

Agenda Item 7.

Paratransit



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- Older adults are the fastest growing age group in San Francisco: **nearly 30% of San Francisco residents will be age 60 or older by 2030¹**
- Average annual trips provided (in the last 5 years pre-COVID): **762,000**
- On average, the current sales tax has funded about **40% of the SFMTA paratransit operating budget**



¹San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services, 2018



SFMTA

San Francisco Transportation Sales Tax Reauthorization

Access & Equity: Paratransit Program

Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee
September 23, 2021

Transportation 2050



Sales Tax is an integral part of the transportation funding ecosystem to realize San Francisco's Transportation Vision.



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Fast and
Convenient Transit



More Repairs and
Maintenance



Improving Safety
and Access

San Francisco Paratransit Program



- **SF Access**
 - Traditional ADA service – prescheduled, door-to door shared van
- **Group Van Service**
 - Group transportation to/ from single location
- **Taxis**
 - Same day, general public taxis, includes 40 wheelchair accessible taxis
 - All SF taxis required to participate



Pandemic Innovation:

Essential Trip Card Program – a subsidized Taxi Trip for seniors/disabled to complete essential trips. Over 3,600 registered riders have completed over 52,000 trips.

San Francisco Paratransit Service

Financial Need:

- Maintaining Paratransit Service and Paratransit Vehicles and Facilities.
- Over \$1.3 billion needed to operate service through 2050.

Available Funding:

- 40% of funding has come from transportation sales tax on average over the *current* expenditure plan.
- Other major fund sources are federal formula fund set asides, contributions from other operators for providing service, and the SFMTA Operating Budget.



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Questions?

Breakout Discussions



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Preliminary Draft New Expenditure Plan



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How can the EPAC help shape the Expenditure Plan?



Eligibility of different types of projects



Relative funding levels for different programs



Policies (e.g. administration, prioritization)

Discussion Questions



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1. Do you understand **the need** for the programs, and why they need sales tax funds?
2. Do you have questions about or feedback on the **program descriptions**?
3. **How important** are each of these programs to you?

Report Out



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Adjournment



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