

CHOOSING A PATH



Information about
a Possible Local
Sales Tax Measure





The Services that Make Vacaville Special





Public Safety Police Response Times

**6.02
Min**

Average Police
Response Time
(Priority 1 Calls)

99.97%

911 Calls Answered
Within 15 Seconds



2025 Crime Data Statistics



7.6%

Crimes
Committed
Against Persons



17.5%

Crimes
Committed
Against Property



3.6%

Overall Crime
Clearance Rate



The RTIC in Action: Advancing Public Safety and Quality of Life



Community Engagement



Participated in 75 outreach events



Contributed over 600 volunteer hours



The Community Response Unit (CRU) coordinated housing for 55 individuals, reducing recurring calls for service and improving quality of life.



Public Safety Fire Response Times

14,123

Number of Calls for Service in 2025 – an increase of 15% Since 2021

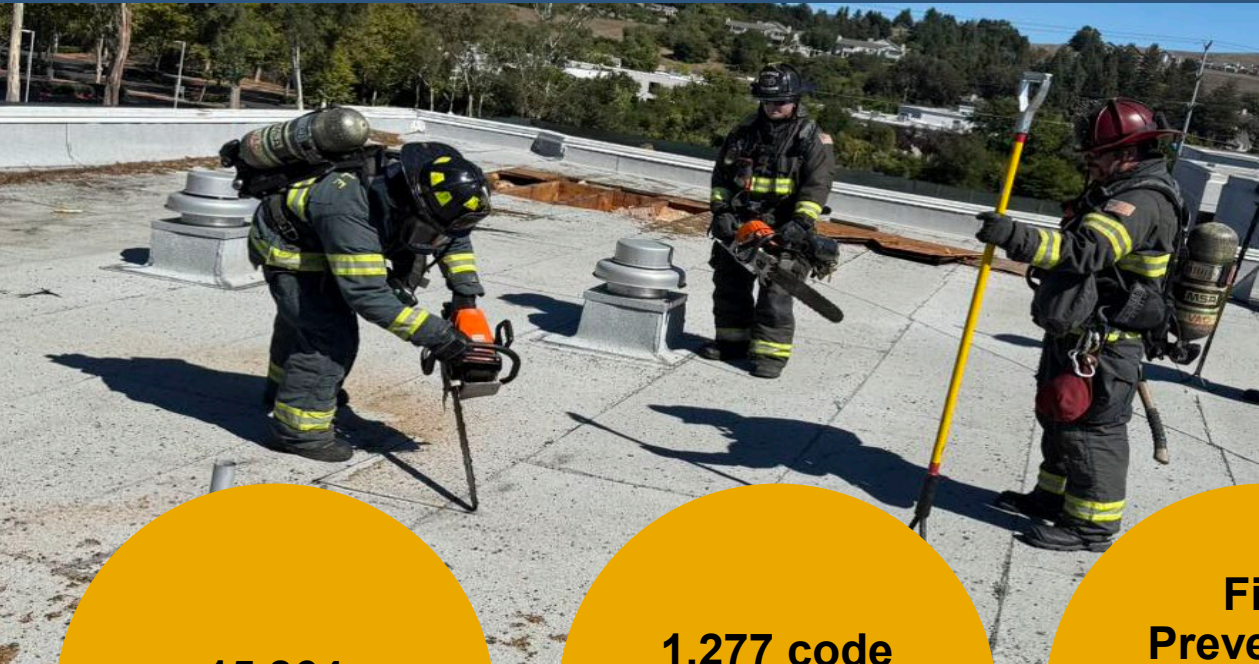
74.7%

of Calls for Rescue/Emergency Medical Services

**5:12
Min**

Average Fire Response Time – one of the fastest in Solano County

Public Safety Fire Data



**15,864
training hours**

**1,277 code
enforcement
cases**

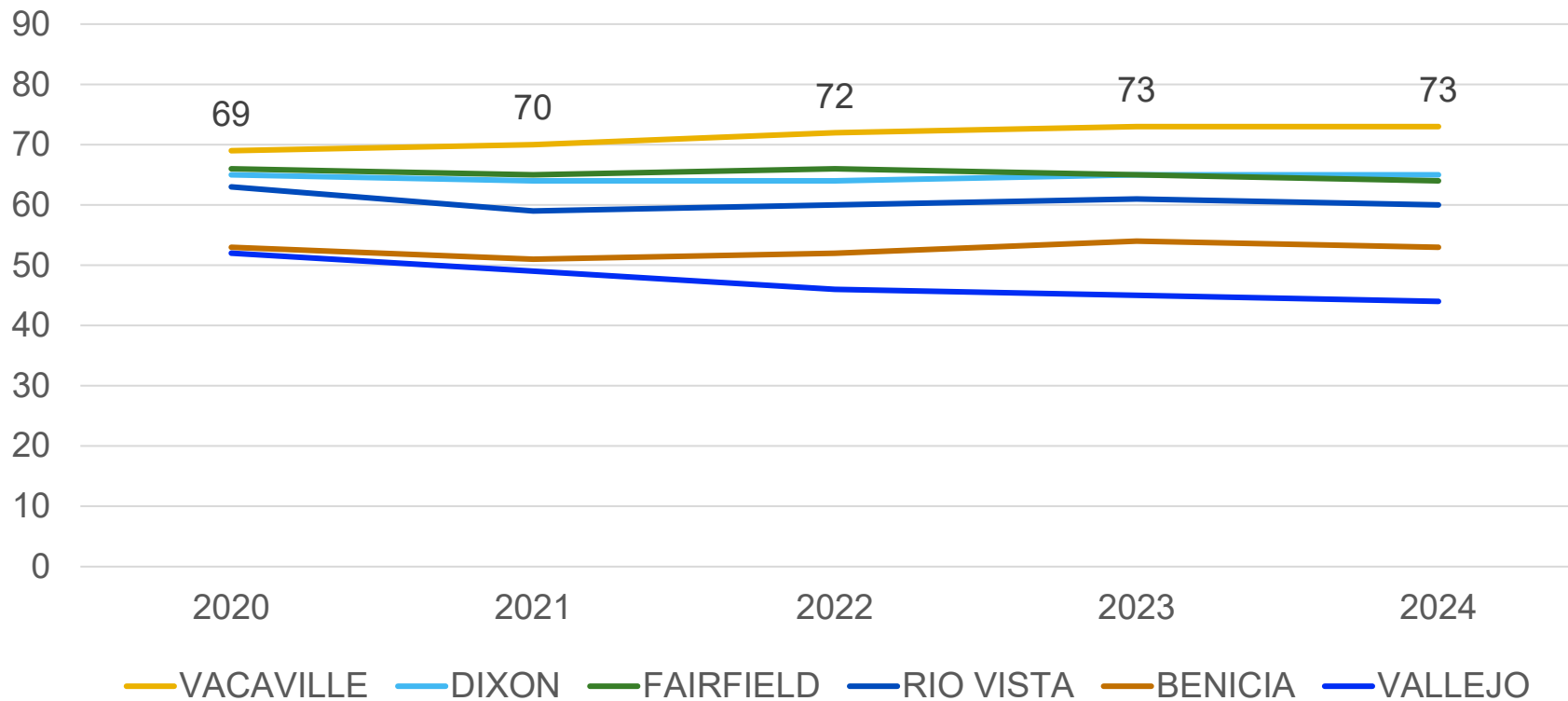
**Fire
Prevention
1,270 fire &
construction
inspections**

**Graduated 6
firefighters
from
paramedic
school**

**73 homes -
Neighborhood
Cleanup
Program**

Streets and Road Infrastructure

PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX
2020 - 2024



Parks Infrastructure

77%

Percent of residents live within a 10-min walk of a public park

37

Number of public parks in Vacaville

Recreation and Special Events

5,000

Programs offered like gymnastics, basketball, swimming and summer camps

54,000

Annual program registrations

58,600

Estimated attendance at all City Events like CreekWalk, 4th of July and Merriment on Main



Why This Conversation Is Happening



**Costs rising
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**Structural
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What's Happening Now



Community outreach



Surveys and public meetings



Council discussion

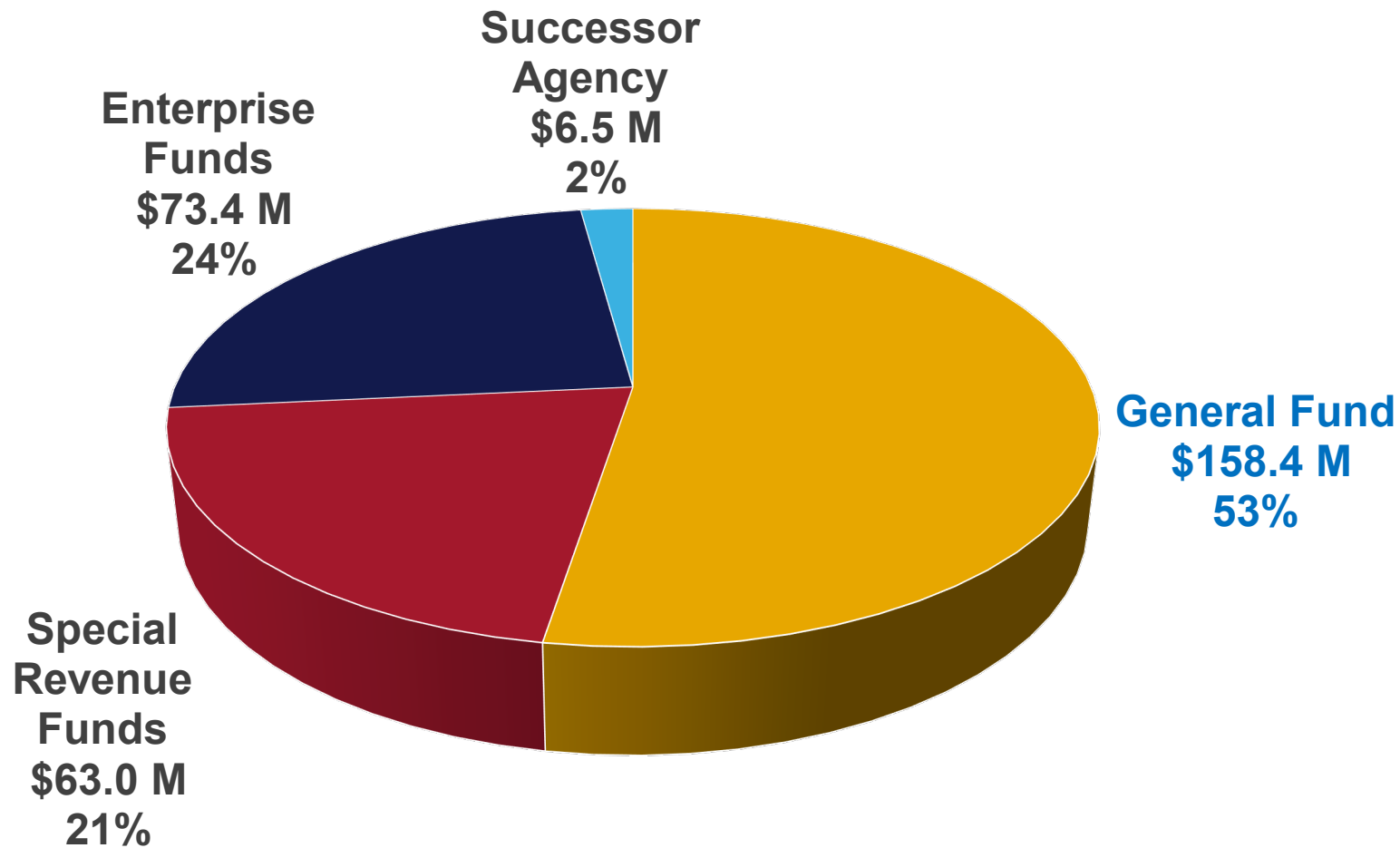


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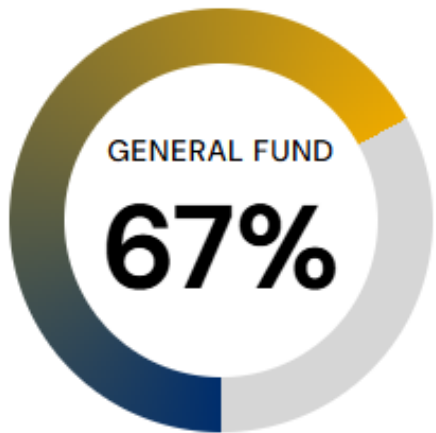
FY 2026 Budget by Fund Type (In Millions)

City's Total Budget \$295M



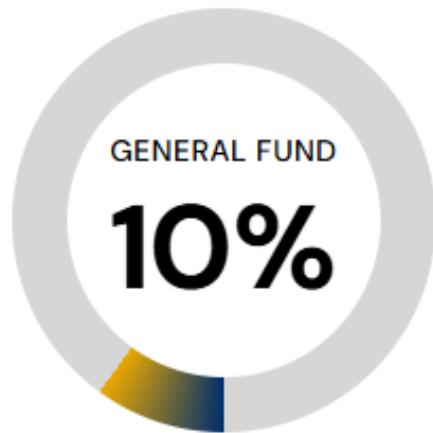


FY 2026 General Fund Breakdown

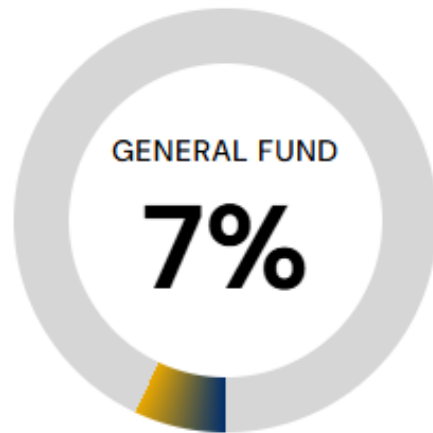


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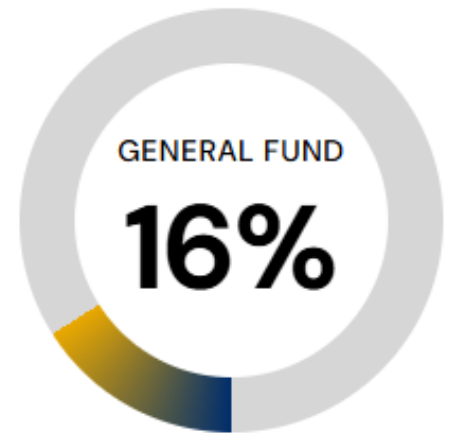
- Police
- Fire



Public Works



Parks & Recreation



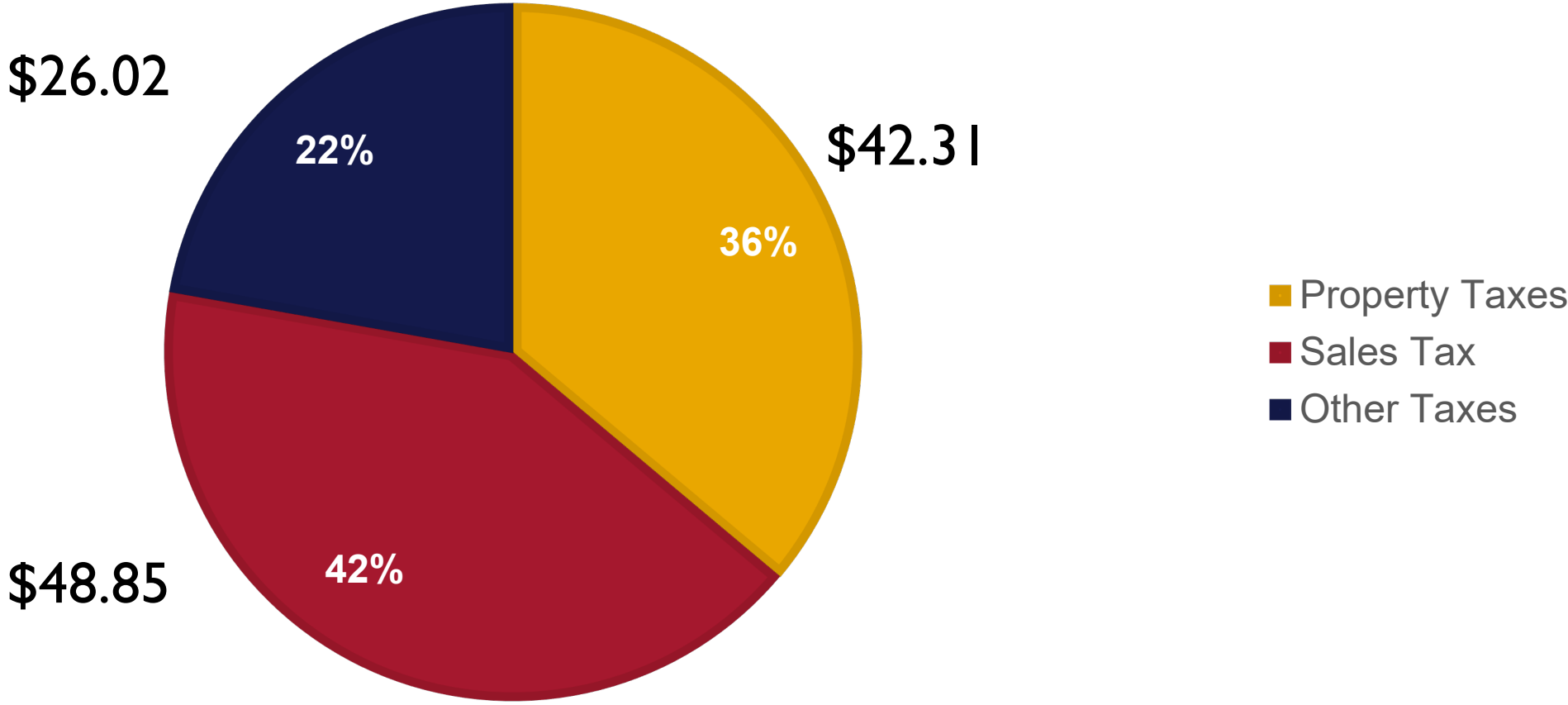
City Administration

- City Attorney's Office
- City Manager's Office
- Economic Development
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Non-Departmental



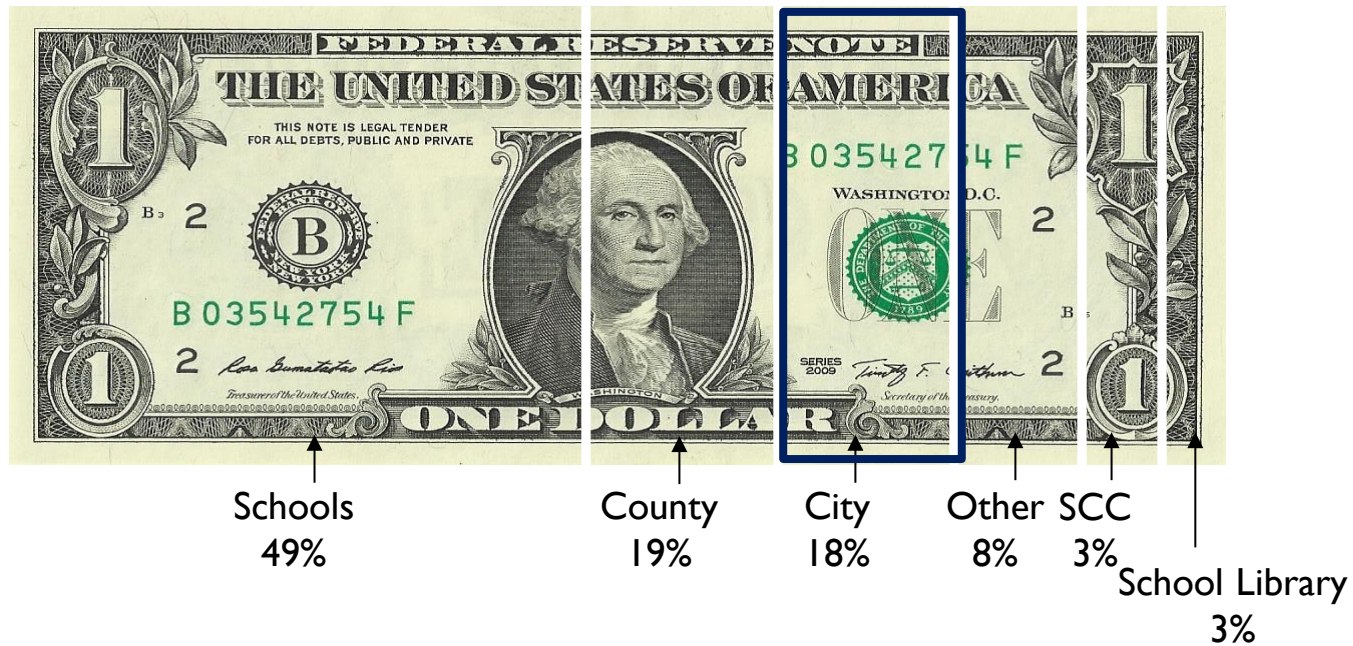
FY 2026 Breakdown of Tax Revenue

TAX REVENUE AS BUDGETED FY25/26 (\$ IN MILLIONS)



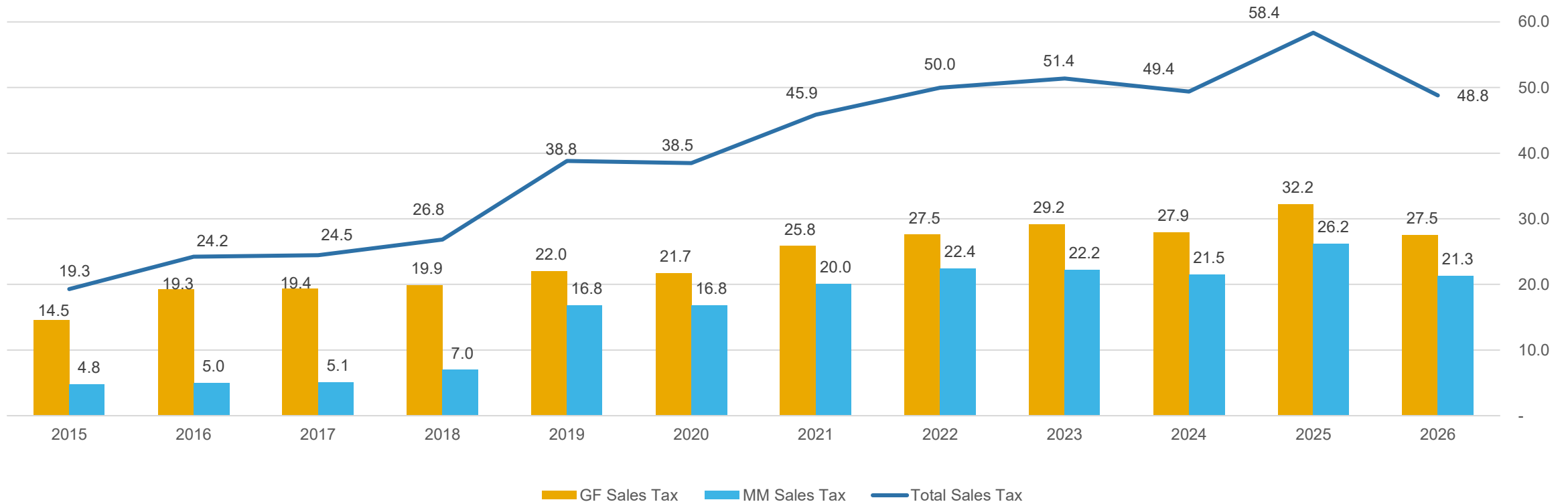
Where Do Property Taxes Go?

- Estimated allocation of \$1 of property taxes in the City of Vacaville
- City gets approximately 16¢ to 18¢ for each property tax dollar paid for the Proposition 13 assessment



General Fund Sales Tax & Measure M Sales Tax Revenues

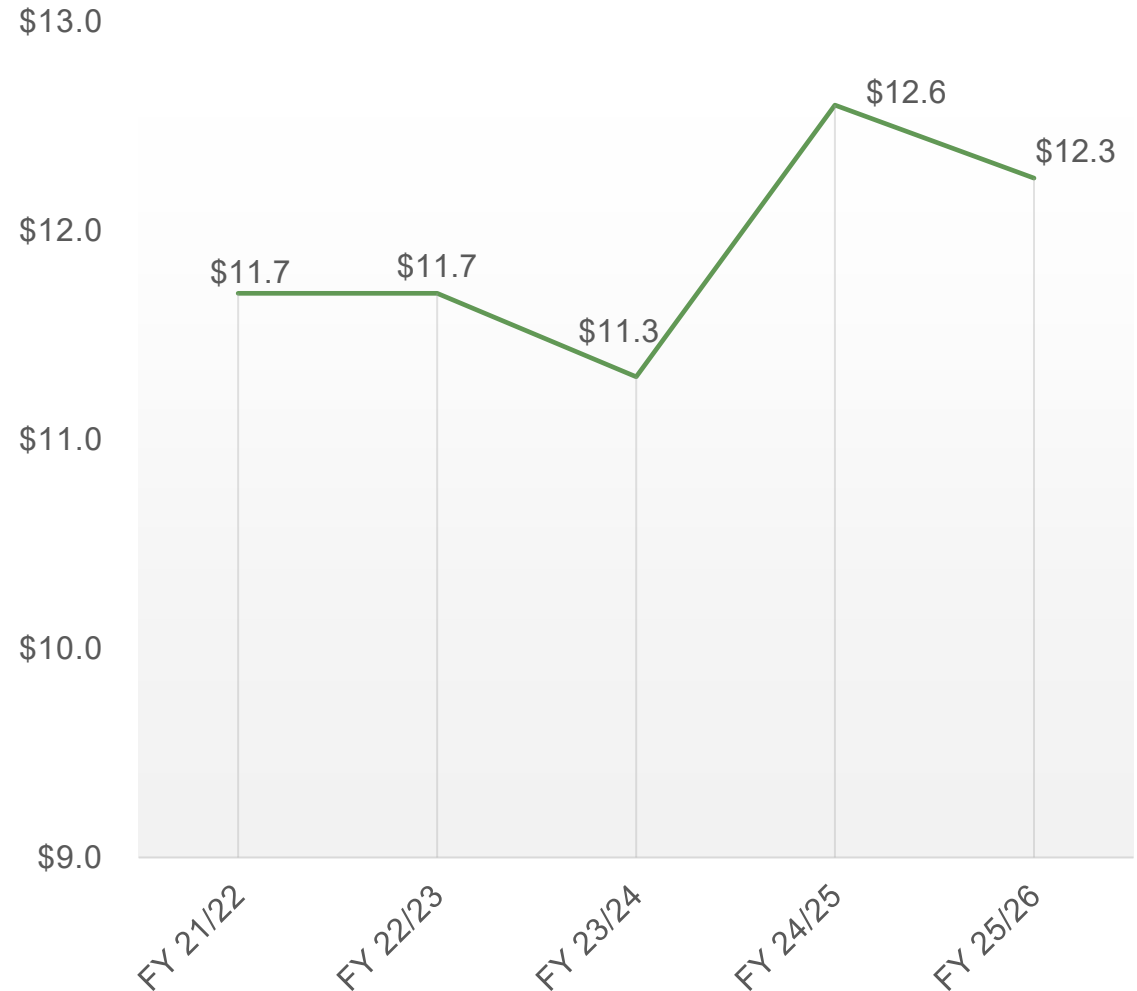
Sales Tax Data (In Millions)



Other Taxes (mid-year projection)

Notable Impacts

- Real Property Transfer Tax 49.3% ↓
- Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) 4.6% ↓



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What Is a Structural Budget Deficit?



Ongoing costs exceed ongoing revenues



Not caused by a single year or event



Persists even when the economy is stable



Requires long-term solutions



Cost of Inflation

	Then	Now	Increase
A Dozen Eggs	\$1.40 (2019)	\$2.71 (2025)	93.6%
PG&E Bill	\$171 (2019)	\$300 (2025)	75.4%
Police Car	\$60K (2019)	\$94K (2025)	56.6%
Fire Engine	\$700K (2019)	\$1.2M (2025)	71.4%
Asphalt (1T)	\$85.5 (2021)	\$108 (2025)	26.3%
Concrete (1CY)	\$157 (2020)	\$191 (2025)	21.7%



**We're not buying more
– we're paying more
for the same things.**

What the City Has Already Done



2.5% Budget cuts and cost containment Overall Budget reduction of \$9.2 M



General Fund Reduction of \$8.0 M



Hiring freezes and position reductions - 3 frozen, 16 delayed



Deferred maintenance



Use of one-time funds



Forecast

With Cost Savings

(millions of \$)	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30
Reserve (\$)	\$49	\$41	\$29	\$18	\$9	\$4
Reserve (%)	33%	27%	18%	11%	5%	2%

Without Cost Savings

(millions of \$)	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30
Reserve (\$)	-	-	\$22	\$5	(\$11)	(\$23)
Reserve (%)	-	-	14%	3%	(7%)	(14%)



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What Measure M Funds Today



- Police services
- Fire and EMS response
- Street and road repairs
- Parks and community programs

Project List of completed Measure M projects can be found at <https://CityofVacaville.gov/MeasureM>



How Is Measure M Spent?



FY 2025/26 Summary at Midyear

Revenues = \$22.1M

Expenses = \$14.3M

Measure M funds needed to balance General Fund
= **\$7.8M**

General Fund FY 27 Projection

Projected gap between ongoing revenues and expenses is **(\$12 million)** even with current cost saving measures.



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Why Doing Nothing Is Risky

- Reserves are finite
- One-time funds run out
- Service levels decline over time
- Disaster preparedness
- Neighborhood safety
- Emergency decisions later
- Streets and Roads



Why the City Is Studying a New Sales Tax



**Not Charged on Grocery and
Medical Supplies**



Sales tax spreads cost broadly



Visitors contribute (22% Sales Tax)



Local control



Examples

Nugget MARKETS
130 Browns Valley Pkwy Vacaville, CA 95688
(707) 469-6900 www.nuggetmarket.com

DELI		\$12.96
2 Chicken Breast		
PRODUCE		\$6.00
2 lbs Cherry Tomatoes		\$3.66
2.5 lbs Fuji Apples		\$3.25
2.75 lbs Bananas		
BAKERY		\$7.98
1 Sour Dough Loaf		
GROCERY		\$4.25
White Instant Rice		\$7.89
Dozen Eggs		\$6.99
Silk Van. Almond Milk		
SUB TOTAL		\$52.98
TOTAL TAX (8.125%)		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$52.98

Total Items Sold = 8

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The Current Rate Now

The Rate If Measure Passes

No Difference



Examples

Potential New Revenue Measure

NikeFactoryStore	
262 Nut Tree Rd, Vacaville, CA 95687 Phone: (707) 455-7014	
Slip: 047893-0-02 Staff: 94020 Date: 01/12/2026	
1 Air Zoom Flight 95	\$160.00
2 Challenger Dri-Fit Short	\$33.97
1 Pro Dri-Fit Slim	\$32.00
Subtotal	\$225.97
Sales Tax (8.125%)	\$18.36
Total	\$244.33
Card number	**** * 329
Card type	VISA
Card entry	Chip
Date/time	01/12/2026 11.09 AM
Status	APPROVED

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Sales Tax (9.125%)	\$20.62
Total	\$246.59
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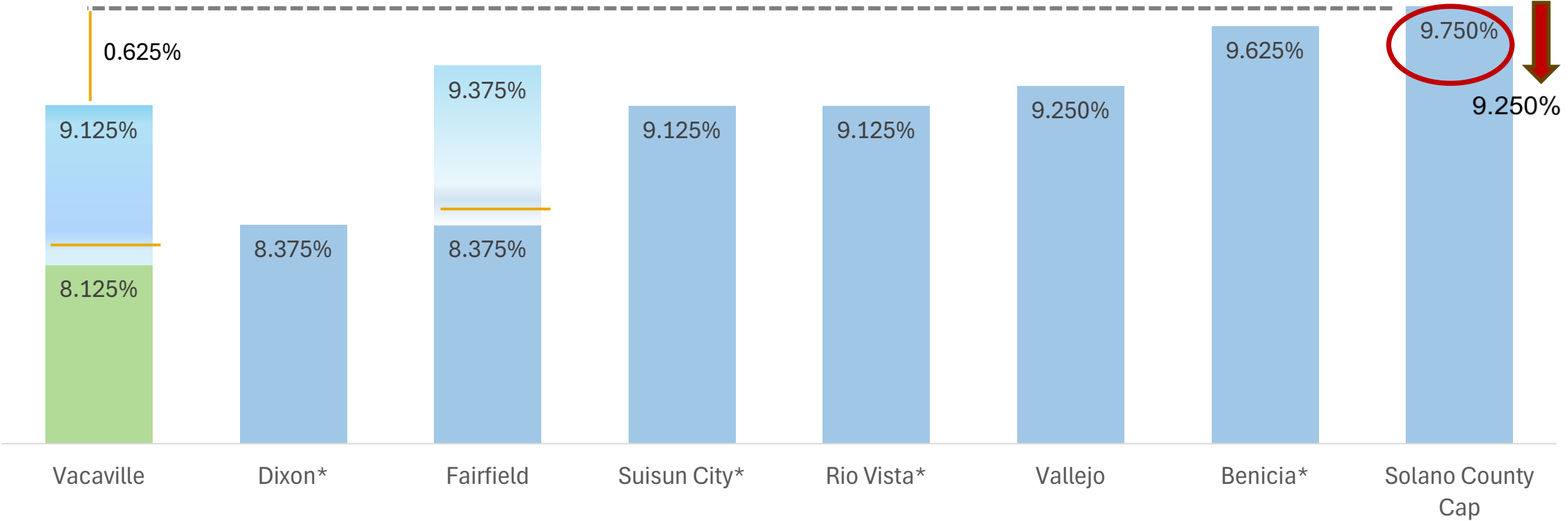
A Difference of **\$2.26**





Sales Tax Rates in Solano County

AB 3259
Sunset Jan 01, 2029



*Effective 4/1/2025 – Dixon, Suisun City, Rio Vista, and Benicia increased the sales tax in 2024

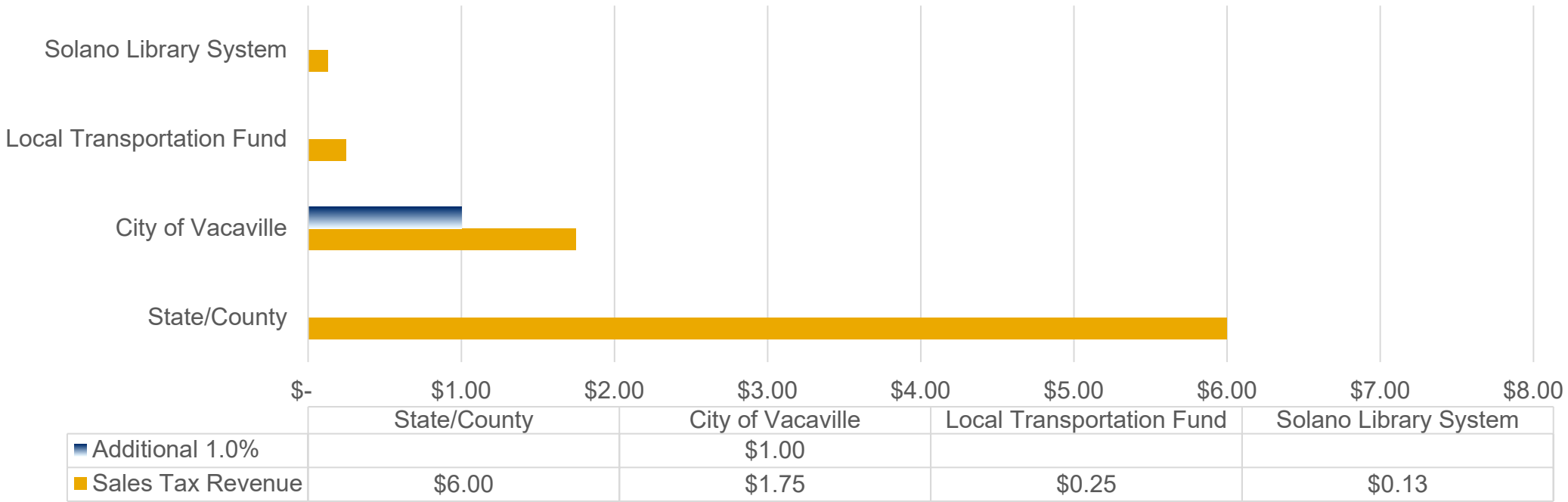
For Vacaville - Each ¼ Cent = **\$7 million**; 1 Cent = **\$28 million**





Share of Tax revenue per \$100

For every **\$100** of sales in the City, the tax generated is **\$8.13**. The share of tax revenue is distributed as follows includes \$1 Bradley-Burns and 0.75 cents Measure M



What “Local Control” Means

- Funds stay in Vacaville
- State cannot take the money
- City Council sets priorities
- Citizens Oversight Committee



Continued Accountability

- Citizens Oversight Committee
- Annual audits
- Public reports
- Clear spending priorities



The Role of Voters

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- Voters decide
 - City provides facts
 - Transparent process
 - Community choice



The Choice Ahead



Maintain current
service levels



Reduce services
over time



Community
decision



What Happens Next



Continued community outreach



Surveys and public meetings



Council discussion



No decisions yet



Upcoming Community Meetings



Fire Station 73
650 Eubanks Court
April 16 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
May 4 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM



McBride Senior Center
91 Town Square Place
April 20 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
May 4 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM



Three Oaks Community Center
1100 Alamo Drive
April 21 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
May 7 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM



Ulatis Community Center
1000 Ulatis Drive
April 16 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
April 20 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM



Fire Station 74
1850 Alamo Drive
April 21 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM
May 7 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM



Fire Station 75
111 Cogburn Circle
May 5 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
May 9 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Key Takeaways



Structural deficit is real



Measure M is critical but not enough



**Risk of reduction to current service levels
for public safety and road/parks/facility
maintenance**



Planning early protects Vacaville



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