

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)

- California's largest public bus-only system
- 3rd largest bus only transit agency in U.S.
- 364 sq. miles, 1.5 million people
- Our riders...
 - 65% low income
 - \circ 75% people of color
 - $\,\circ\,$ 43% riders do not have access to a car
 - $\,\circ\,$ 30,000 students every school day

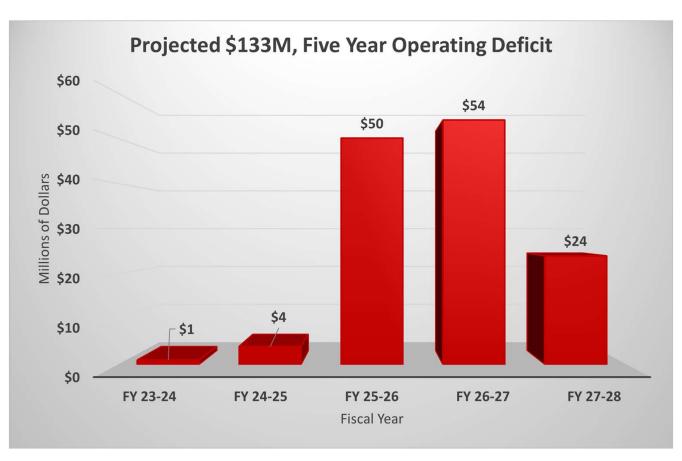


Ridership: Pre-Pandemic vs. Pandemic Trends





Expected Financial Landscape



Financial Challenges:

- Inflation, increased operating costs
- Uncertain economy and hardto-predict sales tax revenues
- Only 50% of prior farebox revenue levels, growing slowly
- Increasing healthcare costs (+13% Kaiser, +8% HealthNet)
- Increased pension funding requirements and retiree healthcare costs

Safety, clean iness, and reliability

- Onboard masks and hand sanitizer for public use
- Buses cleaned and disinfected nightly
- All buses equipped with driver protection barriers by end of year
- Continued focus on on-time performance

AC Transit "Realign"

Improve service based on community feedback

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Learn Rider Needs + Project Groundwork	Ensure Guiding Principles Reflect Rider Needs	Develop 3 Draft Plan Options and Get Feedback	Feedback on Preferred Option + Board Plan Adoption	Develop Service Standards and Inform Riders about Service Changes
Mar-Jun 2023	Jul-Aug 2023	Sep-Dec 2023	Jan-Apr 2024	Apr-Sep 2024
On-going emphasis on equity and transparency in all project phases and communications				





Public Engagement: Phase 3

November 1 – December 13, 2023



Shape the future of AC Transit's bus network

Review and comment on bus service proposals online, in person, or at a local library.

Visit: actransit.org/realign



Recruiting and retaining bus operators is the greatest barrier to delivering our service.

- One bus operator training class per month
- Averaging 50-60 new bus operators per quarter \$2,000 hiring bonus and \$500 referral bonus
- Hosting in-person recruiting events (conditional on-site offers)



• Award-winning recruitment campaigns (TV, radio, billboards, social media, and more)

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