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SANTA CRUZ METRO

COVID Fiscal Crisis
Timeline: Critical Conversations
Preliminary estimated timeline as of: April 30, 2020

Use of CARES Act Funds to maintain current METRO employment level

1. March: Initial partial restart - impact to COVID impact on sales tax revenues
2. Emergency service reductions still in place - modified weekend schedule
3. All Summer Schedule based on 0% and plus strategic additions - No A/B train

Period of Uncertainty

1. May 23: Full service restoration with COVID impact on sales tax revenues
2. Emergency service reductions still in place
3. Begin building the full bid based on summer bid plus strategic additions - restoration of pre-COVID service levels
4. Preliminary analysis - estimated burn rate of CARES Act funds & preliminary impact on service levels
5. Status of shelter in place & social distancing

Period of Uncertainty

1. June: Total analysis - first full quarter COVID impact on sales tax revenues
2. Analysis CARES Act funds burn rate
3. Build Winter bid based on revenue trend analysis, including analysis of CARES Act burn rate
4. Consider proper timing for public hearing process for possible significant permanent service reduction
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**Total Revenue:** 6,000,000.00

**Net Income:** 2,000,000.00
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**Notes:**

- $10,837.9 is the initial balance.
- The balance remains constant throughout the period.

**The Transit Restart CPAA Mini-Virtual Tour**

*June 9 - 10, 2020*

*Concordia University Ann Arbor*
River Bend Transit
MDOT’S APPROACH TO MANAGING CHANGING RESOURCES

Assumptions

- Focus should be beyond the immediate preservation of services, jobs and safety…
  - developing and restoring public transit is vital
  - remaining relevant and effective is also essential
- The “new normal” is an evolving process
- Short term and long term planning is essential
- CARES Act funding is viewed as investment opportunity
- Funds provide an opportunity to plan for and manage/influence change
MDOT’S APPROACH TO MANAGING CHANGING RESOURCES

Duality:

Pro’s….
- Unparalleled flexibility
- Lifeline for projects
- Sustains maintenance of effort
- Removes immediate financial pressure
- Better equips projects to respond to changes
- Allows new service
- Allows time for planning

Con’s….
- Misperceptions:
  - Local support no longer needed
  - Free money!
  - Money available until we spend it
- Unintended consequences:
  - Obscures realities of recessionary environment
  - Loss of local match
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Concerns/ Issues

- The pending “fiscal cliff”
- Accountability—not as concerned about eligibility but must ensure allowability
- Potential claw backs
  - Any funds that have been awarded, but are required to be returned
  - Placing available local match in “rainy day” fund for out years
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