of Directors,

We appreciate your continued interest in BART's budget planning. Yesterday, the BART Board voted to adopt an Alternative Service Plan outlining a budget balancing strategy for Fiscal Year 2027 and 2028. Details can be found in the press release below.

If you would like to schedule a briefing in the coming weeks, please let me know.



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BART Board adopts Alternative Service Plan outlining budget balancing details

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the BART Board of Directors adopted an Alternative Service Plan outlining specific budget balancing details to solve a \$367M deficit for the next fiscal year if no new funds become available to BART. BART is facing a structural deficit of \$350M to \$400M because ridership is still down 50% compared to pre-pandemic levels and BART's current funding model relies heavily on passenger fares.

The plan includes specific cuts and financial strategies needed to balance both the FY27 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027) and FY28 (July 1, 2027-June 30, 2028)

budgets. The plan includes service cuts, station closures, fare increases, a 40% reduction in system support services, laying off 1,200 employees, and a series of deferrals and one-time resources. The plan does not name specific stations to be closed and makes clear the BART Board will be responsible for all decisions on station closures.

BART has already made budget cuts across all departments and instituted a series of cost controls, including rightsizing service, labor savings, operational efficiencies, and reducing BART's office space footprint. At the same time, BART has also worked to increase revenue by installing new fare gates, leasing out BART parking lots, and offering new fare products such as Clipper BayPass. View a detailed list of cost savings implement by BART at bart.gov/fiscalcliff.

Alternative Service Plan Details

To take place in January 2027:

- 3-line service (Yellow, Blue, and Orange line service only, with limited peak service in only the peak commute direction on the Red and Green lines).
- 30-minute frequencies on every line.
- Closing at 9pm seven days a week.
- This service plan represents a 63% reduction in train hours.
- 30% fare and parking fee increases (the estimated average fare would increase from \$4.98 to \$6.38).
- Target approximately \$30M in savings over 6 months from non-service budget reductions to fleet and non-fleet maintenance, police, cleaning, and administrative support functions.
- Continue deferrals of priority capital allocations and retiree medical contributions.
- Balance remainder of FY27 with one-time resources and financial deferrals.

Following the January 2027 cuts, staff will continuously assess ridership and revenue impacts and the performance of all District functions to determine if further reductions can be safely and legally implemented.

To take place in July 2027 if feasibly safe:

- Target over \$175M in annual cost reductions through a cumulative 70% reduction in service hours:
- Maintain 3-line service, 30-minute frequencies on each line, closing at 9pm.
- Close up to 15 stations and/or up to 25% of system track miles.
- The BART Board will be responsible for all decisions on station or line segment closures.
- Increase fares and parking fees up to a cumulative 50%. The estimated average fare would increase to \$7.26.

- Target annual operating expense savings of more than a cumulative \$130M from non-service budget reductions to fleet and non-fleet maintenance, police, cleaning, and administrative support functions.
- Continue to defer retiree health contributions; defer most remaining capital allocations.

Contingency:

- If at any point it is determined BART can't safely or legally operate with available resources, stop passenger service,
- Use existing District tax revenues to secure system assets.
- Work to determine system's future.

Use of the State Loan

BART can't use state loan money to avoid station closures and service cuts if no new revenue becomes available because without new revenue, there is no way to pay the loan back. The state loan primarily helps with cash flow if a November 2026 transit funding measure is successful. It is a bridge loan that gives BART reassurances money will be available to continue to deliver the best service possible until the sales tax dollars from the successful ballot measure become available for BART's use. This is projected to happen in July 2027 but could take longer. If a funding measure succeeds, BART will use \$97M in loan funds to help balance the FY27 budget.



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To The Board & Cac:

I am writing as I am strongly AGAINST rerouting busses from Oceana Blvd to Edgemar Avenue in Pacifica. The street is very narrow, requiring cars to pull over between parked cars so oncoming traffic can pass. This section of Edgemar is already heavily traveled as it is near a hiway off-ramp. It is also heavily used during school drop off and pick ups times for both Good Shepherd and Oceana schools, since Oceana Blvd can be backed up going north beyond Good Shepard school, and going south beyond Manor drive. The parked cars, on both sides of Edgemar Avenue have to park partially on both sidewalks, requiring walkers to step into the street to get past many of the houses, especially those with strollers and wheelchairs. This street already does not meet ADA Compliance as there is no way for a wheelchair to use the sidewalk. There is also a group home on this block which has medical transport vehicles stopping in the street for drop offs and pick ups during the [day. This](#) change would put many local residents at high risk of getting injured due to large buses on a very narrow street, that has many pedestrians having to walk into the street to pass. Please, do not make this route change. Thank you, Masa Rambo.

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Subject: RE: Proposed Route Changes
Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 12:23:35 PM

Good afternoon.

Thank you for taking the time to weigh in about the potential reroute for our Routes 10, 49, and 110. Your concerns were forwarded to our Operations Planning team for review. Please rest assured, they are well aware of the significance of this proposal, and they are making every effort to consider the best path forward for SamTrans and the communities we serve.

And to that end, thank you again for sending us your feedback. Our Operations Planning has also been taking in customer comments as part of their evaluation, and more information can only help their understanding of the situation and of the community's perspective. SamTrans staff are still evaluating the matter, but it is our sincere hope and intent to provide you and the rest of our community with the best service we can.

Your SamTrans BOD Public Support Team

From: Sally Levy Albert <iscalbert26@gmail.com>
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To Orlando Nell,

Thank you for reaching out with your feedback. We appreciate you taking the time to share your perspective on potential ways we can improve our Route 278 to better serve our community. We have provided your comments to our Operations Planning team for consideration.

On your second point, though, please rest assured that our Operations Planning have not forgotten your correspondence to them this past October regarding this concern. They still intend to look into potential ways to implement your suggestion in the future when more resources are available to SamTrans. However, at this time, all our staff and equipment are committed to providing our current level of service.

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Dear SamTrans Board of Directors,

I am writing to propose a strategic update to Route 278 to better serve the community, achieve branding parity with other county colleges, and fulfill a direct need for the Town of Woodside.

As SamTrans continues to refine the "College Connection" network, I urge the Board to implement the following two changes:

1. Rename Route 278 to "Route CAN". Following the successful branding of Route SKY (Skyline College) and Route CSM (College of San Mateo), the 278 should be renamed Route CAN. With its 30-minute weekday frequency and hourly weekend service, the 278 provides a high level of "shuttle-quality" service that deserves the same high-visibility, letter-based

branding. This creates a cohesive identity for all three San Mateo County community colleges.

2. Reroute via Cañada Road through Woodside. Currently, the 278 utilizes the I-280 bypass, effectively skipping the Town of Woodside. I propose rerouting the bus to travel via Cañada Road.

Community Demand: There is a clear desire for this service within Woodside. The Town Manager has expressed support for bringing this bus into the town rather than having it bypass the community on the freeway.

Increased Ridership: By moving the route off the highway and onto local roads, SamTrans gains access to a new ridership base in Woodside that is currently bypassed, while still maintaining the primary connection to Cañada College.

Safety & Accessibility: Providing a transit link through Woodside creates more equitable access for workers and residents who currently have no way to reach the Redwood City Transit Center or the college via public transit.

Renaming the route to CAN and bringing it through the heart of Woodside is a "win-win" for the college district and the local municipality. I ask that the Board direct staff to study this rerouting and name change for the next service adjustment cycle.

Thank you for your dedication to our county's transit needs.

Sincerely,
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