Richmond Ferry Service Update

WCCTAC Board – April 26, 2024



San Francisco Bay Ferry

Richmond Existing Service

FY24 ridership year to date

• Total Ridership: 205,513

• Average weekday: 866

• Average weekend: 458

- Weekday service:
 - 14 Westbound & 12 Eastbound departures
 - Service surges in peak commute hours
- Weekend service:
 - 5 Westbound & 5 Eastbound departures
- 3 of 4 Richmond crews perform interlining service on O/A and Seaplane routes

Richmond Funding Through FY28

Operating Expenditures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Richmond	\$ 10,217,053	\$ 10,524,087	\$ 10,839,809	\$ 11,165,004	\$ 11,499,954

Operating Revenues	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Fare Revenue	\$ 1,040,378	\$ 1,123,654	\$ 1,215,232	\$ 1,289,239	\$ 1,367,754
Measure J	\$ 3,761,720	\$ 3,807,450	\$ 3,845,380	\$ 3,874,238	\$ 3,892,601
Federal COVID					
Relief Funds	\$ 3,344,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RM3/Other					
WETA Revenue	\$ 2,069,999	\$ 5,592,983	\$ 5,779,198	\$ 6,001,526	\$ 6,239,599
Total Revenues	\$ 10,217,053	\$ 10,524,087	\$ 10,839,809	\$ 11,165,004	\$ 11,499,954

Richmond Service Cut Scenarios

1) Cut weekend service

- Estimated 15% savings in operating cost (\$1.5 million annually)
- Estimated 20% reduction in fare revenue
- Weekday service remains unchanged

2) Cut some weekday service

- 30% fewer departures on weekdays
- Estimated 20% savings in operating cost (\$2 million annually)
- Large gaps in service during the midday hours with no surge in service for peak hour trips

Marketing Collaboration w/ CCTA

- SF Bay Ferry staff is currently working with CCTA to identify potential promotions to boost ridership on the Richmond route
- CCTA is identifying funding streams and budget
- SF Bay Ferry is identifying estimated costs
- Potential campaigns:
 - Rewards system for frequent riders
 - Free Ferry Fridays
 - Extending SF Bay Ferry's regional marketing campaign longer in west Contra Costa County





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