

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting

February 2, 2021

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Materials from Maureen Trippe, Slow Down Napa, received on January 19, 2021.
- 2) Email from Geoff received on January 27, 2021. *
- 3) Email from Anonymous Sender received on January 28, 2021.
- 4) Email from Catherine Hoffman received on January 31, 2021.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Second Amended Annual Action Plan for CARES Funding.

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.

5.C. 2021 Long-Term Financial Forecast.

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.

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DURING THE MEETING.***

From: [Maureen Trippe](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Add SPEEDING ISSUES to Feb 5th City Council Agenda, please
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:04:03 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Mayor Sedgley ref Slow Down Napa.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

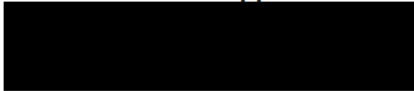
Please see the attached letter with a request on behalf of the community group [Slow Down Napa](#). We are asking the City Council to address the issue of speeding in Napa at their next meeting on February 5th. There are two actions requested:

1. Set a 2021 goal that makes reducing speeding in the city a 2021 Council priority
2. Address the need to reinstate the Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Thank you for your consideration. Attached is our letter of detail and comments from concerned neighbors.

Sincerely,
Maureen Trippe

Maureen C. Trippe



To: Scott Sedgley, Mayor
Liz Alessio, Vice Mayor
Beth Painter, Councilmember
Mary Luros, Councilmember
Bernie Narvaez, Councilmember

From: Maureen Trippe, Slow Down Napa Co-Founder

Co-Signed: Bob Archibald
Joyce Stavert

Date: November 19, 2021

RE: **Request to add SPEEDING ISSUES to City Council 2021 goals**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

This is a letter of request to include SPEEDING on the agenda for the February 5th City Council Meeting. SPEEDING is a thing in Napa. It's a dangerous thing. Unfortunately, it's not on the Council's radar as a 2021 objective. Apparently, it's not a priority for the Police Department since they disbanded its Traffic Unit early in 2020. It is not up to one person or one department to bring solutions. Finding solutions for SPEEDING should be a 2021 objective for the Napa City Council. I hope you will consider this request to bring the issue to the table when you meet on February 5th.

My name may be familiar to a few members of this Council because I reached out to candidates last fall to ask what they'd do about SPEEDING. I've also been reaching out to the City Manager and his team to ask for help. Steve Potter and Ed Moore have been very responsive, and I'd like to give a special shout out to Julie Lucido for her encouragement and advice, and for her introduction to Kristopher Jenny, Police Sergeant. I appreciate the lack of resources available to these tireless people. Their jobs are harder than ever. They've responded personally and kindly and this gives me great hope that we can find solutions by working together.

I've reviewed the 2005 Traffic Calming and the 2017 Street Smarts summary. I've researched the successful Slow Streets program in Berkeley and numerous traffic calming programs around the world. There are a few that leverage technology, creativity and community engagement for stunning results. With the Council's help, perhaps we can find ways to look beyond old solutions and begin to test new ideas.

Here's the thing: residents are fed up with aggressive driving, excessive speeding, running stop signs and racing engines. There have been hundreds of comments on NextDoor and on the Slow Down Napa website (*see attachments with background information on this community concern group and verbatim comments from residents*). There are safety concerns expressed by parents

with young children and pets. In just the past month, 3 dogs have been killed by speeding cars – all hit and run accidents in different neighborhoods (*Coombs St, Freeway Drive and Shurtleff*). The Coombs Street accident happened in front of my house. The dog (it was a puppy) was crushed on impact. The neighborhood boys that came to collect the puppy were devastated.

There's more. There are quality of life issues and frustration about simple things like not being able to hold socially distanced conversations in front yards because cars and trucks are so loud. It's sometimes too loud to sit at a sidewalk table on First Street. Tourism has exploded. Residential downtown, especially Old Town should be a delightful stroll for visitors – an asset to the Napa experience to look at century old homes. In Yountville, residents stroll around and drivers seem to mind the tastefully positioned speed radar signs. If I'm driving the speed limit on the Third Street Bridge, the drivers revving their engines behind me make me feel like the slow old lady. In Yountville, people seem to respect the slow old ladies ☺

We've seen residents take things into their own hands to slow speeding by installing their own speed bumps. Residents have tried to work with the City process, but the 2005 Traffic Calming guidelines are outdated and vehicle centric. In 2005, we didn't have GPS routing commercial vehicles and tourists through neighborhoods to find shortcuts and avoid traffic lights. We didn't have texting while driving. We didn't have Uber, Amazon, and other delivery services adding traffic to our residential streets.

There is no significant enforcement for speeding in Napa. Consider this: in 2019 there were 852 citations for speeding. In 2020, there were 83 citations for speeding* In 2019 there were 1,354 total moving traffic citations issued. For the same period in 2020, there were 145 moving citations. We get it. Limited resources. We understand. But if I may quote a fellow neighbor who eloquently described his diligent efforts in a recent Napa Register letter to the Editor, Bob Archibald said, "the worst thing Napa can do is nothing." I couldn't agree more. Speeding is an issue that won't solve itself. Left unattended, the race cars will race. The delivery vehicles will speed and text while zipping to their next locations. Animals will die. The quality of life in Napa will continue to decline. We'll be yelling over one another to be heard while we're having a snack at a sidewalk set up on First Street.

We are making this request on behalf of a community group that would like to work with the City of Napa to find solutions that restore our quality of life. See below for background on **Slow Down Napa** (www.slowdownnapa.com). Please let us know how we can best work together. We totally understand that resources are strained, but let's not lose sight of the Napa we love for its' charm, our way of life, the hospitality we provide, and our ability to work together to contribute to creative solutions.

We request two actions: Set a 2021 goal that makes reducing speeding in the city a 2021 Council priority; and request the reinstatement of the Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit.

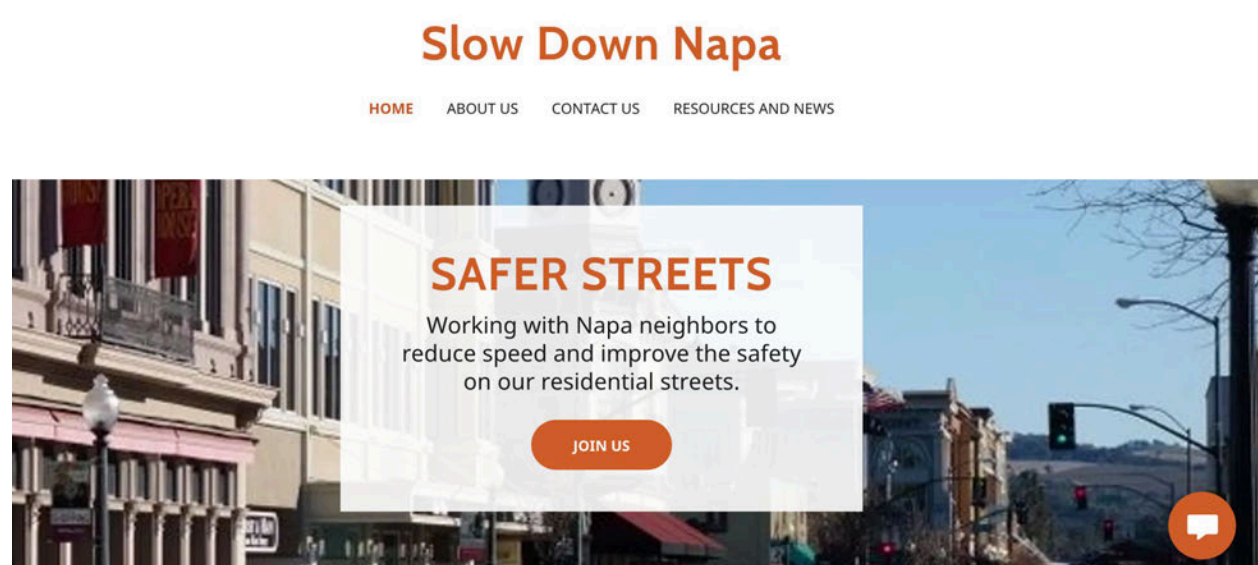
With Appreciation,

Maureen Trippe

Slow Down Napa

*Ref: Bob Archibald letter to the Editor

https://napavalleyregister.com/opinion/letters/can-city-government-fix-traffic-problems-during-covid-19/article_18f5f5b5-beba-52a9-9c18-a3e87f22bf92.html



About Slow Down Napa www.slowdownnapa.com

Napa is a small town that has seen tremendous growth in the last thirty years. With the advent of AirBNB, VRBO, Uber, DoorDash, Amazon and many other delivery services, our residential streets are seeing more traffic than ever before. Our population has increased 25% and tourism has increased significantly too.

Our Community

We felt there is a need for a grass roots effort to make our streets safer through whatever calming measures are available to us. We heard many complaints from neighbors on NextDoor who were also concerned, so in October 2020, we got together to see what we could do.

Our Mission

We hope to achieve positive results for our community. We hope to form a neighborhood coalition that will work with our local city leaders, the Napa Police Department and Traffic Engineering and Public Works to make Napa's residential streets safer for pedestrians, children, pets and bicyclists by enforcing speed limits

Our Team

Slow Down Napa was started by a small group of downtown residents who are frustrated with cars driving 30, 35 and 40 mph in our residential neighborhoods that are zoned 25 mph. We

also see an increased volume of commercial vehicles using residential streets at "cut-throughs" to avoid traffic lights.

Street Captains

Many neighborhoods are finding increased traffic and speeding on streets, imperiling children, pets and pedestrians, not to mention the noise and disruption of fast cars on quiet streets. We hope to recruit a captain from each neighborhood who can work with us and the powers that be to find solutions that work for their specific area.

Solutions

Solutions are unknown at this point, we have to work with city leaders to find out what options are available and how we can implement changes that will make our streets safe for everyone.

See below comments received via emails on www.SlowDownNapa.com

Slow Down Napa

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CONTACT US

Get involved! If you would like to help us in our efforts to slow down traffic in Napa's residential areas by representing your neighborhood, please complete the section below and hit send. We will be in touch.

November/ December 2020

Name MaryJo Kent **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

My most immediate concern is the street I live on. As on so many other straight-shot, long-stretch streets, motorists SPEED - far exceeding the posted speed limit. In addition to pets, squirrels, and pedestrians forced to walk on the street due to a lack of sidewalks, there are deer and other wildlife that come out from the nearby meadow areas.

There is one 25 MPH speed limit sign at the intersection of W. Park and Solano Ave, BUT it is mostly obscured by vegetation and is the only indication of the speed limit on the street. I have been tempted to spray paint "slow to 25" on the street but don't want to be punished. Very rarely (though not once this year) a speed monitoring device has been positioned on the street for ONE 24 hour period - if that! Hardly enough to get motorists' attention. There is so

much frustration in the city of Napa about this issue and NO action by police or city government officials - only excuses. Maybe the new mayor will shake things up.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

2191 West Park Ave

Name Angie Benjamin **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

next door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I am furious with how fast people drive between the two stop signs at each cross street on my block. We've tried to get drivers to slow down when we are out and see it happen, but it only seems to encourage them to drive faster by our house. There are two homes with autistic adults living on the block as well as pets and children who are all at risk of being hit by one of these speeding drivers. It's not just regular vehicles, but Fed Ex, UPS and other large commercial trucks that drive much too fast as well.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Old town on Franklin Street between Ash and Elm

Name Christy B Gronseth **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

The speeds are ridiculous on little neighborhood streets. People routinely drive 40-50 in 25-30 mph zones. We walk every morning, usually Shurtleff to Camille Park or up Terrace, and crossing the street is treacherous. There are hills on Terrace that you can't see over, and turns on Shurtleff you can't see around. It's very scary to cross the street. Also, just driving around town the number of people running red lights is getting to be it's own pandemic. Ever since they took red light cameras down people don't think there's any enforcement.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Terrace Shurtleff neighborhood

Name Niki Rabe **Email** [REDACTED]

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Someone posted on Facebook on an article about a speed bump

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Montclair and Beard

Name Mary **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Facebook

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeders on our long dead end street, from an apartment building on the end. You might have read about us on Hilltop.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

South west Napa

Name Lora McCarthy **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Facebook

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Concerned about our kids on our current street in Browns Valley.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Browns Valley

Note from Slow Down Napa team: This is a particularly disturbing comment:

Speeeeeeeeeed! I neeeeeeed speeeeeeed ! I see those speed bumps as jumps and speed up to get some air, id love some more jumps for my 4x4 truck. Calm down you Karen's, yall aint got anything better to do than snitch on folks you think are driving fast 🙄🙄 such a sad way to live life

Name You grow the [REDACTED] p

Email [REDACTED]

Name Patrick Band **Email** [REDACTED]

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Southeast Napa

Name Carlotta Sainato **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Comments on Napa Register Facebook post about removal of unofficial speed bump

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Alphabet streets

Name Renee Mortell Cazares **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

From a friend

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Yajome and Jackson needs a 4 way stop. I am concerned in general.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

St John's District

Name ronald NICHOLSEN **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Friends

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Too many pedestrians, not enough stop signs. No enforcement on transients braking the posted limits and overnight parking. This has been a problem for years, and has recently extremely dangerous.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

590 Randolph

January 2021

Name Stacey Jones **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

On NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I moved to Napa in April 2020, live on 1st Street just west of Jefferson. I love it here, but I was a bit astounded by the speeding on 1st Street and I would like to work positively to help combat the speeding. I am afraid my car will be hit one day when I pull out of my driveway.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

1st Street in the proposed West Napa Historic District just west of Jefferson.

Name Suzy Jordan **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Many driving way to fast through residential streets

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Franklin st., old town

Name Pete **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

We lived in Old Town for 5yrs and one of the reasons we moved was the reckless driving we saw on Brown St. This included both speeding and not stopping at stop signs. We're also seeing cars driving really fast on Browns Valley Road now, and often times not yielding to pedestrians trying to cross in crosswalks.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

North Westwood...ex-Old Town

Name David Dunlap **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

My wife and I live in Napa county, the carneros region by the School on Los Carneros. It's a shortcut road between cuttings wharf and the main highway and we have had several incidents, hit cats, hit dogs, near misses on humans, rammed garbage truck, rolled over stop signs, mailboxes and sideshow events. The speed limit is newly posted at 40 down from 45 and we would love to see is at 35. There are signs at three spots showing a pedestrian and the 25 mph limit which no one ever adheres to. We have asked Brad W. and the CHP to help but they say that unless there is a more recent traffic study their hands are tied. Both Saintsbury and Hyde wineries have been granted huge increases in the number of visitors they might be allowed to have at their wineries, which will likely increase the danger to pedestrians and cyclists. What have you learned in your fight for safer streets that might be helpful to our situation out here.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Napa Lost Carneros area, which is in Napa County and not the City, which is where your concerns are located.

Name Enrico Briano **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Through a post on NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live on Foster Road and speeding on our street is beyond out of control, we need a concerted effort to get speeding under control on our city streets!

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Foster Road and Indiana

Name Kandice Davis **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Excessive speeding on streets that have become more residential (ie Big Ranch Rd).

We have had two dog hit/killed by cars traveling at excessive speed, as well as witnessed multiple accidents right in front of our house (including one that resulted in a car in our tree in our front yard). When school is in session regularly it is extremely dangerous, as Big Ranch serves as a major thoroughfare for all the young high school drivers from Vintage.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

On Big Ranch north of Trancas, south of Garfield

Ema [REDACTED]

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Traffic is too fast for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Downtown streets, ie Coombs needs speed bumps. Many streets ie Terrace does not have a continuous sidewalk

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Coombsville

Name Valerie Jones **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor neighbor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

People go 15 miles or more over speed limits, racing each other, knowing they get away with it. They tail you if you even go five over the limit- and then pass me Daily going the wrong way in opposing traffic. Got worse these last few months when everyone should be slowing down. I like traffic because it forces slowness.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Stadium avenue

Name Cayla Dee Porter

Email [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding in neighborhoods and the lack of stop signs concern me not only when I am driving but also walking my dog.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

I love off Hennessy Drive and Coombsville

Name Amber Marsh **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

People speed in residential areas and are not aware of their surroundings when driving. I am concerned with the high number of preventable accidents due to speed. People are in such a hurry and fail to notice pedestrians and pets.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

I live in the Bel Aire Neighborhood. I live on Rubicon Street, the stretch between Jefferson and Baxter. There are cars speeding down our street constantly to avoid the lights on Trancas and going to and from the shopping center. Our street has no stop signs so people just race down it. Many pets have been hit and killed and a few pedestrians have been injured trying to cross Jefferson in the crosswalk.

Name Nancy Johnson **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about u

On Alta Heights Next door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I'm concerned about the increasing speed in the neighborhoods. It appears drivers have no concern as I seldom see police units on patrol. I also think that the number of unmoved cars/ vehicles, etc. along city streets is increasing. These vehicles make it easy for speeders to travel undetected, but cause obstructed views for pedestrians, merging traffic, etc.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Live in Alta Heights but own rental property on west side of town.

Name Danielle Hangen **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live near the corner of Brown's Valley Road and Westview. We often witness drivers speeding down Brown's Valley Road and Westview, where there are many children.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Brown's Valley

Name Dayna **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding on Buhman Ave in both directions at Buhman Court. Everyday all day! Many people have almost gotten hit as well as pets!

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Browns Valley

Name Don **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Bicycles on both sides of the road. Running stop signs and lights. Riding 2 or 3 wide.
Cars running stop signs and lights.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Solano Ave

Name Karen McFarland

Email [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding cars on streets where families live and walk with their children, dogs, and friends! Getting your mail and taking out your garbage can be dangerous as well.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Milton Road

Name Mark McCoy **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about

NextDoor post

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding in old town neighborhoods. Insufficient number of crosswalks 25 mph limit should be lowered.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Palmer Street

Name Steve Deitsch **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about

Next Door

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Old Town

Name Lorayne Burns **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about u

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live on Clay Street between Jefferson and California. I bought my home in 1995. Clay has always been busier than neighborhood streets but the traffic was traveling within the speed limit. Our speed limit is 25 and I would say most traffic travels at 40+ and a lot of people travel at 50+. I see this in all the neighborhoods in Napa, especially in Old Town. I would be happy to help any way I can. I would be good in a support position, gathering signature, passing out information. Thank you and let's take back the power to ensure safety in our neighborhoods.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

1920 CLAY ST

Name Cassan Phelps **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about u

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

It's becoming unsafe. People do not respect the speed limits.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

La Grande and Vichy.

Name Lura Compoginis **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding cars, some with modified loud exhausts are racing through our neighborhoods, endangering our children and pets.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

175 Jefferson St

Name Katie Anderson **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live downtown (St. John's) and cannot believe the change in traffic patterns over the past 6 years. Napa residents race through the neighborhood going from Soscol to Jefferson or vice versa with no regard for quiet residential streets or pedestrians downtown. I am always amazed how fast people drive past the police department where the speed limit is 25.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

On Arroyo between Brown & Seminary.

Name Maureen Healy

Email [REDACTED]

Wher

Next door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

We live at the intersection of Hennessy and Davis near Coombsville cemetery and every year we have multiple accidents at this corner. Police come and do a minimal report taking followed by no investigation of hit and runs. No one has been killed so far but I imagine even if they were the police response would be the same — inadequate. After reading the article in the register about Attempts to get the city to take action on Jefferson Street, I guess the solution is political. Who holds the power? Who is afraid of losing their power if the people of Napa are unhappy about the lack of police response to our concerns?

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

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Name Cody Hart **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear ab

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Traffic on Buhman Ave is out of control as people race up and down the hill by the horse hillside and NEVER SLOW DOWN when the Speed limit changes from 40 to 30 or even going past the solar speed sign. And even though it was not the cause of the child getting hit and killed near Browns Valley Elementary, if there was more of a speed or traffic control system, there might have been enough seconds for his mother to grab him out of the street.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Browns Valley. Buhman Ct./Buhman Ave.

Name Marge Griffin **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Speeding vehicles are also a concern here in my Foothill neighborhood @ Pine and Freeway Drive. Recently a leashed dog was killed in a crosswalk, accompanied by its owner. The car slowed as it approached the crosswalk and then sped up turning right onto Freeway Drive, hitting the dog. Many children use that walkway to and from Harvest Middle School. I hold my breath every time I hear a motor being gunned.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Foothill Blvd, @ Pine Street
two blocks north of Old Sonoma Rd

Name [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Off By Justin Siena

Name [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Neighbor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

People speed down my street to avoid traffic on trancas and to get to the target/Whole Foods shopping centers faster. It endangers my family, my neighbors, including the children who live on my block. It needs to be addressed with speed bumps.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Rubicon St, Napa, Ca 94558

Name Karin Parker Clay **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Reckless speeds threatening pedestrians

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

2510 Old Sonoma Road

Name Sarah Marriott **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about

Next door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

People driving too fast

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Monticello park. My streets are generally fine. But folks drive too fast on the county roads nearby.

Name celia carey **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Very worried about Shurtleff and Cayetano. We have a young child and a puppy. People consistently speed through this intersection.

It needs stop signs.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Cayetano Drive

Name Cinder A Ernst

Email [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live on Coombs Street next to the Kiwanis ball field. It is like a speedway... Especially now that there is less traffic density because of covid people are going faster. I have dogs and I'm always super vigilant that they don't end up in the street.

it's amazing to me that the speed limit is 25 and nothing is ever done to enforce it.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

145 Coombs Street

Name Maggie Shipe **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Too fast near the Shurtleff Dog park. My friend's dog was run over (Hit and Run)

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Shurtleff Ave should have speed bumps for the school and the park

Name Tom sabo **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear ab

Next Door orig. Alta Hts.

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Our hilly neighborhood enjoys many hearing and vision impaired elderly retirees, many severely handicapped.

Families with children and pets all walk in the streets. There is ample wildlife all day and night.

We have speeders and sometime racers, construction workers hurrying to their jobs and racing to get home and many unknown vehicles racing down East Street at all hours.

The city tried local traffic circles and they made driving and walking worse, so were thankfully removed.

We have asked for speed reduction and warning signs and were denied. Many also called the PD to report drivers of dangerous interest without response. Some neighbors are sometimes too intimidated to come out of their homes as they could not physically avoid a speeding vehicle.

We will continue neighborhood efforts to slow traffic that have been helpful. We'd like to design something specific for our needs.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

West hillside.

Name Erika Boudreaux **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Napa next door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Friend's dog was hit and killed today by a hit and run driver.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Southwest napa

Name Mari Laverne Havens **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

People drive too fast, especially on residential areas

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Coombsville

Name Lacey McDaniel **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

The excessive speed out our street is frightening.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Coronado Ave

Name Owen Zion **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Where to begin. Speeding through residential streets and the lack of usable sidewalks in Napa creates a dangerous environment for kids, pets, and adults.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Wilkins Ave between Imola and Shetler. Cars use that stretch as a speedway and it's very dangerous. There are 8 families with small kids who play in the street.

Name Charles BOYANICH **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Nextdoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I live at Shurtleff @ Cayetano and would like to see a stop sign be placed at this intersection. We have a lot of pedestrian traffic as well as dog walkers that are in danger due to speeders. I would be the first to sign a petition if there was one.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

2005 SHURTLEFF

Name Meredith Robertson **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

NextDoor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

I have read too many articles about hit and runs of pets and close calls with children. There are still intersections in Napa with no stop signs at all and it seems the only way to get things changed is if a human is hurt or killed.

We also recently had traffic detoured to our street around construction on Jefferson and Old Sonoma road and I was shocked at how fast people were driving on our tiny little street. There is so much construction happening in Napa, we can't be the only tiny little street with cars treating it like a highway.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Southwest Napa off Jefferson and Elm

Name Lynn Krynen **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

Next Door

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

It's worse on Calistoga and Jefferson Streets- we had six parked cars hit when somebody turned the corner from Calistoga St., onto Jefferson St., and the big loud trucks Rev their motors up in front of the apartment building where I live. it's been awful some think it's a speedway. I'd say 90% of traffic speed up and down Jefferson Street, especially heading north on Jefferson

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

Old town

Name Sherri Hildreth **Ema** [REDACTED]

Post speeding signs in neighborhoods that blink slow down.

Name Marie Hildreth **Email** [REDACTED]

Where did you hear about us?

My neighbor

Tell us a bit about your concerns with Napa traffic

Napa residential streets are being over runned by speeders and stop sign runners. I lived in Napa my whole life and every year it's getting worse.

In what Napa neighborhood/streets do you live?

I live on Laredo street where the cross street is Patton Ave. I am close to Phillips Elementary School.

Slow Down Napa

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RESOURCES AND NEWS

SAFER STREETS

Working with Napa neighbors to
reduce speed and improve the safety
on our residential streets.

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Subject: COMMENT TO THE COUNCIL – PLEASE READ
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:52:21 AM

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[EXTERNAL]

City Councilmembers,

What is the situation moving forward with Solano Ave? PGE appears to have completed their gas line work but have left the street in terrible disrepair, their asphalt patches are sinking and crumbling, tires throw broken bits of gravel at the cars following them and even when you avoid this hazard the general road condition is unsafe and causing unnecessary damage and wear on all resident's vehicles. They need to be held accountable and the road needs to be fixed before the city becomes liable for the ongoing damage and has to spend our tax money on resident's claims due to the government's responsibility to maintain safe roads.

Thank you for your time

From: [rftnapa](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Reopening Restaurant and wineries
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:18:03 PM

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[EXTERNAL]

I know people have hut to make a living But why bring more COVID-19 back to Napa and the population when it's just starting to go down. It's winter time close it till at least April then if COVID-19 is way down then reopen everything up. Every time you reopen more people get sick again and u have to close down again. All your doing is prolonging the COVID strain and keeping people SICK. All U think about is money and the tourists trade.U won't have any if U don't get ride of the COVID 19 by the summer time Grow a pair and shut the town down.

Sent from my iPad. Thank you 4 your time

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Subject: Comment to City Council Meeting — February 2, 2021
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[EXTERNAL]

Please see that my comments are in some way counted/shared with the City Council as it considers so many priorities for the city—which like all cities is having to re-balance its operations, priorities, and hit the reset button in 2021.

I live in downtown Napa on Coombs Street, where the degree and amount of speeding has increased over the six years I have lived on this historically structured street. Coombs is clearly a well-used secondary arterial now to Jefferson. I also lived for a short time on Calistoga St. (another historic area) where speeding was unchecked as well.

Would the Council consider:

- Reinstating Napa's Traffic Enforcement Unit;
- Include the goal of reducing speed on city streets going forward;
- Perhaps increase speeding fines, if they were being monitored/enforced?

Thank you for passing this comment on through the right channels to the City Council.

Stay safe,
Catherine Hoffman, RN, ScD
You can also reach me at [REDACTED]



CDBG 2nd Amendment to Annual Action Plan for CDBG- CARES Funding

February 2, 2021



Agenda Item

- Approves CDBG Program 2019-2020 Second Amended Annual Action Plan
- Approves budget adjustment for \$740,756 in additional CDBG Cares funding
- Approves required program certifications
- Authorizes City Manager to execute all documents for the submittal of the Second Amended Annual Action Plan to HUD.



Annual Plan Amendment

- City receives annual CDBG allocation from HUD
- Annual Action Plan = identifies how CDBG funds will be spent
- City received a \$340K CDBG-CARES allocation in April 2020
 - Must benefit low/mod income residents
 - Must be used to respond to COVID-19
 - 15% Public Service cap waived



Annual Plan Amendment (con't)

- Amended 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to allocate CARES funding
 - Allowed for expedited HUD approval
- City awarded 2nd CDBG-CARES allocation of \$740,756
- HUD requires amending same Annual Action Plan as used for 1st CDBG-CARES allocation



Process Taken for 2nd CDBG CARES Allocation

- Consultation with internal & external stakeholders to identify unmet needs
 - Business support
 - Childcare
 - Rental assistance
- Issued RFP
 - Received 7 applications
- Recommendations brought to CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee



Funding Recommendations

- Administration - \$30,000
- Business Microenterprise Program - \$150,000
- Emergency Rental Assistance - \$270,506
- Community Action Napa Valley (CANV): Meals on Wheels - \$30,000
- Community Action Napa Valley (CANV): Food Bank Senior Brown Bag Program \$30,000
- NEWS: Hotel Shelter Response - \$25,000
- ParentsCAN: Meal Delivery - \$5,250
- Fair Housing Napa Valley - \$50,000
- Boys and Girls Club - \$50,000
- Children's Resource Center: Childcare Scholarships Program \$100,000



Requested Action

- Adopt a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2019-2020 Second Amended Annual Action Plan, approving a budget revenue and expenditure increase of \$740,756 as documented in Budget Adjustment No. BE2102502, approving program certifications, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents required for the submittal of the Second Amended Annual Action Plan to HUD





Long-Term Financial Forecast

February 2, 2021



Roadmap

- Introduction
- Big Picture
- Historical Comparison
- Preliminary Long-Term Findings
 - Key Assumptions
 - Results

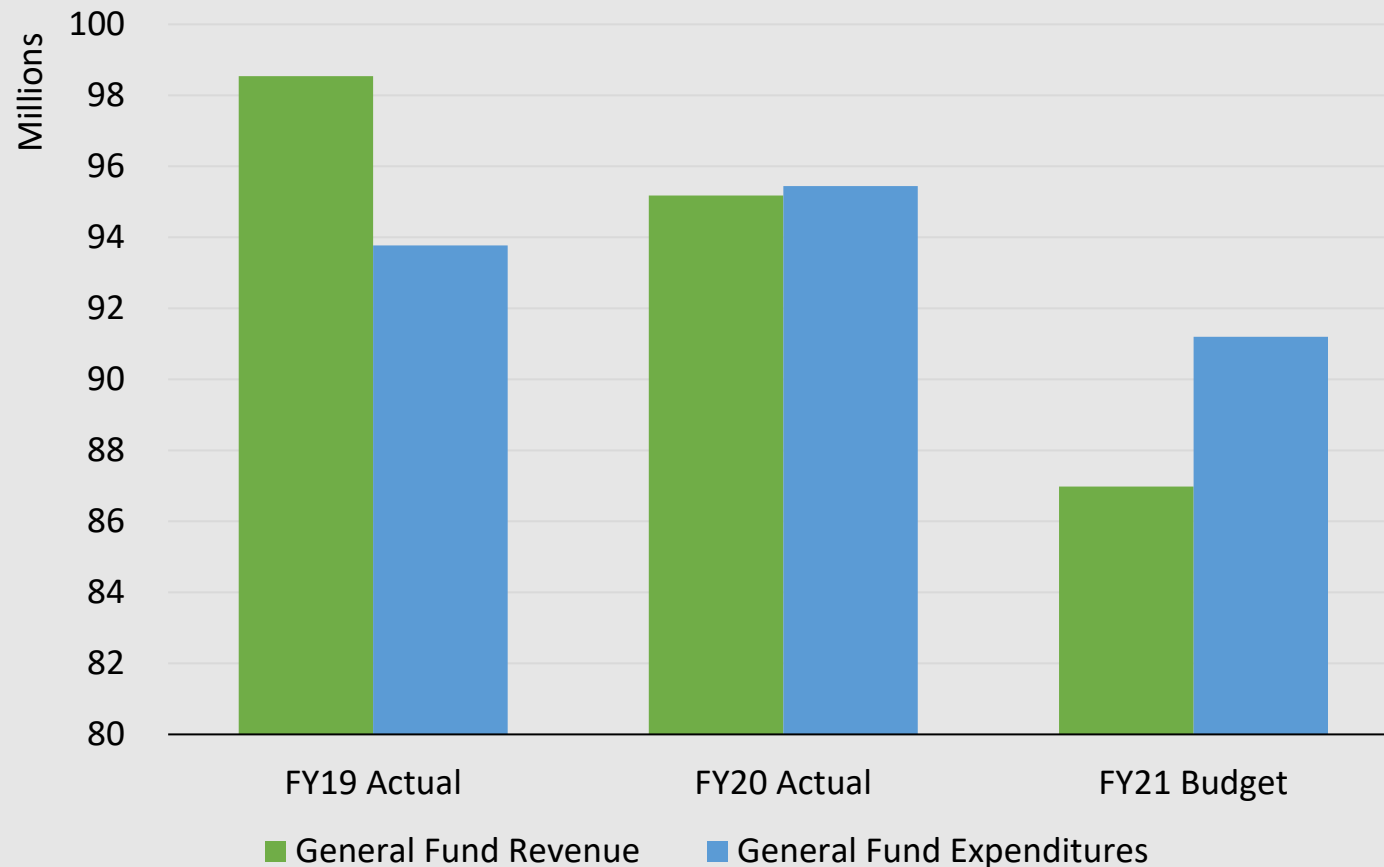


The Big Picture

- Pandemic: initially viewed as short-term event; treated with short-term solutions
- Local economic activity not projected to rebound to “normal” until FY24; causes large revenue shortfalls
- Expenditures (based on historical trends) continue to increase; most are semi-discretionary and difficult to reduce



General Fund Financial Status



FY20 Revenue includes Transfers In from CIP Reserves to balance the General Fund (\$4.6 million in total)

Financial Status: FY 2019/20

- COVID-19 Pandemic reduced Sales Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax receipts
- Sales Tax declined by 12.5% as compared to FY 2018/19
- TOT declined by 26.1% as compared to FY 2018/19



Financial Status

- Transfers In from Capital Improvement Reserves prevented the usage of General Fund Reserves in FY 2019/20
- General Fund Reserve dollars are needed to balance the FY 2020/21 budget
- Ongoing pandemic with slow roll-out of vaccinations creates uncertainty as to when revenue will return to pre-pandemic levels

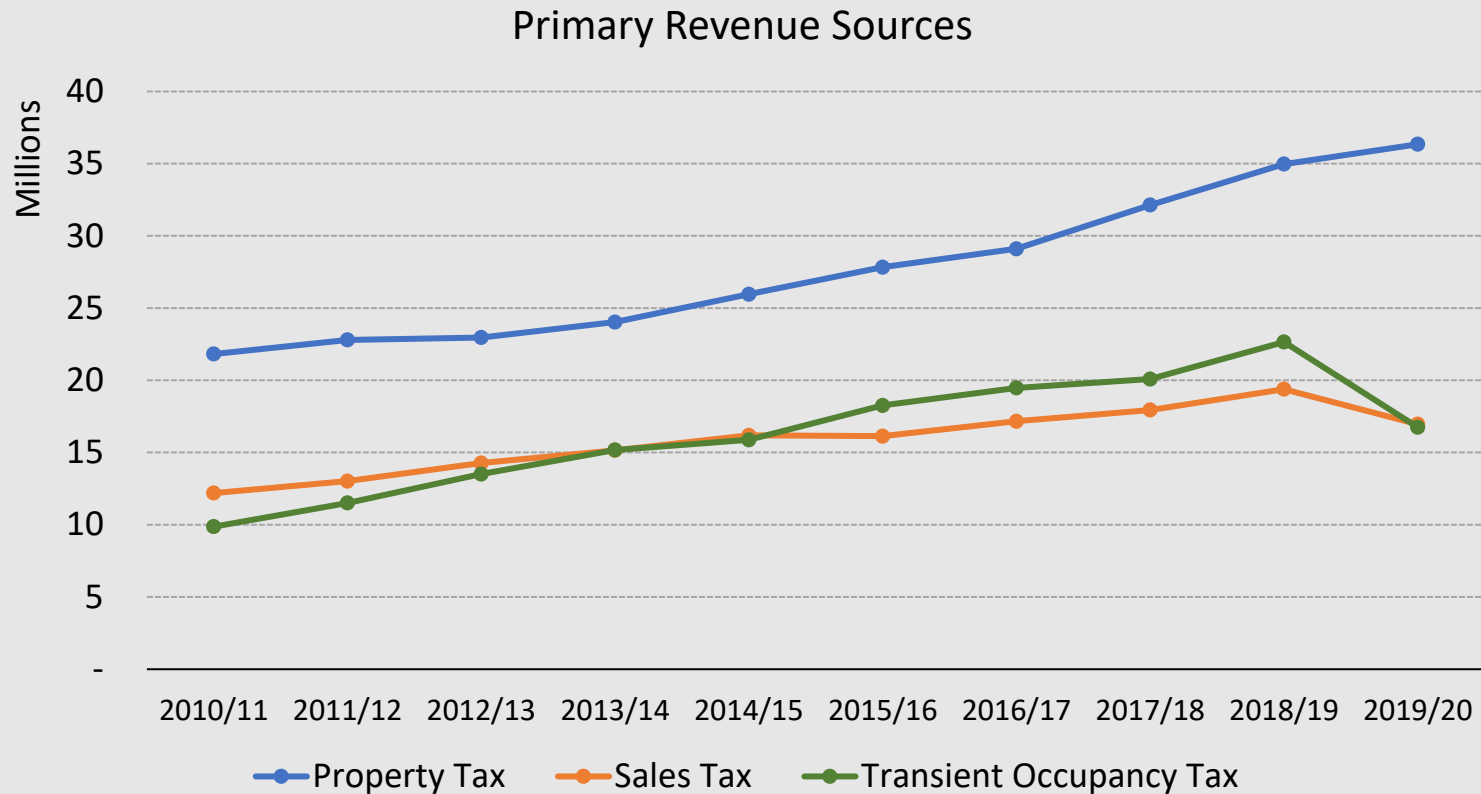


Long-Term Financial Forecast

- Components
 - Financial Trend Analysis – 5 Year History
 - Rapid growth out of last recession can skew analysis of current trends
 - Financial Forecast – 6 Years Forward
 - Economic Assumptions
 - Anticipated Development
 - Three Revenue Scenarios
 - Most Likely, Optimistic, Pessimistic



Historical Revenue Growth



- Property Tax: average annual increase of 5.8% from FY11 – FY20
- Sales Tax: average annual increase of 5.9% from FY11 – FY19; 12.5% YoY decrease in FY20
- TOT: average annual increase of 11.9% from FY11 – FY19; 26.1% YoY decrease in FY20; period shown includes 3 new hotels and 1 hotel expansion

The Forecast....



The Forecast....



The Forecast....

- Is a model that shows us what MIGHT happen in the future
- Revenue estimates based on our current best guesses at the economic recovery timeline
- Expenditure estimates based on historical growth rates → what happens if we keep doing what we've been doing



What is the forecast?

- A set of reasonable, most likely assumptions about future revenues and expenditures based on current budget/trends
- Changes to assumptions → Changes in the forecast
- Planning Tool
 - Allows us to model future impacts of current budget decisions
 - Allows us to see surplus / deficit trends over time
 - Assists us with making changes needed to avoid future deficits
- GFOA best practice



The Forecast....

- Is not a budget – Council has final authority to establish the budget and amend it as needed
- Is not a labor relations plan – Collective bargaining is a separate process from forecasting; assumptions in the forecast are for modeling purposes only
- Is not a set of promises – COLA increase assumptions, operating budget growth assumptions, etc. are for modeling purposes only
- Is not set in stone – Assumptions are changed over time in response to a variety of factors and trends



Forecast

- What's Included
 - Economic Assumptions
 - Major Development Currently Underway plus Anticipated Growth
 - Transfers Based on Current Fiscal Policy
- What's Not Included
 - New Positions
 - Funding for Current Unfunded Needs
 - New or Enhanced Programs / Services



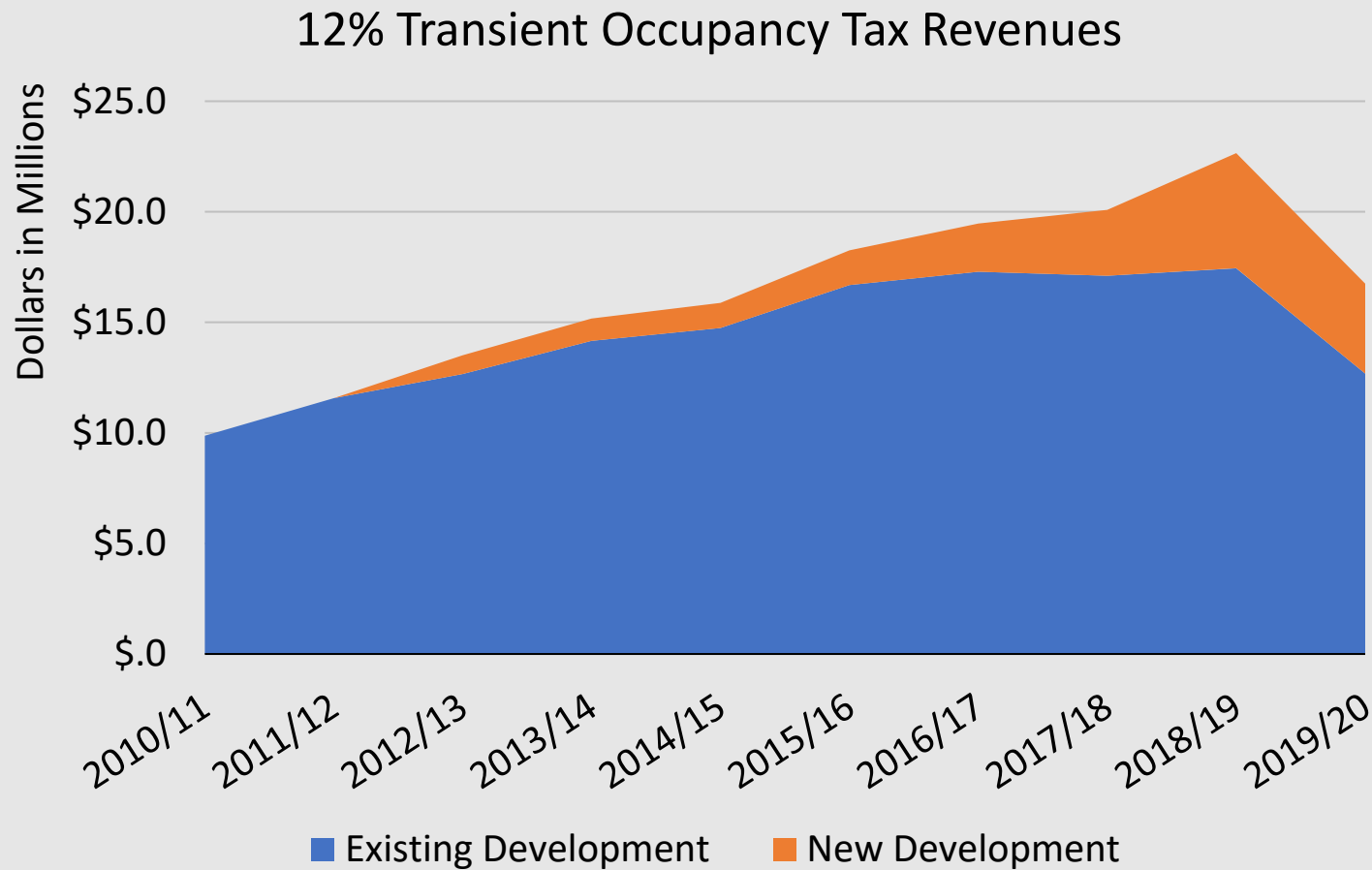
Forecast Assumptions

Annual Revenue Growth Rates

- Property Tax: 4.0% throughout forecast
- Assume tourism resumes FY19 activity levels in FY24
- Sales Tax: 4.6% average
 - 5.8% average FY22 – FY24
 - 3.3% average FY24 – FY27
- Transient Occupancy Tax
 - 14.5% average (existing development)
 - 29.1% average FY22 – FY24
 - 1.5% average FY24 – FY27
 - Estimated projected new development

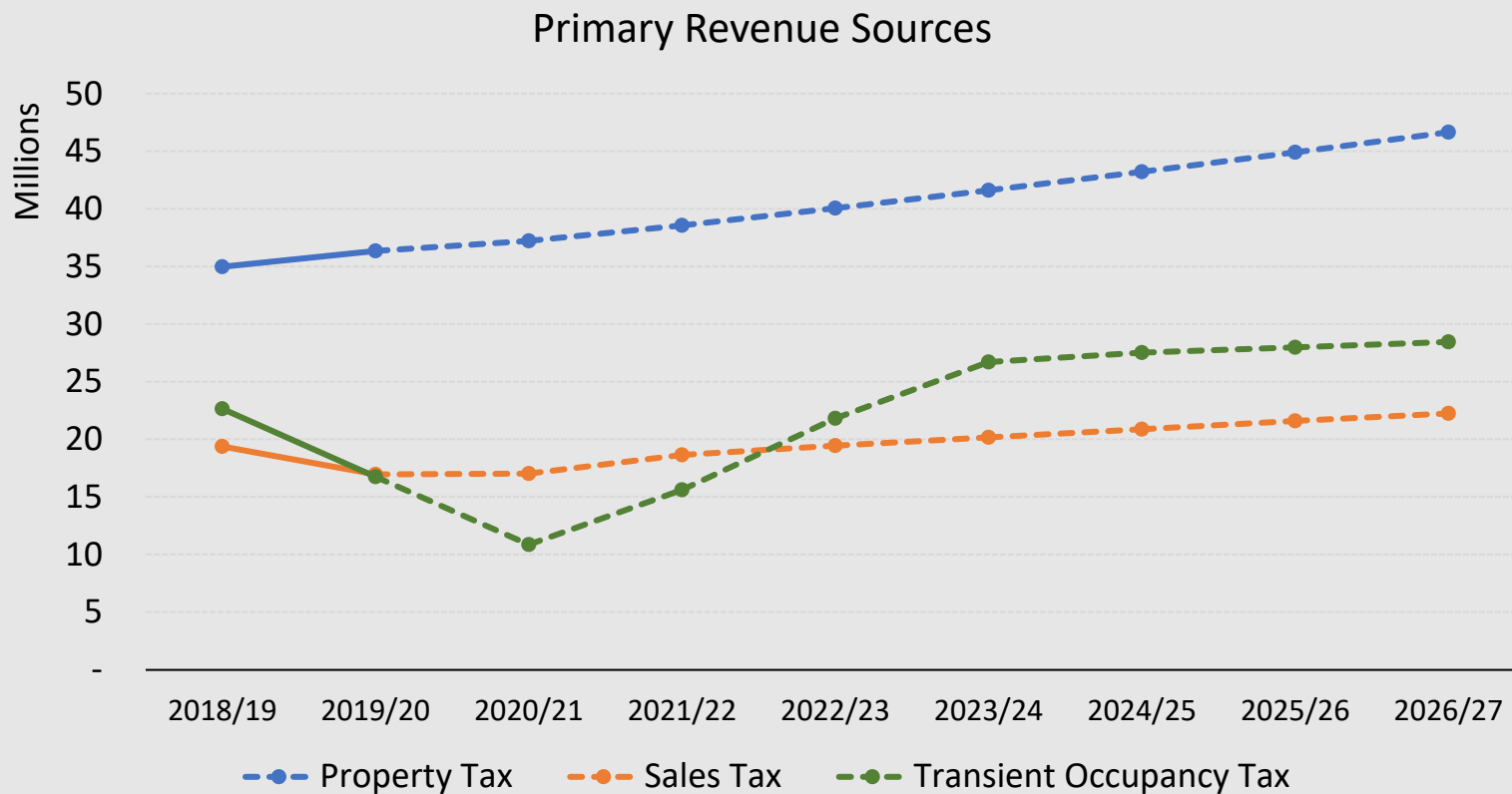


TOT Revenue Flattening

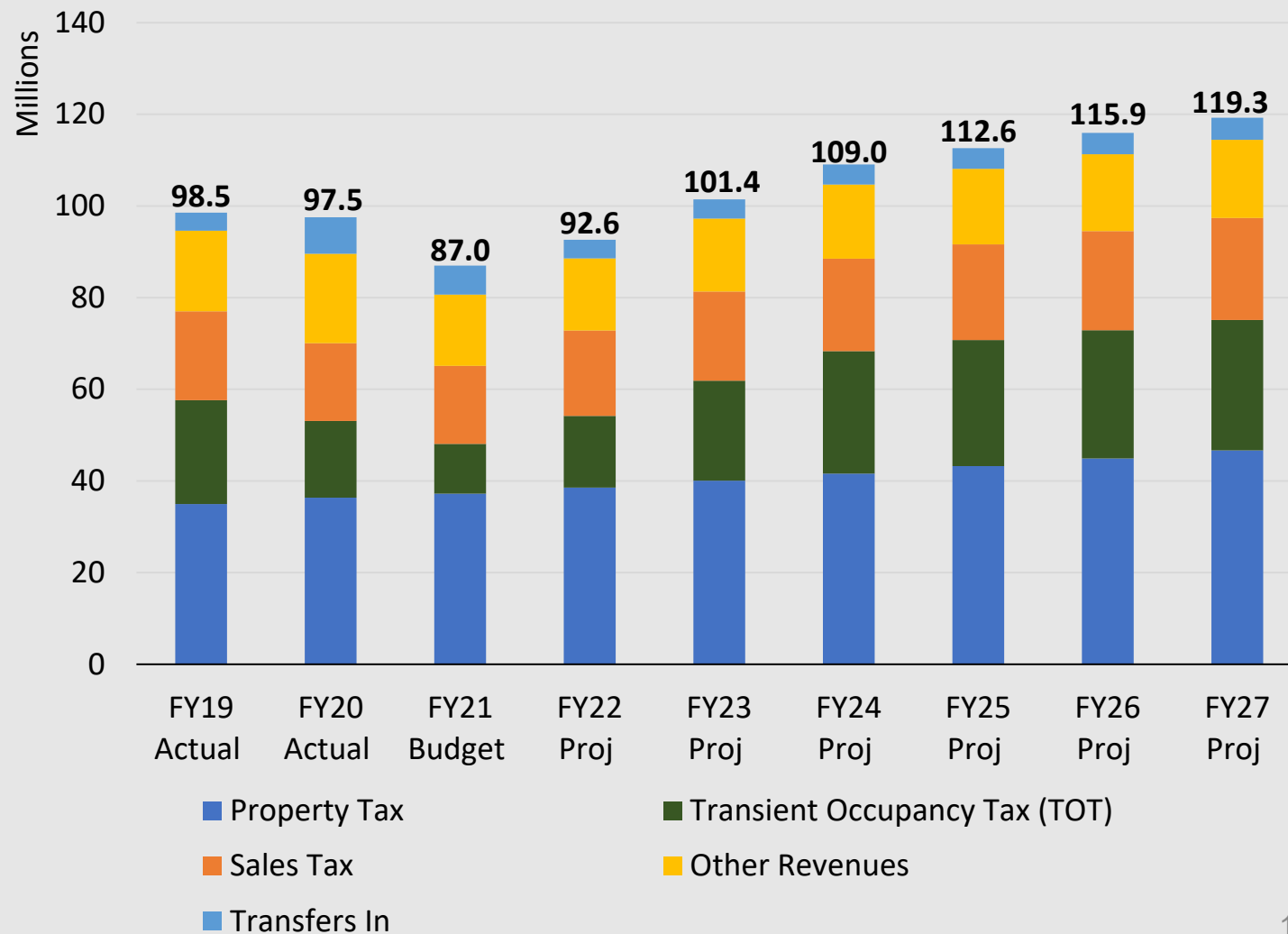


Property, Sales & TOT Revenue

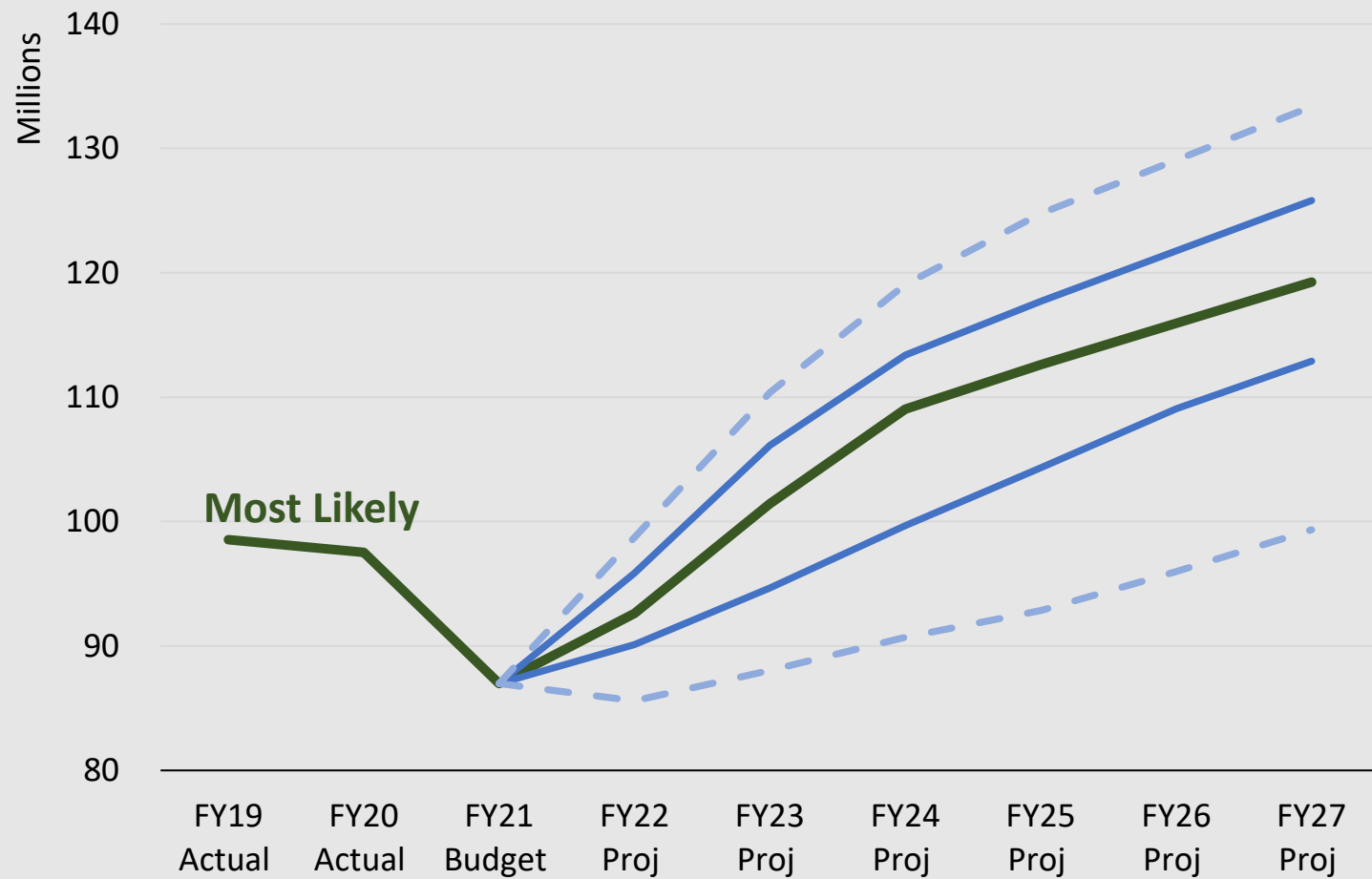
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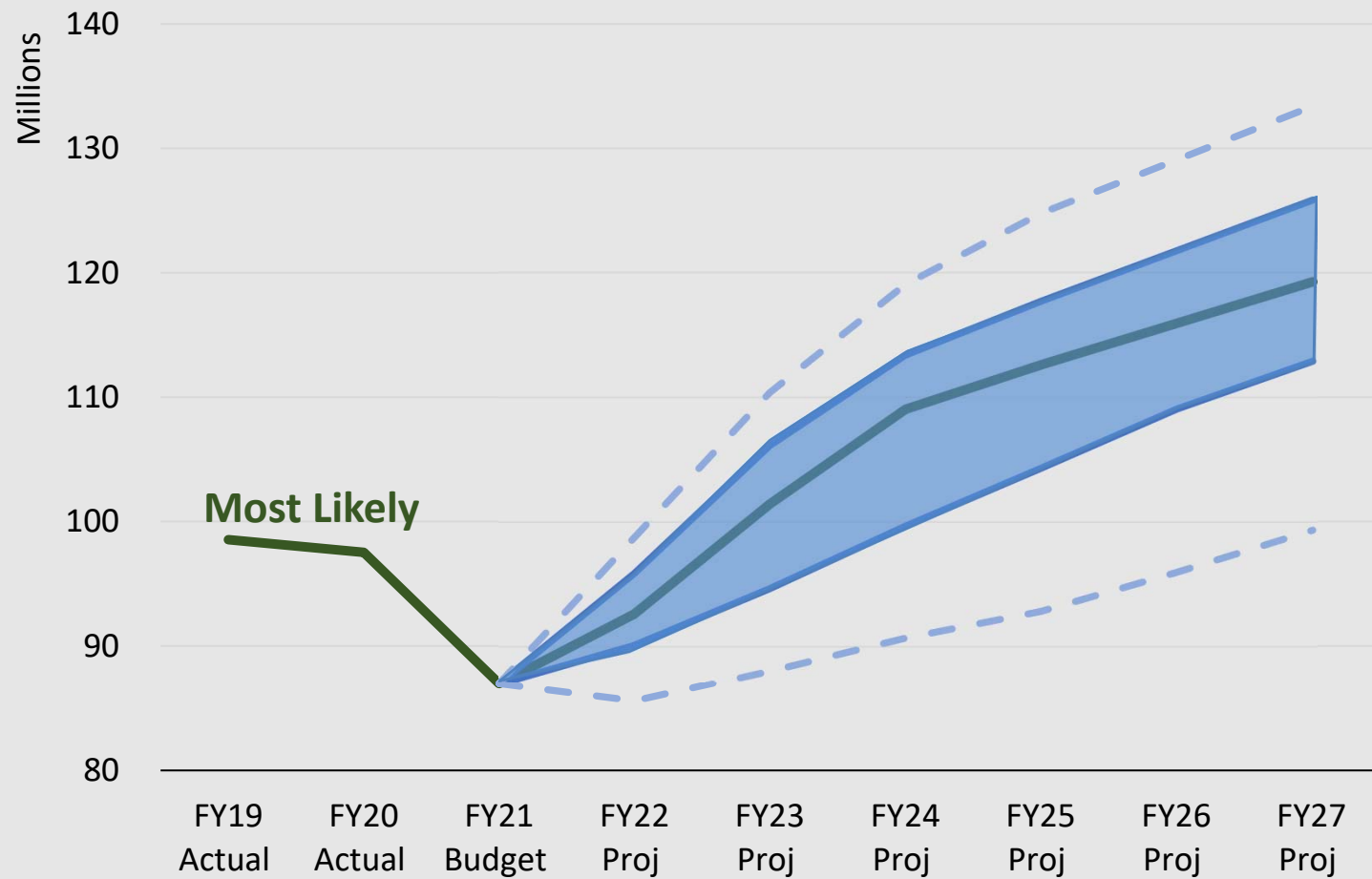
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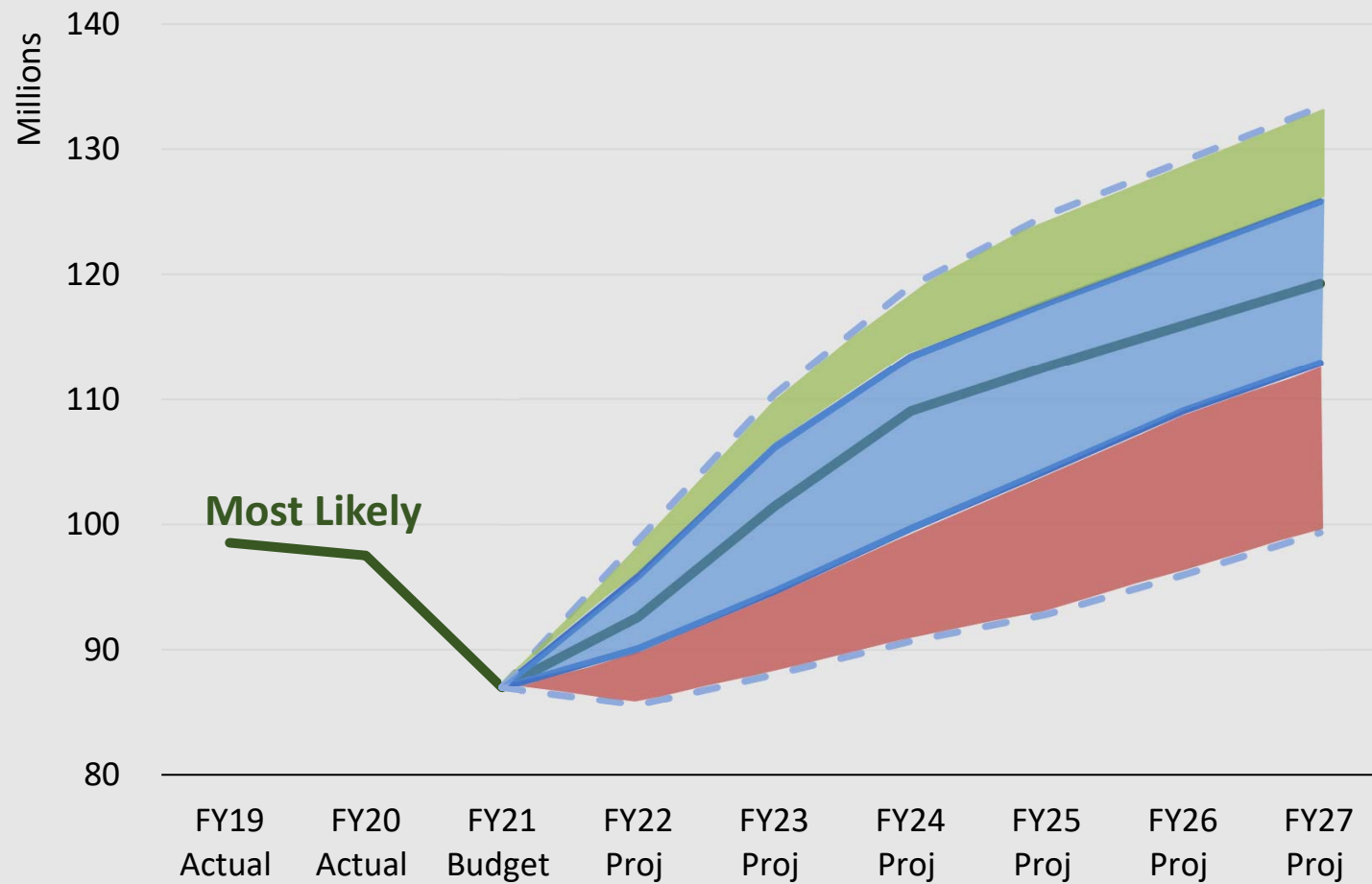
Revenue Uncertainty



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Forecast Assumptions

Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Based on historical trends, core City services
- Staffing: No new positions
- Frozen Positions: Council-approved positions removed from FY21 budget
- Salaries & Wages: 3.5% combined rate for COLA and step increases, based on current ratio of employees at top step and 10-year average Bay Area CPI



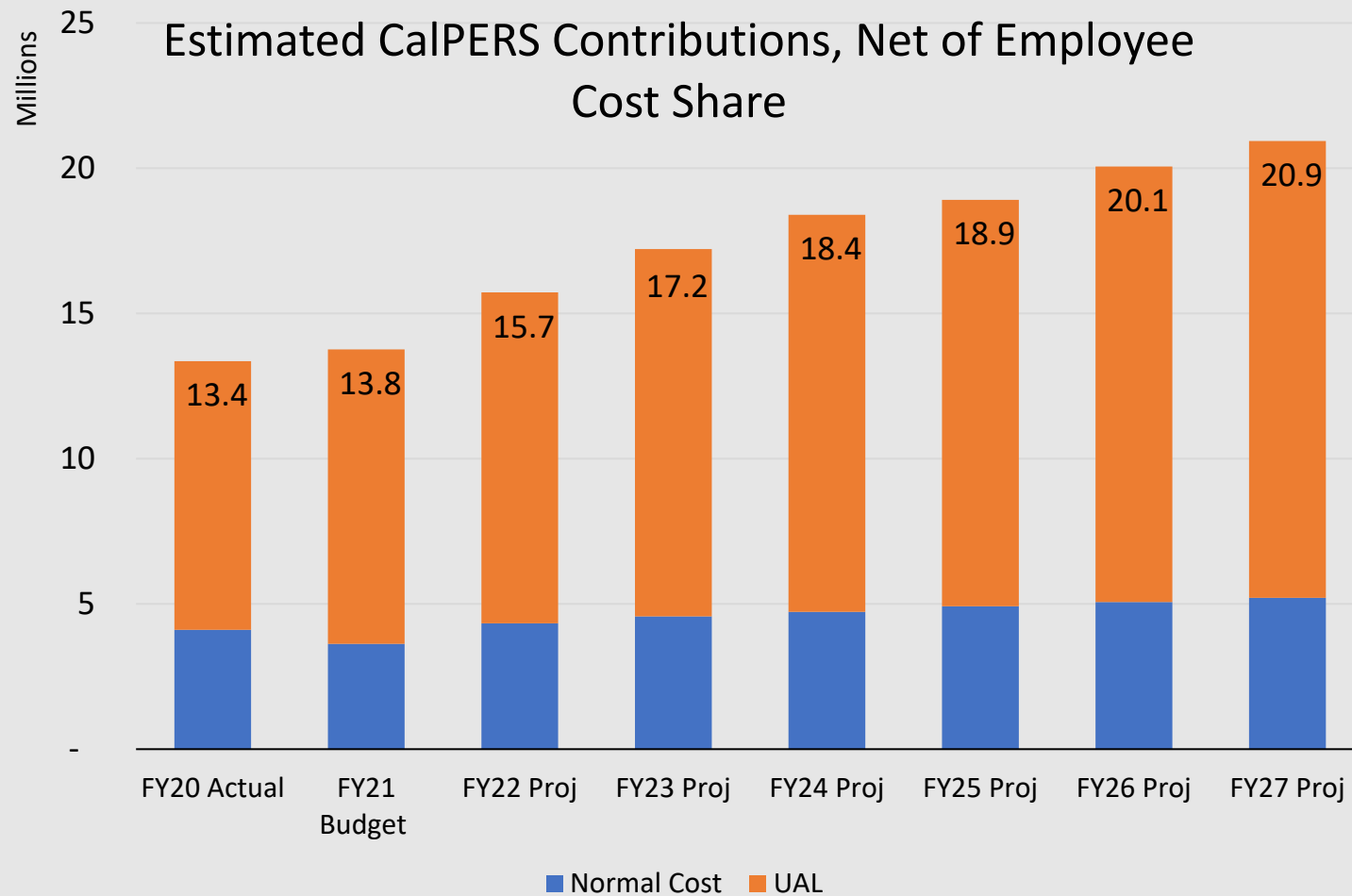
Forecast Assumptions

Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Benefit Costs Increasing
- 3.5% annual increase in healthcare/dental costs
- 6.2% average annual increase in CalPERS costs
- 7.6% average annual increase in CalPERS UAL payments



CalPERS City Costs



Forecast Assumptions

Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

– Semi-Discretionary

- Services & Supplies: 12.9%
 - Utilities, Property Tax Administration Fees, Software Licenses, Payments to Other Agencies, etc.

- Internal Services: 4.9%

• Discretionary

- Services & Supplies: 0.8%
 - Professional Services, General Supplies, Travel/Training, etc.
- Transfer to Sidewalks Program: \$0.9 million/year



Forecast Assumptions

Annual Expenditure Growth Rates

- Transfers Out per Fiscal Policy
 - CIP Facilities Reserve: 2% of Operating Budget
 - CIP General Fund Reserve: 1% of Operating Budget, plus \$0.10 million for the General Plan
 - Equipment Replacement Reserve: \$0.15 million/year



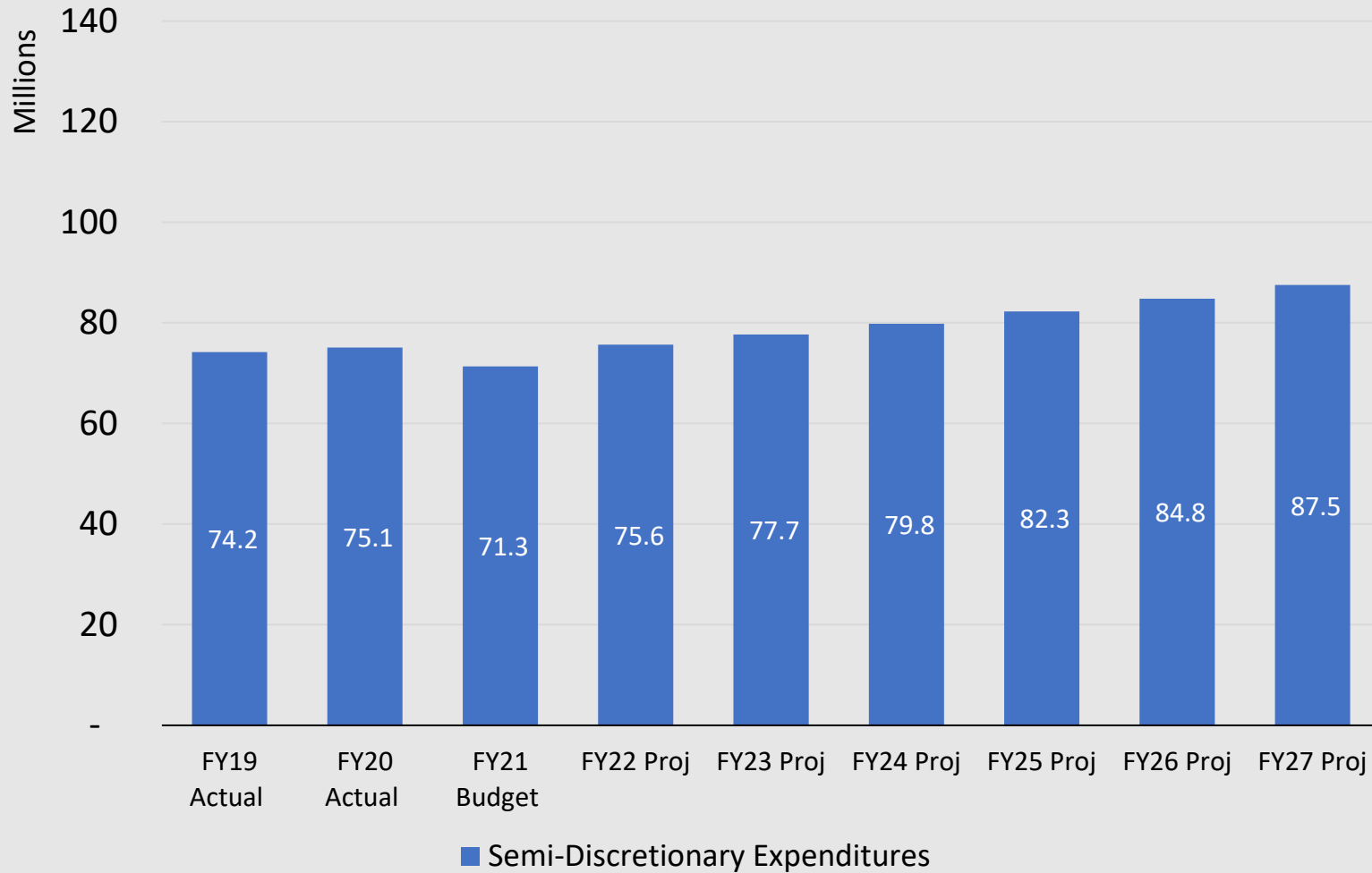
Expenditure Forecast Chart

Semi-Discretionary vs Discretionary

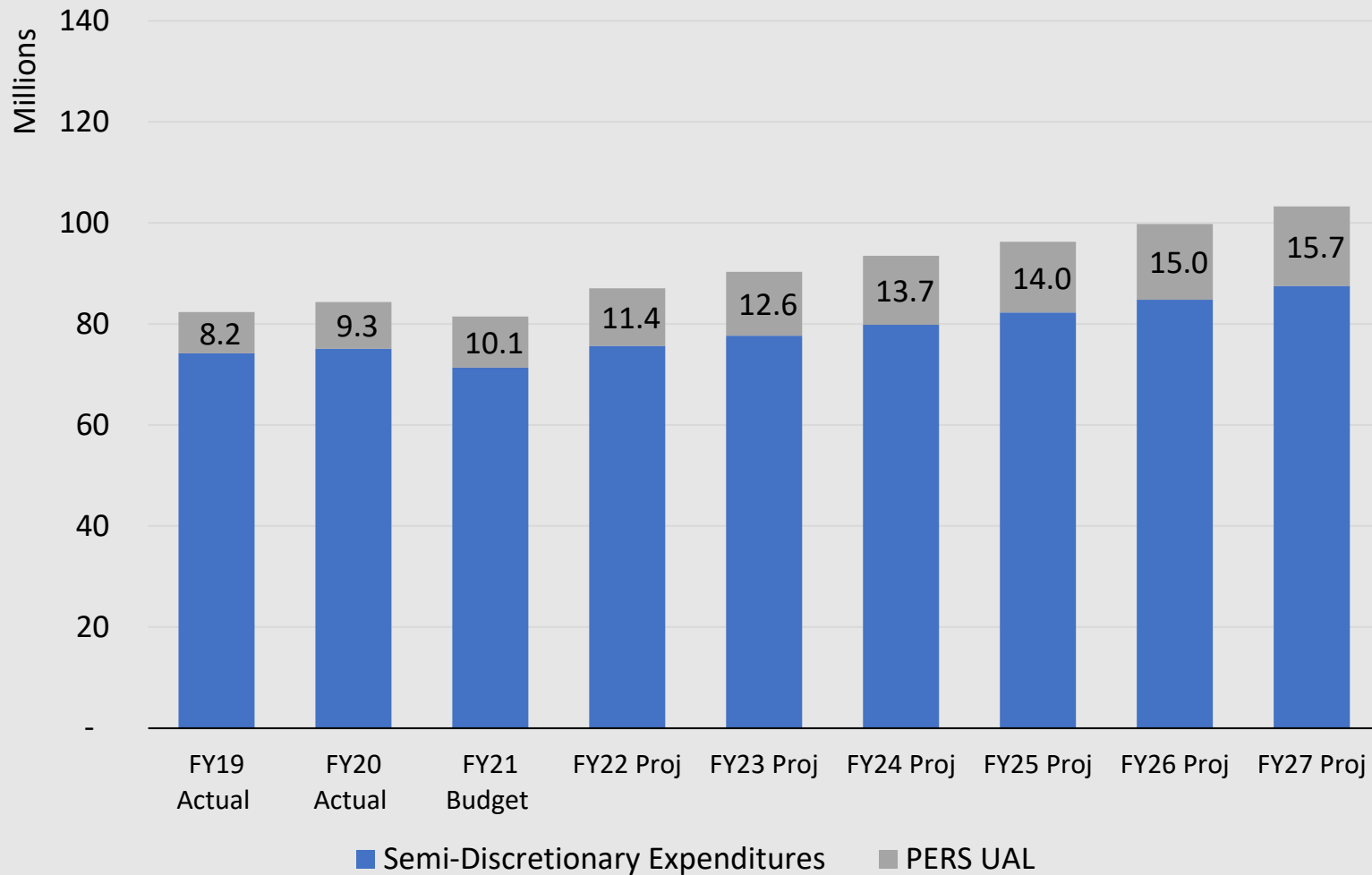
- Semi-Discretionary Operating Expenses
 - Salaries/Benefits with Step Increases Only
 - Semi-Discretionary Services and Supplies
 - Internal Services (Fleet, IT Replacement, Risk, etc.)
 - Transfers Out for Equipment Replacement and General Plan Reserve
- Discretionary Operating Expenses
 - Services and Supplies
 - Capital Outlay
 - Transfer to Sidewalks Program



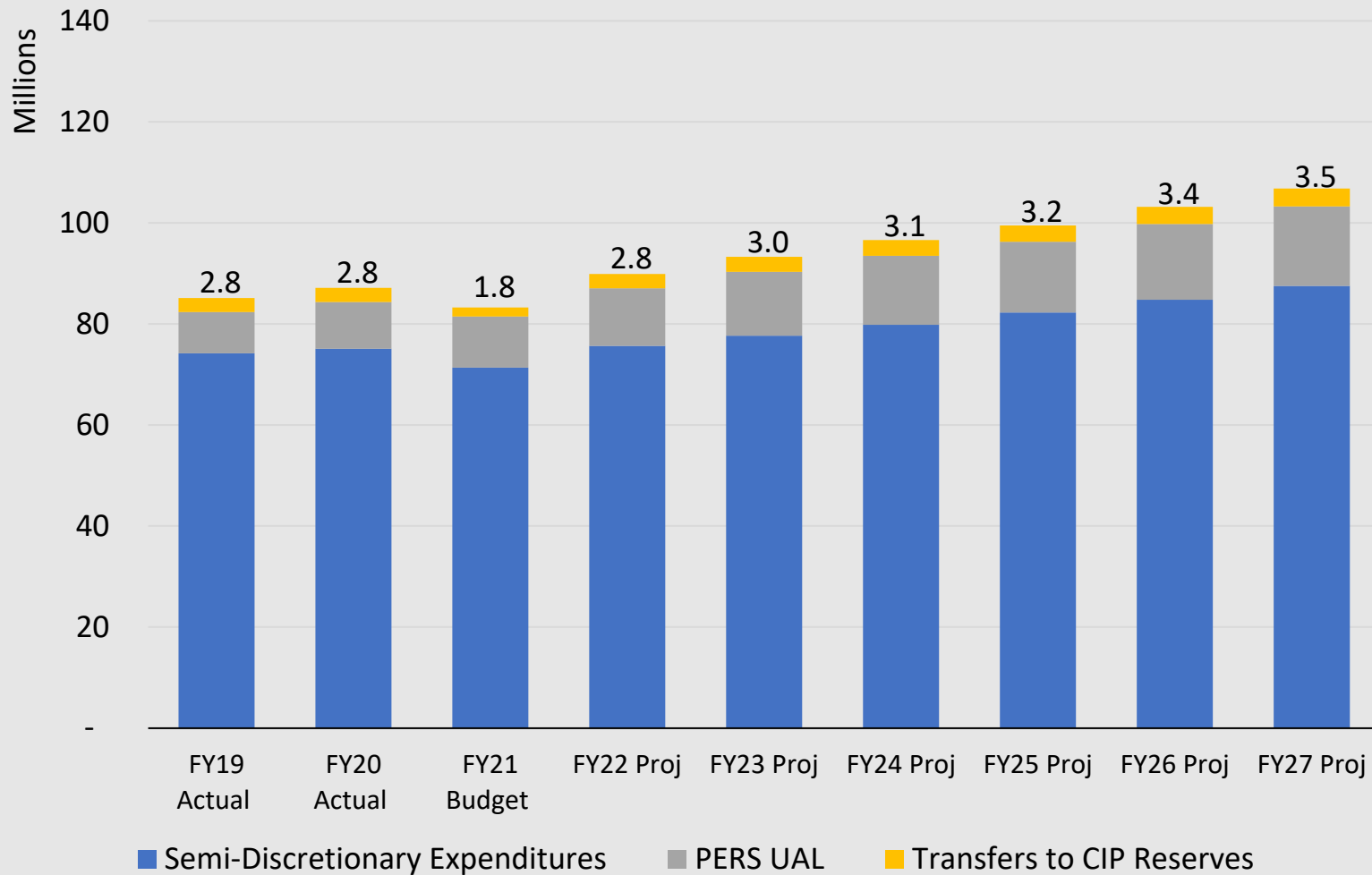
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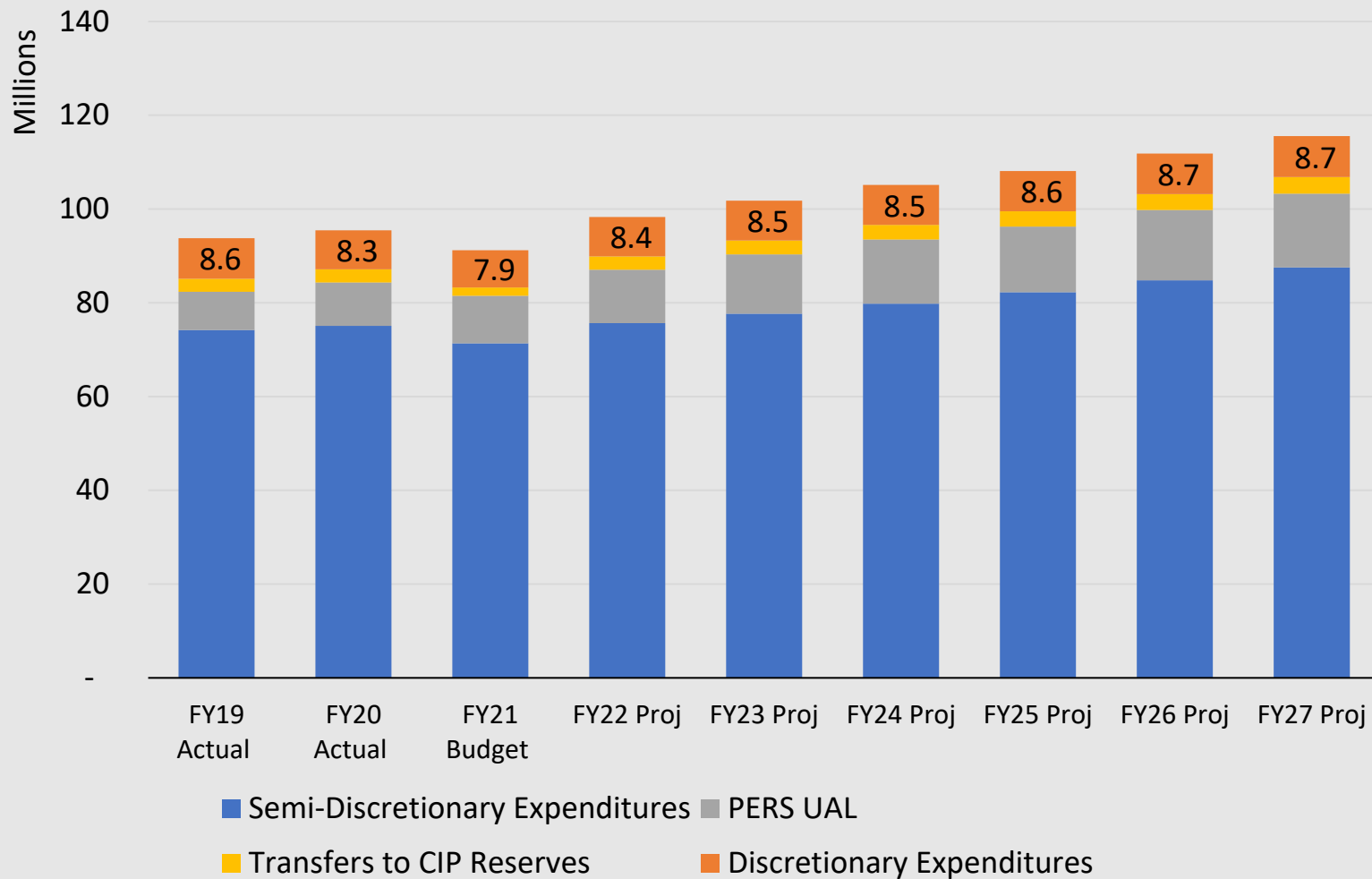
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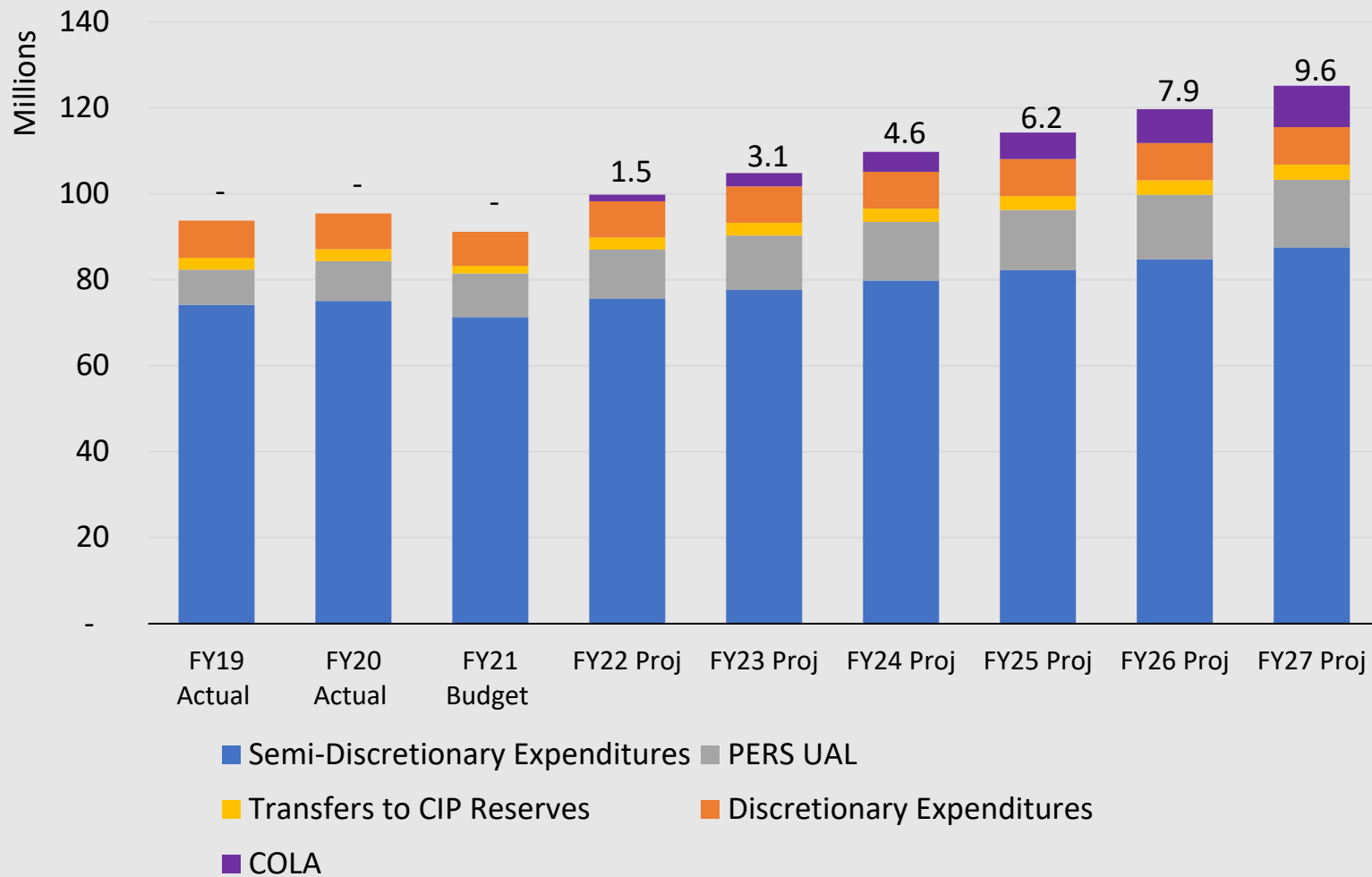
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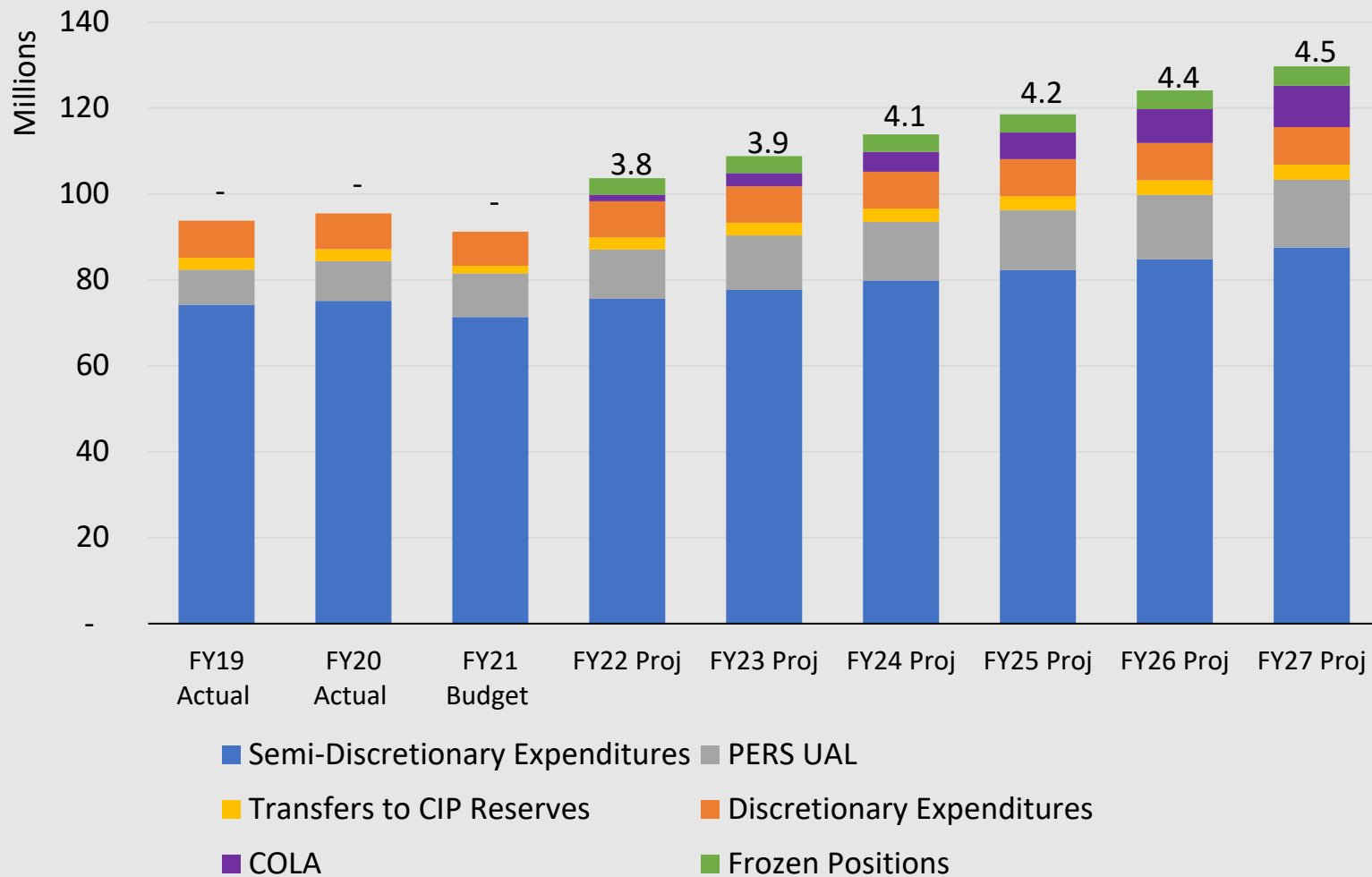
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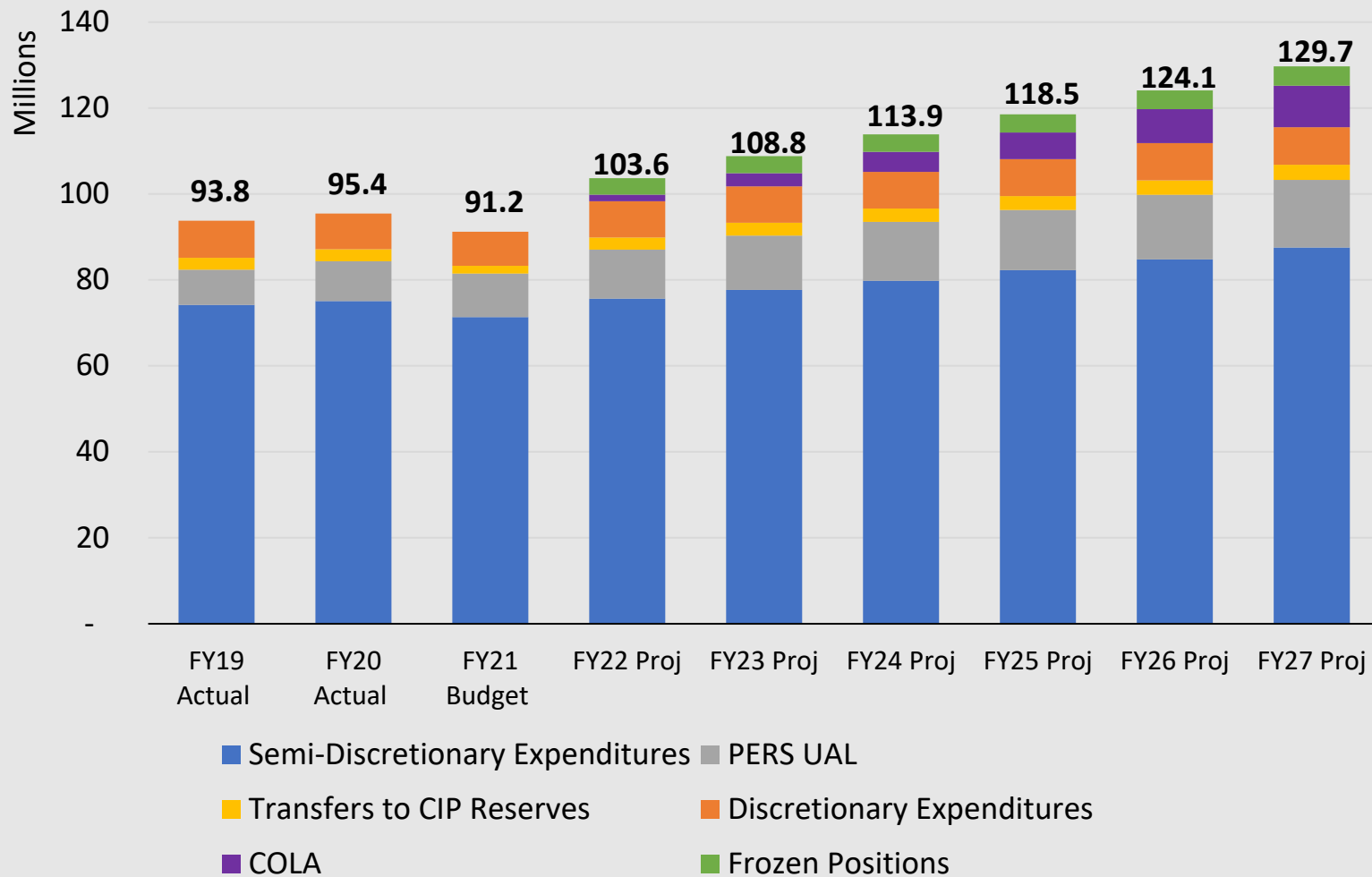
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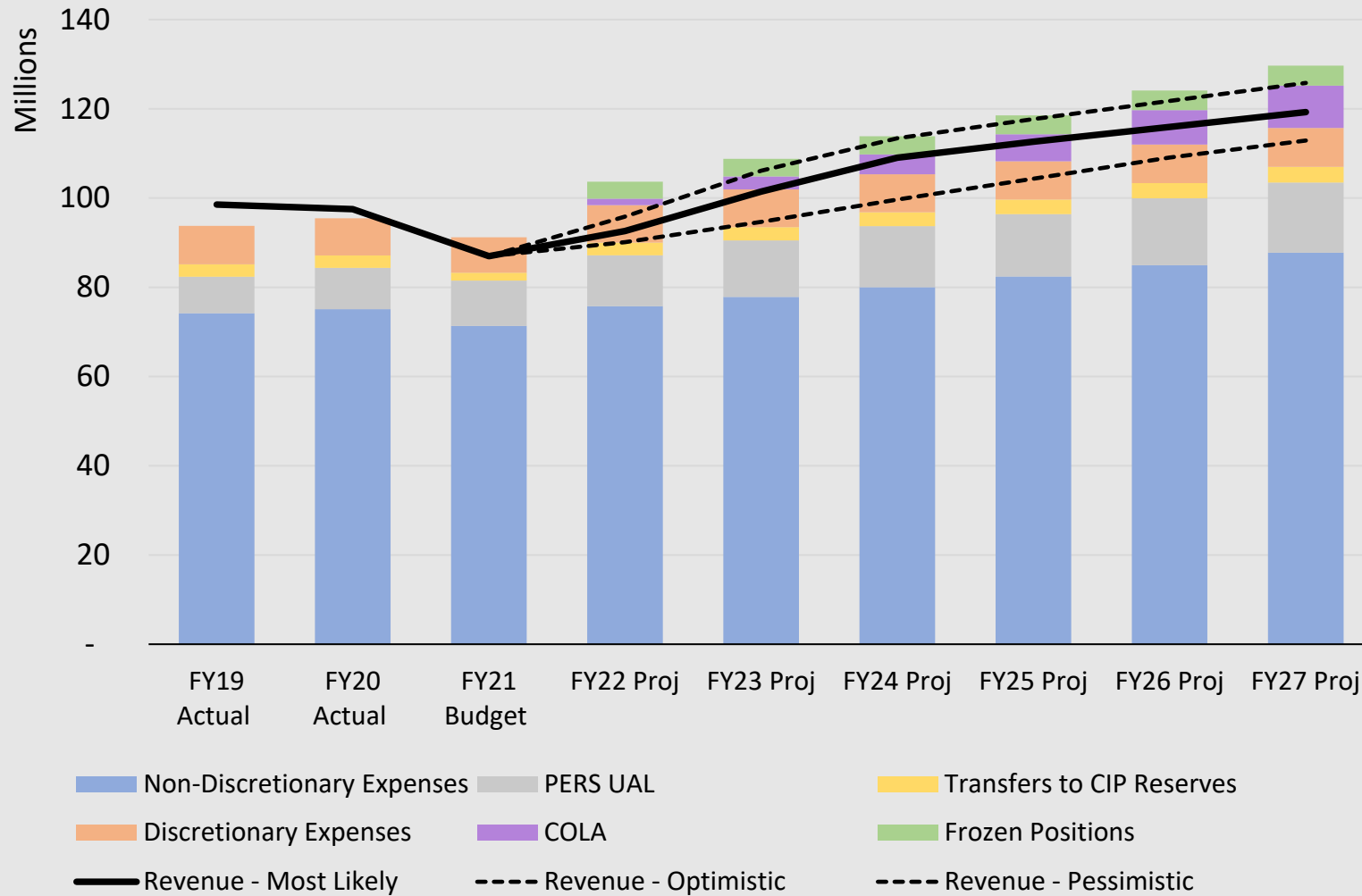
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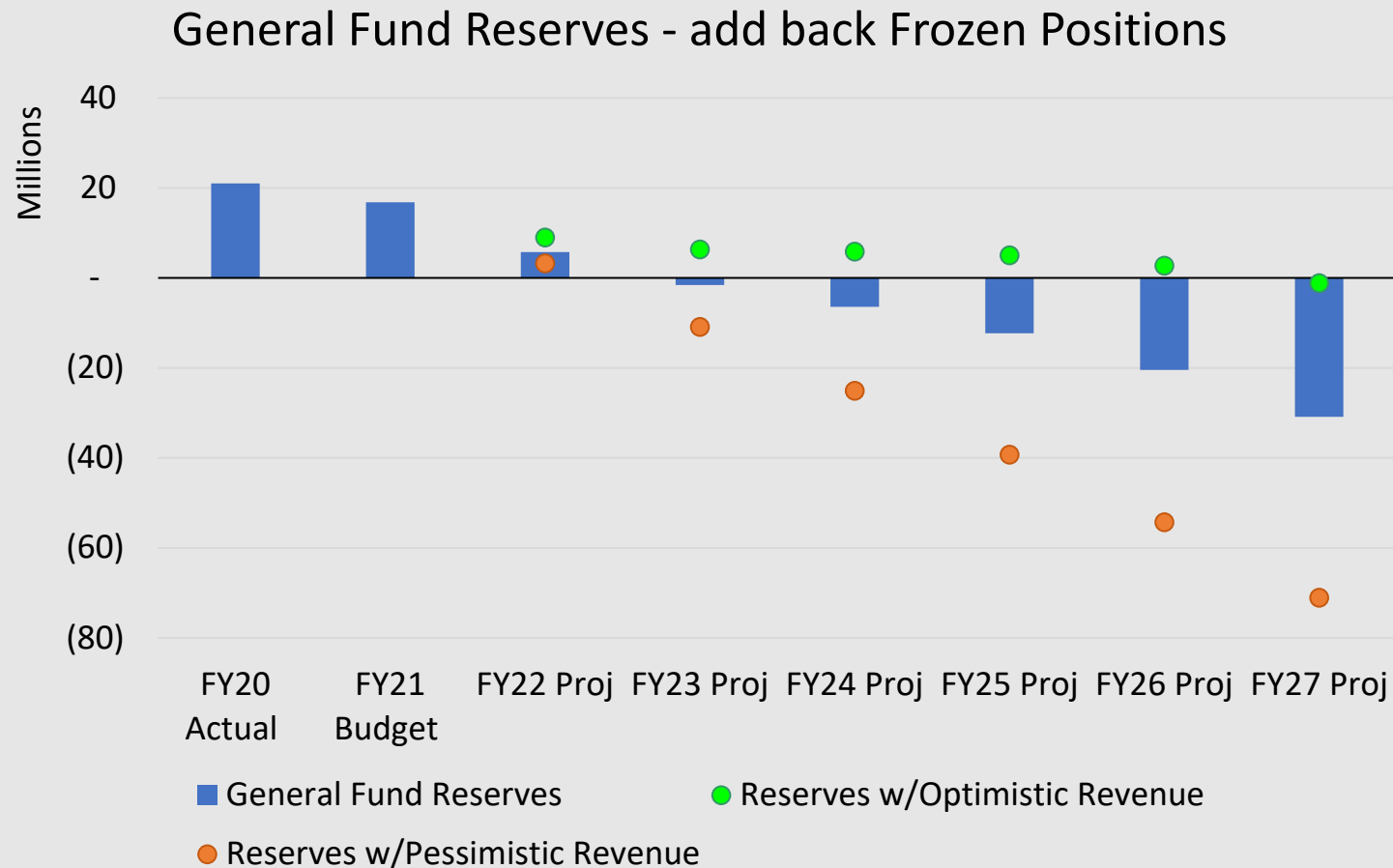


Revenue & Expenditures



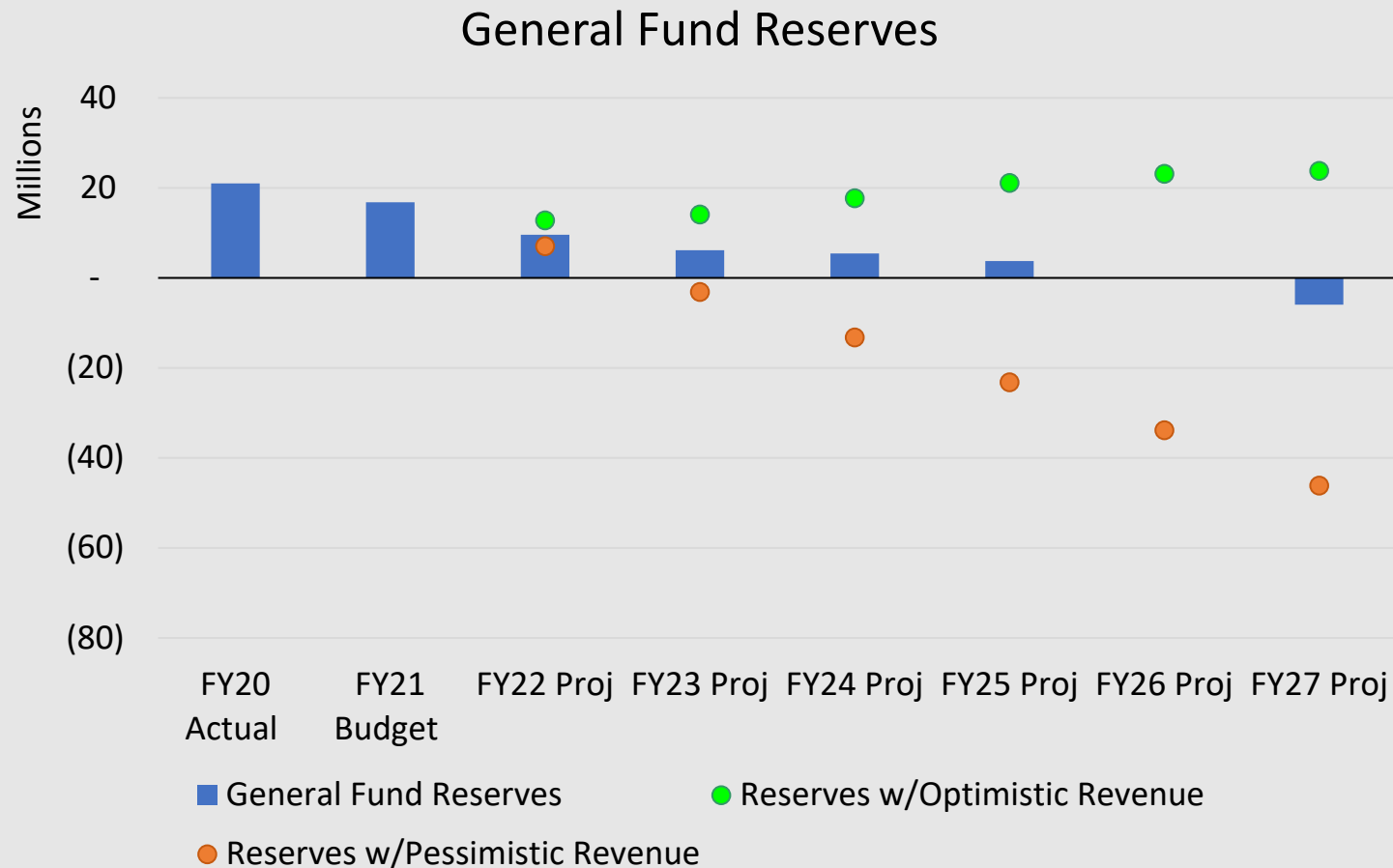
Usage of General Fund Reserves

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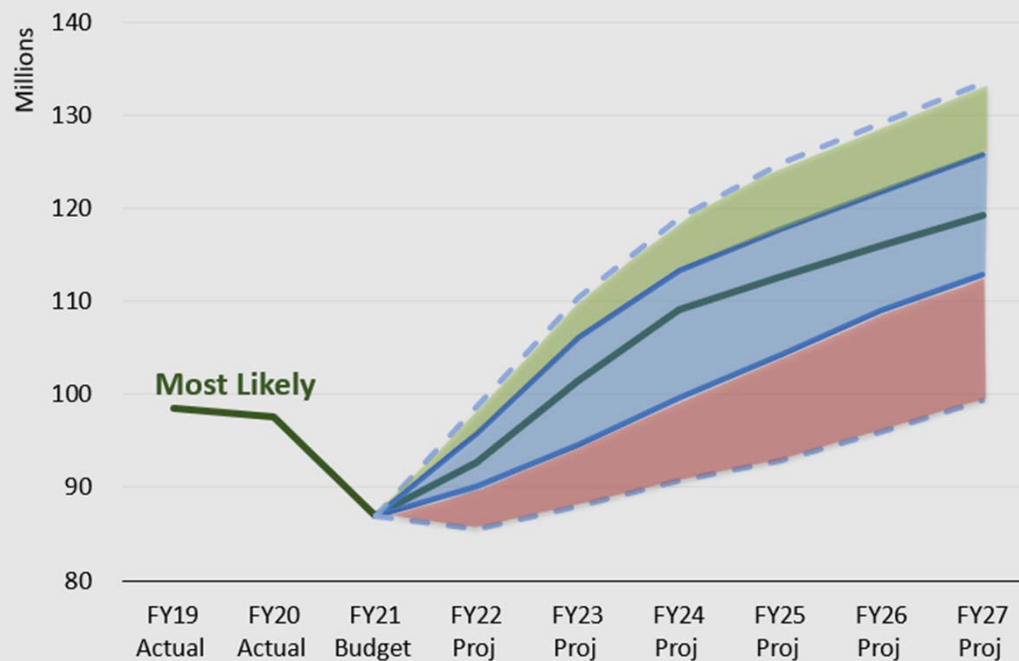
Usage of General Fund Reserves

(equivalent level of frozen positions maintained)



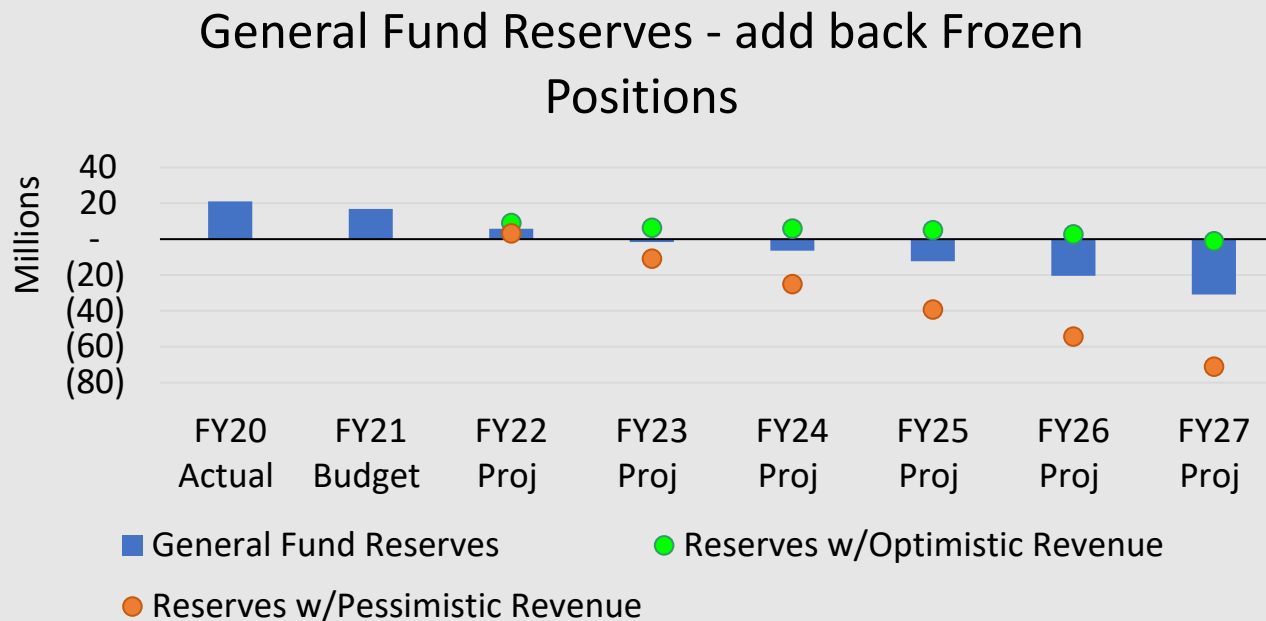
Summary

- Revenues are down, and will take years to recover
- High level of uncertainty, but more likely to be under forecast than over



Summary

- If expenditures are allowed to grow at historic levels, the City will face annual deficits
- Reserves are not sufficient to cover projected deficits



What's Next?

- City Council will be asked to set budget priorities at their workshop
- City Staff will then compile recommendations based on Council priorities for a conservative FY 2021/22 budget
- For FY21, revenues will be closely monitored so that positions/programs can be added back when appropriate
- Departments will tightly manage their FY21 budgets to not further stress reserves



Comments / Questions?



End of Presentation

