



# SM County Shuttle Program

## Joint CFP FY 25/26 & 26/27

May 19, 2025 CMEQ Mtg.



# Program Overview

- Program purpose: provide matching funding for the operation of local shuttle services
- Eligible costs include operations, marketing, and administration of shuttles
- Joint TA & C/CAG Call for Projects
  - TA Measure A Local Shuttle Program - \$16 million
  - C/CAG Congestion Relief Program - \$1 million

# Eligibility: Shuttle Types

- **Commuter shuttles:** Provide first/last mile peak commute link to/from regional transit primarily to access employment centers
- **Community shuttles:** Provide all, mid-day and/or weekend service generally within a community for basic needs (e.g. shopping, dining, medical), often serving the transit-dependent
  - *Door to door shuttles:* special type of community shuttle providing direct point to point service by advance reservation not on a regular scheduled route



# CFP Evaluation Process

- CFP Issued – January 13, 2025
- Applications due – February 28, 2025
- Application Review – March 2025
- Evaluation Committee – March 26, 2025
- Draft Recommendations presented to TA & C/CAG Board & Committees – April/May 2025

# Applications Received

- 23 applications from 5 sponsors
  - 19 commuter shuttles
  - 4 community shuttles
- Slight reduction in applications from FY24-25 CFP
  - Increased shuttle operations costs
  - Consolidation or elimination of some shuttles

# Application Review

- SamTrans Concurrency Review
  - Required only for new shuttles or where SamTrans service has been modified
- Recommendations
  - Skyline Community Shuttle: Fund shuttle for current two-year program. SamTrans staff will work with Skyline College to phase out shuttle and transition riders to SamTrans SKY service.

# Evaluation Criteria



## Equity (25 Points)

- Serves residents in a SamTrans Equity Zone
- Serves lower income riders
- Evaluation Committee assessment of equity need



## First/Last Mile Need (25 Points)

- Overlaps with existing bus or shuttle services
- Leverages matching funds
- Evaluation Committee assessment of first/last mile need



## Maximize Ridership (50 Points)

- Daily ridership
- Productivity
- Cost Efficiency
- VMT Reduction
- Evaluation Committee assessment of ridership growth potential



## Bonus (Up to 10 Points)

- Off-peak service
- Sidewalk connectivity
- Clean fuel vehicles
- Private sector match



# Recommendation

- Evaluation Committee supports funding all 23 requested shuttles
- Fewest shuttle routes proposed since Cycle 1 (FY2011-2012)
- Highest allocation in program history - \$14.4M
- Shuttle program partners struggled to meet required matching funds for proposed routes

Action	Timeline
<b>Draft Program Recommendations</b>	
TA CAC	April 29, 2025
TA Board	May 1, 2025
C/CAG TAC	May 15, 2025
C/CAG CMEQ	May 19, 2025
<b>Final Program Adoptions</b>	
TA CAC	June 3, 2025
TA Board	June 5, 2025
C/CAG Board	June 12, 2025



# Next StepsProgram Outlook

Shuttle costs significantly higher

- FY 2024/2025: \$8.7M to fund 25 shuttles
- FY 2026/2027: \$14.4M to fund 23 shuttles

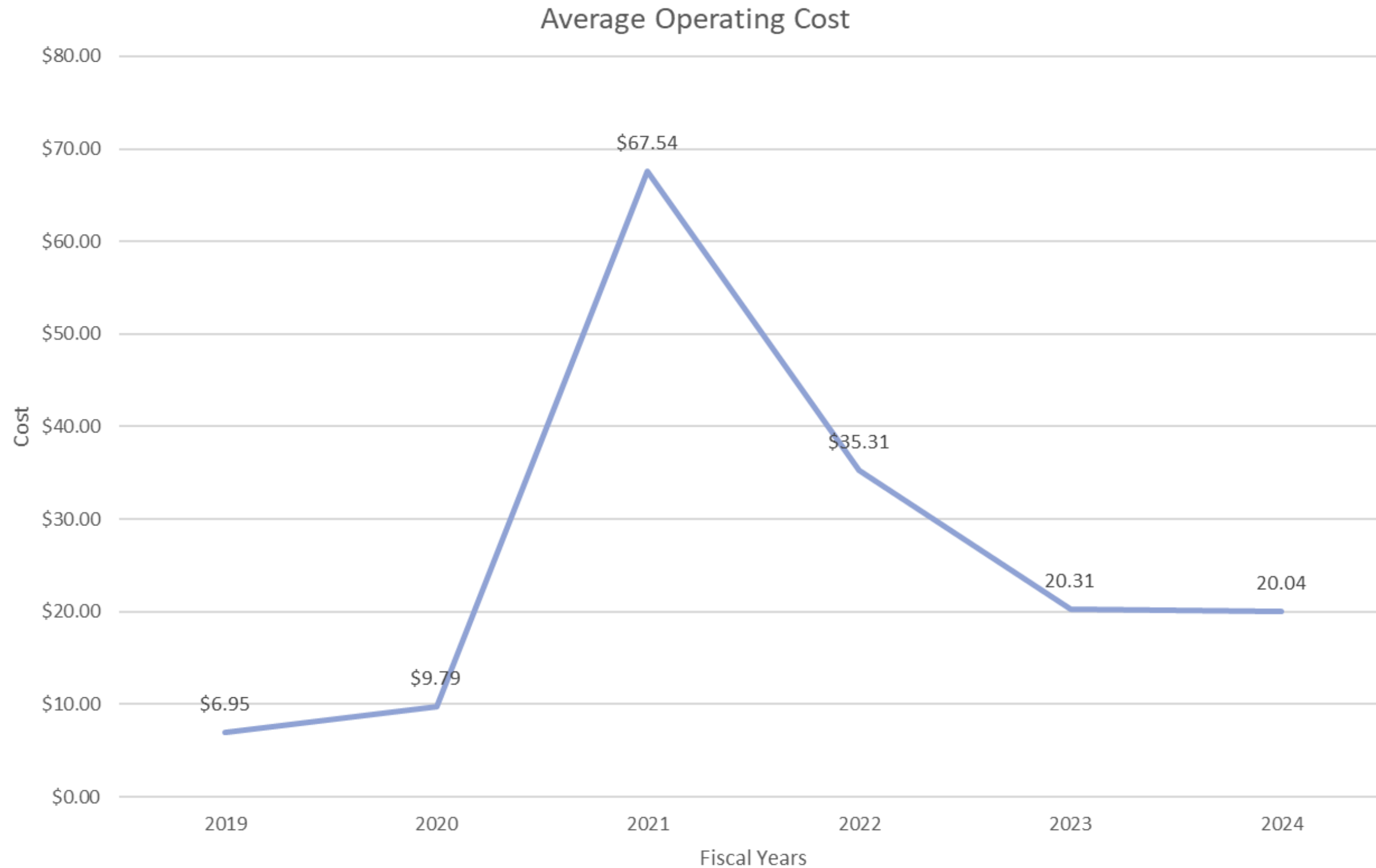
Measure A funds are fixed (4% of revenue)

- Current CFP utilized rollover funds
- Not a sustainable solution for funding

Terms of shuttle funding commitments and operations contracts are misaligned

- Current funding commitment is 2 years
- The most recent SamTrans master shuttle contract had a 10 year term

# Program Outlook – Cost Trends





# Next Steps – Shuttle Study

- Shuttle Study will evaluate:
  - Current routes and operations to identify shuttles meeting community needs
  - Longer term financial commitment from shuttle partners to match operations term
  - Envision a financially feasible program based on expected available funding





# Questions?

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