

SaveMUNI

RESTORE FULL MUNI SERVICE

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SaveMUNI supports the restoration of full Muni service in 2022. No neighborhood should be left behind. No Muni line should be abandoned. No San Franciscan should be denied access to transit service.

Yet we realize that the SFMTA faces a financial crisis. Ridership has declined . Revenue is down from fares and from parking fees and fines. Jeff Tumlin, SFMTA Director, says that the agency can only afford to run 85% of the service that it was offering in February 2020 on a sustainable basis.

SaveMUNI believes that we can have fully restored service and fully sustainable Muni service. We can bring back **all the pre-pandemic lines**, and we can do it in a way that assures continued levels of service even after emergency money from the federal government goes away.

Before the pandemic, Muni ran all the regular lines in its network on weekends. The peak-only express buses which took riders from the outer neighborhoods to downtown were eliminated on Saturdays and Sundays because there was no need for extra service on those days. Now we see that the downtown on weekdays resembles pre-pandemic weekends. So the obvious conclusion is to eliminate peak-only express buses, at least until downtown demand increases substantially.

Pre-pandemic weekend Muni service, according to our calculations, equaled about 70 % of weekday service levels. Currently SFMTA management can sustain an 85% level of service. So **all routes** could run in 2022 at **weekend** service levels with an additional 15% of available service hours to bump up frequency on busy routes.

As mid-day and evening ridership increases, MTA could add service by achieving greater efficiencies, an important goal given funding constraints, and pursuing additional funding. By restoring the **full route structure**, any needed adjustments could occur using real time data instead of transit models or expert opinion which often turn out to be inaccurate.

SaveMUNI believes that **all Muni routes** and service coverage in effect on pre-covid weekends supplemented with selected increases in frequency and additional routes is achievable within the 85% budgetary goal for 2022. By adopting an augmented weekend service approach San Francisco would once again be affirming its Transit First policy.

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For the past dozen years SaveMUNI has been advocating for better and more responsive public transit in San Francisco and the Bay Area.