

Title VI / EJ & LEP Advisory Committee Meeting

December 12, 2024





Call to Order

Chair, Javieree Pruitt Hill, Manager TVI & EJ





Agenda



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1. Call to Order

Javieree PruittHill, Manager, Title VI & Environmental Justice

a) Roll Call

2. Fare Integration Team (For Information)

a) Update on Proposed Less-than-CPI Fare Increase for 2026

Lisa Raffetto, Principal Financial Analyst, Financial Planning

b) Title VI Analysis and Report Process

Jay Jackson, Sr. Title VI & Environmental Justice Analyst

3. Public Comment

4. Next Committee Meeting Date and Next Office Hours

5. Adjournment



Roll Call





Update on Proposed Less-than-CPI Fare Increase for 2026



Title VI/Environmental Justice/Limited English Proficiency
Advisory Committee

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2. Title VI Analysis and Report Process
3. Discussion and Questions

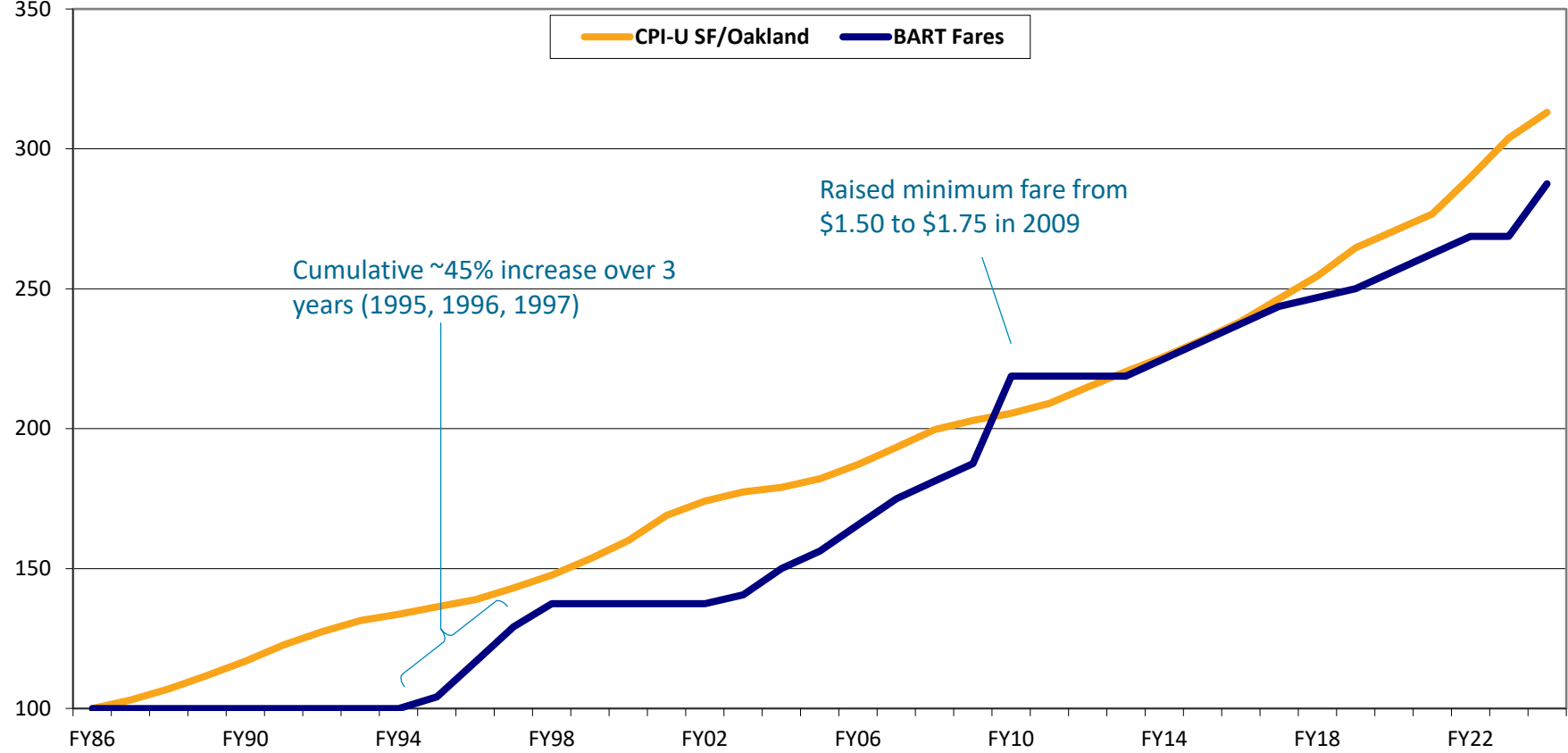
What is the Productivity-Adjusted Inflation-Based Fare Increase Program?

- CPI-based fare increase policy adjusts fares **every other year by inflation less 0.5%**
 - Inflation is defined as the average of CPI-U (national) and CPI-W (local)
 - Last approved increase: January 2024 & January 2025 (5.5% each)
 - Board approved two smaller increases due to anomalously high 11.4% inflation
 - Next increase pending approval scheduled for **January 2026**; final increase in Series 3
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- For nearly 20 years, CPI-based fare policy has allowed fares to keep up with the cost of providing reliable and safe service
 - Allows for stable fare adjustments as required by the District's 2003 Financial Stability Policy
 - Keeping fares in line with inflation is critical for restoring District financial sustainability

BART Minimum Fares vs. Inflation

Change in Inflation vs Change in BART Fares: FY86-FY24
Indexed to FY86

BART Minimum Fare Growth Index (FY86 = 100)



Cumulative ~45% increase over 3 years (1995, 1996, 1997)

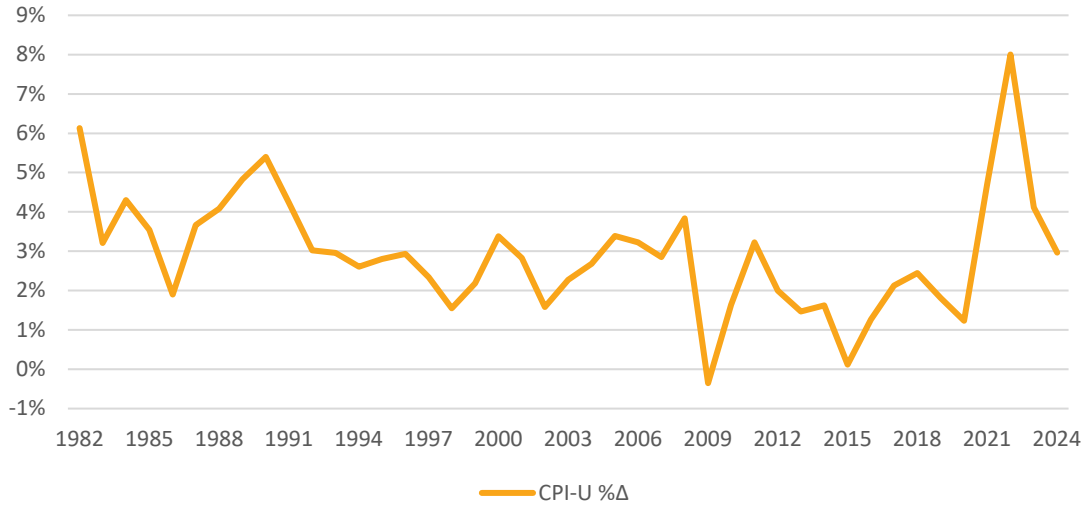
Raised minimum fare from \$1.50 to \$1.75 in 2009

Fiscal Year



Inflation, 2022 to 2024

CPI Annual Average Growth



	CPI-W	CPI-U
	Local	National
	Annual Increase	
2023 / 2022	3.3%	4.1%
2024 (est.) / 2023	3.4%	3.0%
Cumulative	6.9%	7.2%
Average		7.0%
Less Productivity Factor		0.5%
Estimated Fare Increase Eff. 1/1/26		6.5%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; estimates for 2024 annual values

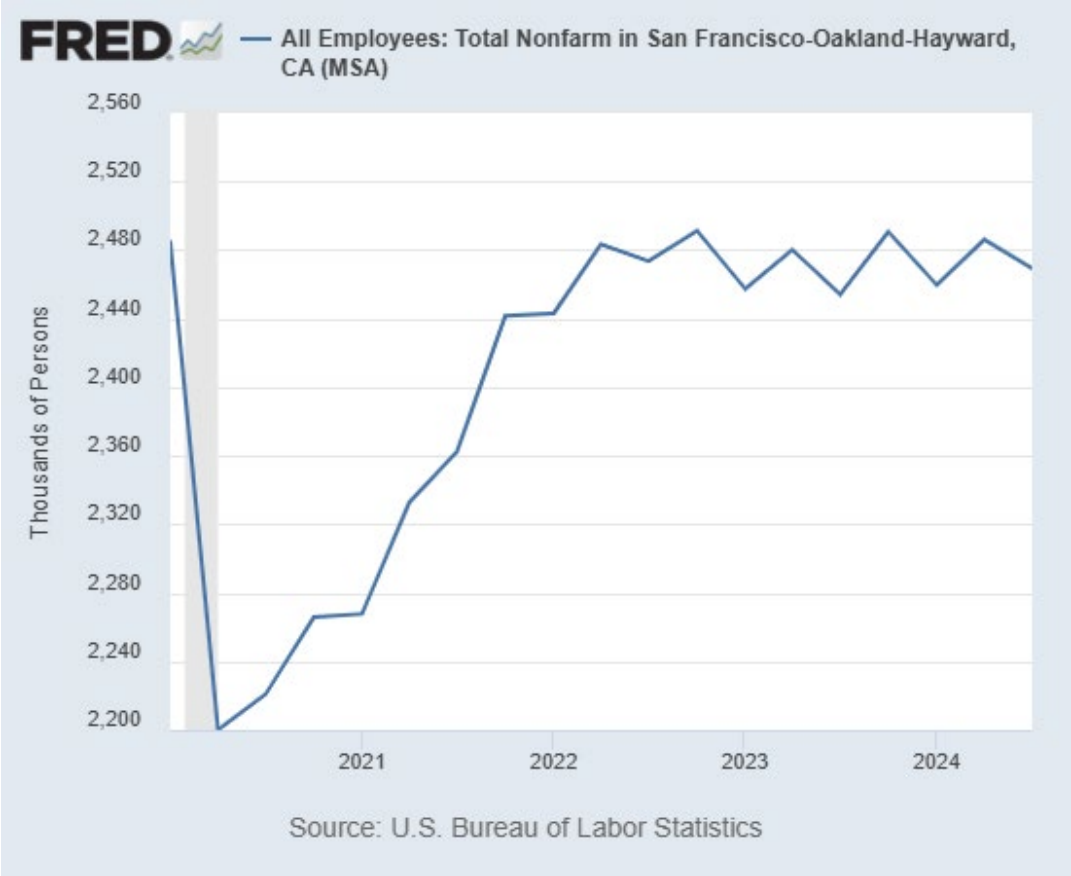
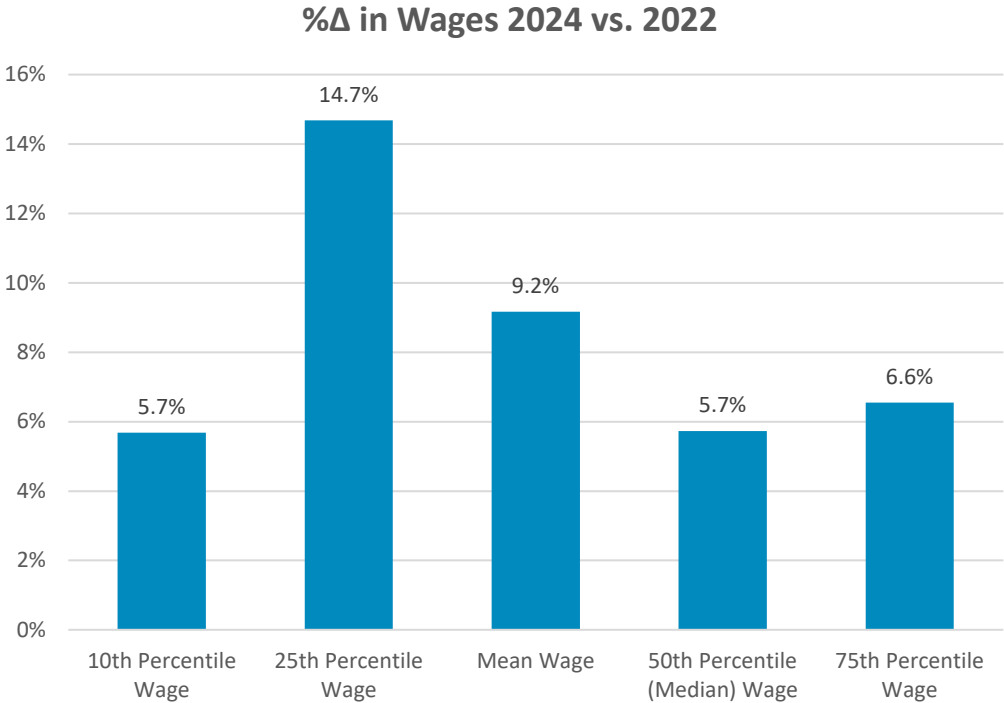
- During the period assessed for this increase (Jan 2022 to Dec 2024),
 - Cumulative average inflation through October was 6.76%
 - Estimated annual average is 7.04%
 - Final input values will be published by BLS in January 2025
- The resulting fare increase for January 2026 is estimated to be 6.5%
 - Higher scenario – 7%
 - Lower scenario – 6%

Preliminary Example Fare Increases

<i>Low estimate scenario: 6% increase effective January 2026</i>							
Low	From	To	Trip Length (Miles)	January 2025	January 2026	Δ from Prior	Est. Monthly
	Balboa Park	Powell	5	\$2.40	\$2.55	0.15	\$64
	El Cerrito del Norte	19 th St / Oakland	10	\$3.15	\$3.35	0.20	\$84
	Downtown Berkeley	Embarcadero	12	\$5.00	\$5.30	0.30	\$133
	Antioch	Montgomery	45	\$9.10	\$9.65	0.55	\$243
<i>Medium estimate scenario: 6.5% increase effective January 2026</i>							
Medium	From	To	Trip Length (Miles)	January 2025	January 2026	Δ from Prior	Est. Monthly
	Balboa Park	Powell	5	\$2.40	\$2.55	0.15	\$64
	El Cerrito del Norte	19 th St / Oakland	10	\$3.15	\$3.35	0.20	\$84
	Downtown Berkeley	Embarcadero	12	\$5.00	\$5.30	0.30	\$133
	Antioch	Montgomery	45	\$9.10	\$9.70	0.60	\$244
<i>High estimate scenario: 7% increase effective January 2026</i>							
High	From	To	Trip Length (Miles)	January 2025	January 2026	Δ from Prior	Est. Monthly
	Balboa Park	Powell	5	\$2.40	\$2.60	0.20	\$65
	El Cerrito del Norte	19 th St / Oakland	10	\$3.15	\$3.40	0.25	\$86
	Downtown Berkeley	Embarcadero	12	\$5.00	\$5.35	0.35	\$135
	Antioch	Montgomery	45	\$9.10	\$9.75	0.65	\$245

Wages and Employment, 2022 to 2024

- Non-farm wages in the BART service area increased 9% on average
- Total employment remains close to pre-pandemic levels
- Local legal minimum wages increased by an average of 8%



Source: CA EDD Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics for Oakland and San Francisco Metro Division

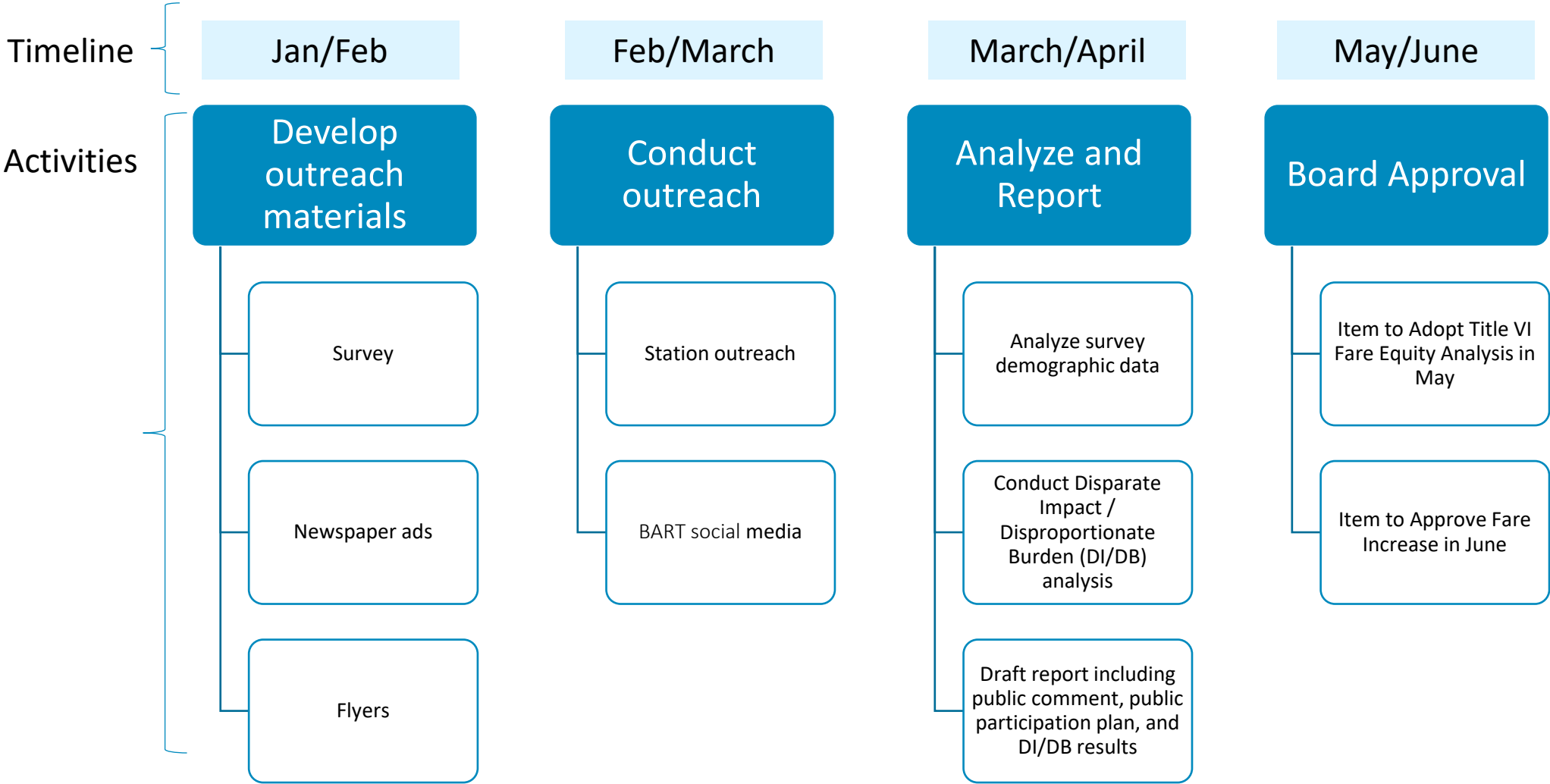
Net fiscal impact of fare increase

- Actual fare increase value unknown until January 2025
- Estimate scenarios below show a likely range of fiscal impacts
- Expected to increase annual fare revenue by \$8-9M in FY26 and \$16M-\$19M in FY27 and after

\$ In Millions

Potential Increase	<i>\$ In Millions</i>		
	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>FY28</u>
6.0%	7.5	15.6	16.1
6.5%	8.2	16.9	17.5
7.0%	8.8	18.2	18.8

Title VI Analysis and Report Process



What next?

- Staff and Title VI/LEP/EJ committee members to conduct public outreach in stations
- Complete Title VI analysis for disproportionate burden/disparate impact
- Submit to Board for consideration and approval with FY26-FY27 budget in June

Discussion and questions



Public Comment



Next Committee Meeting



Adjournment



Thank you

