Facing a Fiscal Cliff:

This fact sheet has a header “BART’s Role in the Region” and shows a photo of a person paying their fare at a fare gate.

The title of the fact sheet is Facing a Fiscal Cliff: BART needs a new funding model.

People are returning to BART, but not fast enough and not like before.

Since the pandemic, remote work has eroded BART revenue.

- 2019: $560M BART fare and fee revenue with 6% of people working remotely
- 2021: $90M BART fare and fee revenue with 33% of people working remotely

Without new funding, BART will run out of Money by 2025. A chart shows BART fares and fees, financial assistance, emergency assistance and deficit when emergency assistance expires from 2019 and forecast through 2028. The chart shows emergency assistance running out in 2025 and deficits from 2026-2028 at or above $300 million.

We need new, sustainable, long-term funding, coupled with efficiency measures and efforts to win back riders. New funding could come from the state, region, or both.

BART’s Pre-Pandemic Funding Model:

- Relied very little on financial assistance. The chart shows BART at 41% of operating costs from financial assistance, followed by WMATA (Washington DC) at 62%; National Average (all rail agencies) at 68%; Metro (Los Angeles) at 84%; and VTA (Santa Clara County) at 85%.
- Was among the nation’s most efficient rail systems. The chart shows BART at $0.37 operating cost per passenger mile (2019), followed by Metro (Los Angeles) at $0.81, WMATA (Washington DC) at $0.85%; National Average (all rail agencies) at $1.07; and VTA (Santa Clara County at $2.59.

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Part of Our Way of Life:

This fact sheet has a header “BART’s Role in the Region” and shows a photo of a child playing violin.

The title of the fact sheet is: Part of our Way of Life: BART connects the Bay Area to culture.

Riding BART to your favorite places reduces the need for parking.

Every day, BART is an easy way to get to activities. Icons illustrate the following destinations:

- 900 parks
- 300 places of worship
- 100 museums & galleries
- 100 historic sites
- 50 live venues
- 30 colleges and universities
- 10 farmers markets
- 10 amusement parks
- 19 sports venues

And BART is essential for special events:

- June 20 2022: 80,000 additional BART riders for Warriors Championship Parade – that’s the population of Redwood City
- June 25 2023: 75,000 additional BART riders for San Francisco Pride Parade – that’s over a full Levi’s Stadium.

The benefits add up when we all ride BART:

- BART’s ridership bump for a Warriors game is 5,600 people on BART (person icon)
- If those fans drove instead, they would need an extra 1,000 parking spaces (car icon)
- With that same valuable land, we could build 620 new homes (house icon)

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