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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA – FEBRUARY 4, 2015; 9:30 AM  
PSTA AUDITORIUM

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|   | <u>TIME</u> |
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| 1. CALL TO ORDER  | 9:30        |
| 2. PUBLIC COMMENT   | 9:30        |
| 3. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE                                 | 9:35        |
| A. Gray Robinson Updates                                    |             |
| B. Trip to Tallahassee – With Pinellas Chambers March 25-26 |             |
| C. Local Legislator Meetings Update                         |             |
| D. Legislative Priorities Discussion                        |             |
| 4. ACTION ITEMS   | 10:05       |
| A. Committee Officers                                       |             |
| B. December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes                         |             |
| 5. INFORMATION ITEMS  | 10:10       |
| A. Revised PSTA Financial Forecast Development              |             |
| B. Washington DC Federal Legislative Update                 |             |
| a. Joining Transit Bus Coalition                            |             |
| b. Trip to Washington March 8-10                            |             |
| c. National Infrastructure Day – April 9                    |             |
| 6. FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS                                  | 11:00       |
| • Recommend 2015 State Legislative Agenda - March           |             |
| • Recommend 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda - March         |             |
| 7. OTHER BUSINESS   | 11:00       |
| 8. ADJOURNMENT  | 11:00       |

**THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4, 2015 AT 9:30 AM**



**ACTION ITEM**

**4B: December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Action: Approve Meeting Minutes**

**Staff Resource:** Clarissa Keresztes, Administrative Assistant

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- Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the December Legislative Committee meeting.
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**Attachments:**

1. Minutes



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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 3, 2014

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The Legislative Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 9:30 AM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update from Gray Robinson and to approve the October 1, 2014 meeting minutes and State Legislative Agenda. The following members were present:

Darden Rice, Committee Chairperson  
Ben Diamond

Absent

Patricia Johnson  
Wengay Newton  
John Morroni

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO  
Chris Carmody, Gray Robinson (via conference call)  
Bill Jonson, PSTA Board Member  
PSTA Staff Members

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Rice opened the meeting at 9:39 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Homeless Initiative – Mr. Miller explained that the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) took on the homeless initiative to explore ways on how PSTA could better serve the homeless through public transportation. Ross Silvers, Mobility Manager, described what has been accomplished to date in helping the homeless get to the vital services they

need. He spoke of combining resource lists from St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and the Homeless Leadership Board (HLB), which were updated and reviewed by the TRAC Committee. Mr. Silvers stated that staff has created a map of these resources which will be available online to the various agencies and in print for passengers. He explained that federal funding for this outreach will come through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

### **GRAY ROBINSON UPDATE**

Mr. Carmody reported that the Legislature is back in Tallahassee, but there has not been any activity yet on transportation issues. He informed the Committee that Gray Robinson will be in Tallahassee the first week of January for the inauguration and the start of the Committee Weeks. Mr. Carmody said that Gray Robinson would like to have some PSTA Board members visit Tallahassee in the second or third Committee Week to meet with the Tampa Bay delegation and the House Transportation Chair. Mr. Carmody asked what messages PSTA would like them to present in Tallahassee. Mr. Miller responded that PSTA is reviewing the findings of the Tampa Bay Partnership post-election survey for Greenlight Pinellas. Mr. Miller said a proposed Legislative agenda will be developed after today's Legislative Committee meeting for the Board's approval. He said this year's agenda will essentially include the same items as last year's agenda including funding for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and maintaining or increasing the Transit Block Grant Funding.

Mr. Diamond stated that the Board is scheduled to have a planning retreat in January to talk about some options going forward. He indicated that Senator Brandes is a big supporter of BRT, and said that Senator Latvala supported the Greenlight Plan. He suggested going to the Legislature and asking for more funds for specific projects like the BRT. Mr. Carmody agreed with that suggestion. Mr. Diamond asked if PSTA should be conducting some pre-work with the local delegation members before going to Tallahassee, such as Senator Latvala. Mr. Carmody agreed, and Committee Chair Rice asked if PSTA should also reach out to the local delegation before the January 21st workshop to receive their thoughts. Mr. Carmody agreed and there was discussion about how to approach the local delegation. There also was discussion about the Howard Frankland Bridge with the multimodal option, and the Route 60 interchange on the Hillsborough side and making those a high priority.

Mr. Miller spoke of action items needed before the Legislation meetings and before the January 21st workshop: 1) meet with Senators Latvala and Brandes to talk about the process that PSTA is going through after the referendum vote, and talk about the Howard Frankland Bridge project, 2) explore funding for a pilot project, 3) schedule one or multiple Legislative Committee members to go to Tallahassee, 4) meet with Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) to get a sense on how PSTA's

Legislative agenda can dovetail with other regional agendas for transportation projects, and 4) identify possible pilot projects to be discussed at the January workshop.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

No action items were voted on due to lack of quorum.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller gave a brief overview of the survey conducted by the Tampa Bay Partnership on November 5-6th. He also distributed maps showing what the Board approved in June 2013 as the No New Revenue Scenario as part of the Community Bus Plan. He spoke about the No New Revenue Core map which would eliminate more than 12 routes throughout the system, and the No New Revenue Coverage map. Committee Chair Rice requested that more street detail be added to the map for clarity, and Mr. Diamond asked that ridership numbers be added to the maps.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on January 7th at 9:30 AM.



## INFORMATION ITEM

**5A: Revised PSTA Financial Forecast Development**

**Action: Information Item**

**Staff Resource:** Brad Miller, CEO

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### **February 18, 2015 PSTA Workshop:**

- Prior to next month's facilitated PSTA Board Workshop, PSTA staff is working to develop revised long-term financial projections for providing its existing transit service levels, reduced service levels, and the costs of incrementally improving PSTA transit services.
- In order to allow the most input at the workshop from all 15 PSTA Board members:
  - 1-on-1 interviews with PSTA's facilitator or other consultant working with him are being conducted with all Board members.
  - Staff presented its draft revised forecasts at the PSTA Finance, Planning, and Board meetings in January, and will be presented at the Legislative Committee on February 4th. This way, all 15 PSTA Board members will have an opportunity in advance of the Workshop to understand the financial assumptions and policy implications in PSTA's long-term forecasts.
- A PowerPoint presentation will be shown at the meeting with this draft information.

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### **Attachments:**

1. PowerPoint



# PSTA Revised Financial Forecasts

Legislative Committee Meeting

February 4, 2015

# Spring 2015 Decision-making

- February 18 Facilitated Board Workshop
- Monthly PSTA Committees
- FY2016 Budget Draft by June, 2015
- Possible Joint MPO/BOCC/PSTA Meeting
- State Legislative Session/Fed Reauthorization
- Additional Workshops?



# February 18 Workshop

- 1-on-1 Pre-Interviews
- **Goal:** Identification & Discussion of all board members' points of view on path forward.
- No scheduled additional workshops but may be helpful.

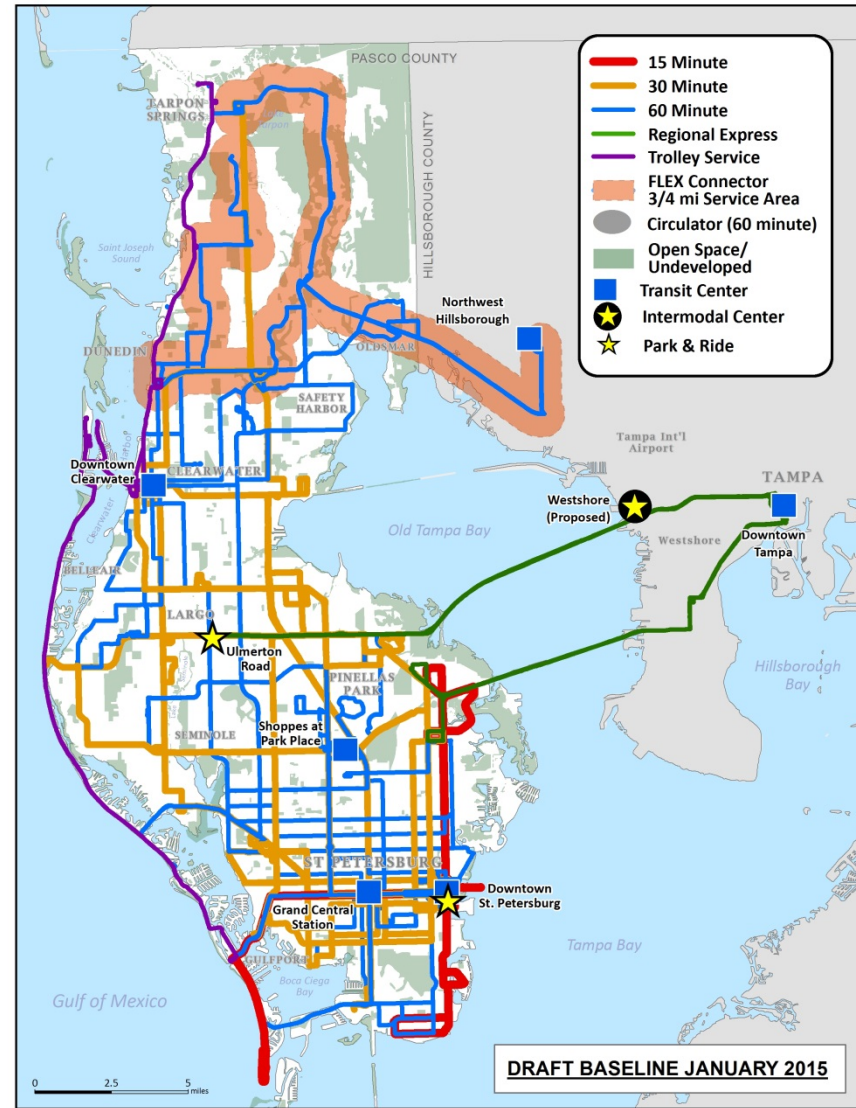
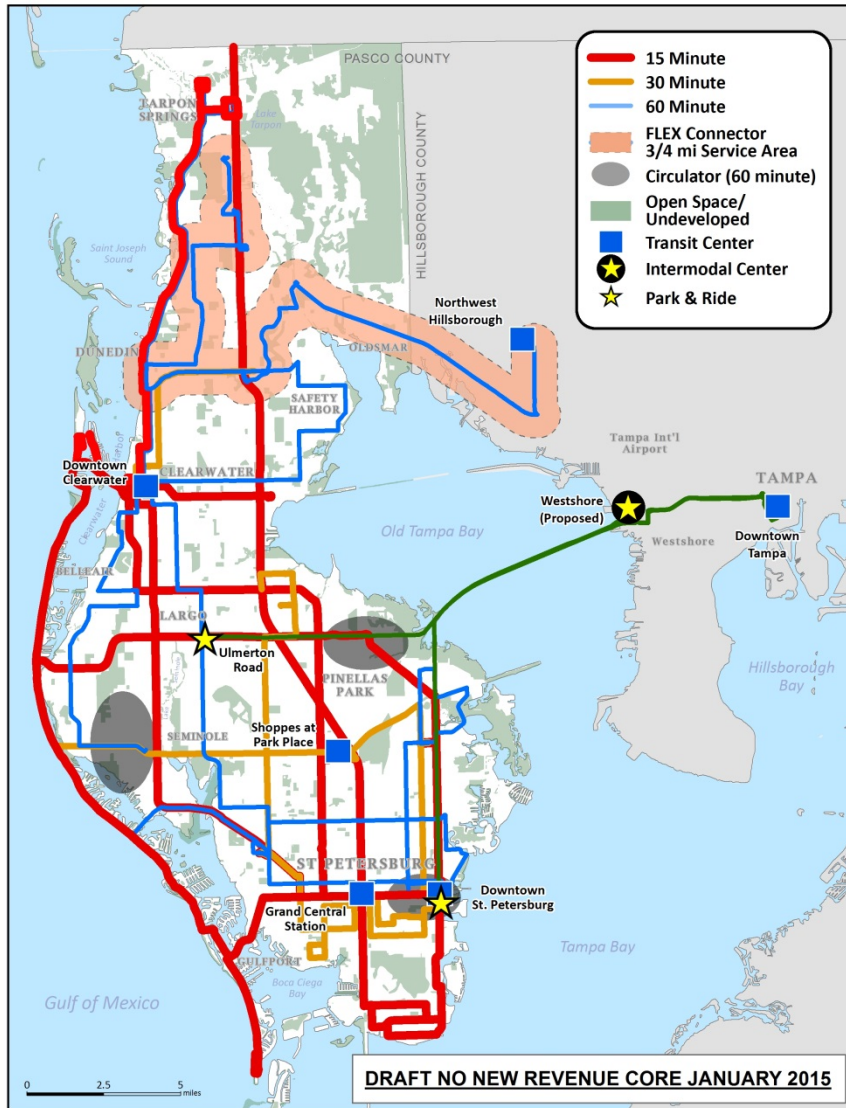
# Today

- Present PSTA Financial Forecast
- Refresh Memory of “No New Revenue Scenario”
- Identify Upcoming Board Decisions

# Financial Outlook Summary

- Adopted No New Revenue Scenario
  - Concentrates Service on Higher Ridership Corridors.
  - Streamlines Routes/Eliminates Unproductive Loops to get people to their destination faster.
  - Higher Ridership = More Fare Revenue – more resources for service.
- Converting to “NNRS” without policy changes requires at least **25%** overall service reduction.

# No New Revenue Scenario Map vs Current



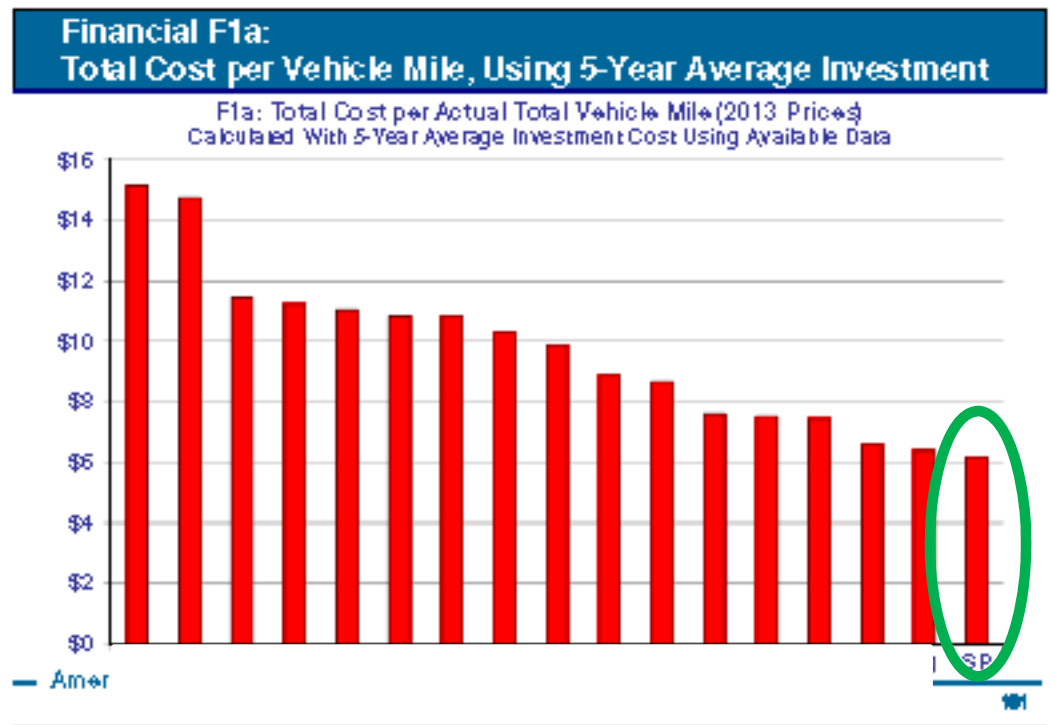
# No New Rev. Scenario Cuts Most Services

| Routes<br>40 to 28                           | Current<br>Frequency | Core Frequency    | Core Span         |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>St. Petersburg</b>                        |                      |                   |                   |
| Central Ave.                                 | 15/30                | 15/ <b>60</b>     | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| 49 <sup>th</sup> St.                         | 20                   | 20                | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave./30 <sup>th</sup> Ave.N | 60                   | <b>Eliminated</b> | <b>Eliminated</b> |
| <b>Mid-County</b>                            |                      |                   |                   |
| Park Blvd. Pinellas Park                     | 30/60                | 30/60             | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| 113 <sup>th</sup> Ave. (SPC Seminole)        |                      | <b>Eliminated</b> | <b>Eliminated</b> |
| Gulf to Bay Clearwater                       | 20/30                | <b>15/60</b>      | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| <b>North County</b>                          |                      |                   |                   |
| Main Street Dunedin                          | 30/60                | 30/60             | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| US 19  | 20/60                | 20/60             | <b>Reduced</b>    |
| Safety Harbor/Oldsmar                        | 60                   | 60/No Wknd        | <b>Reduced</b>    |

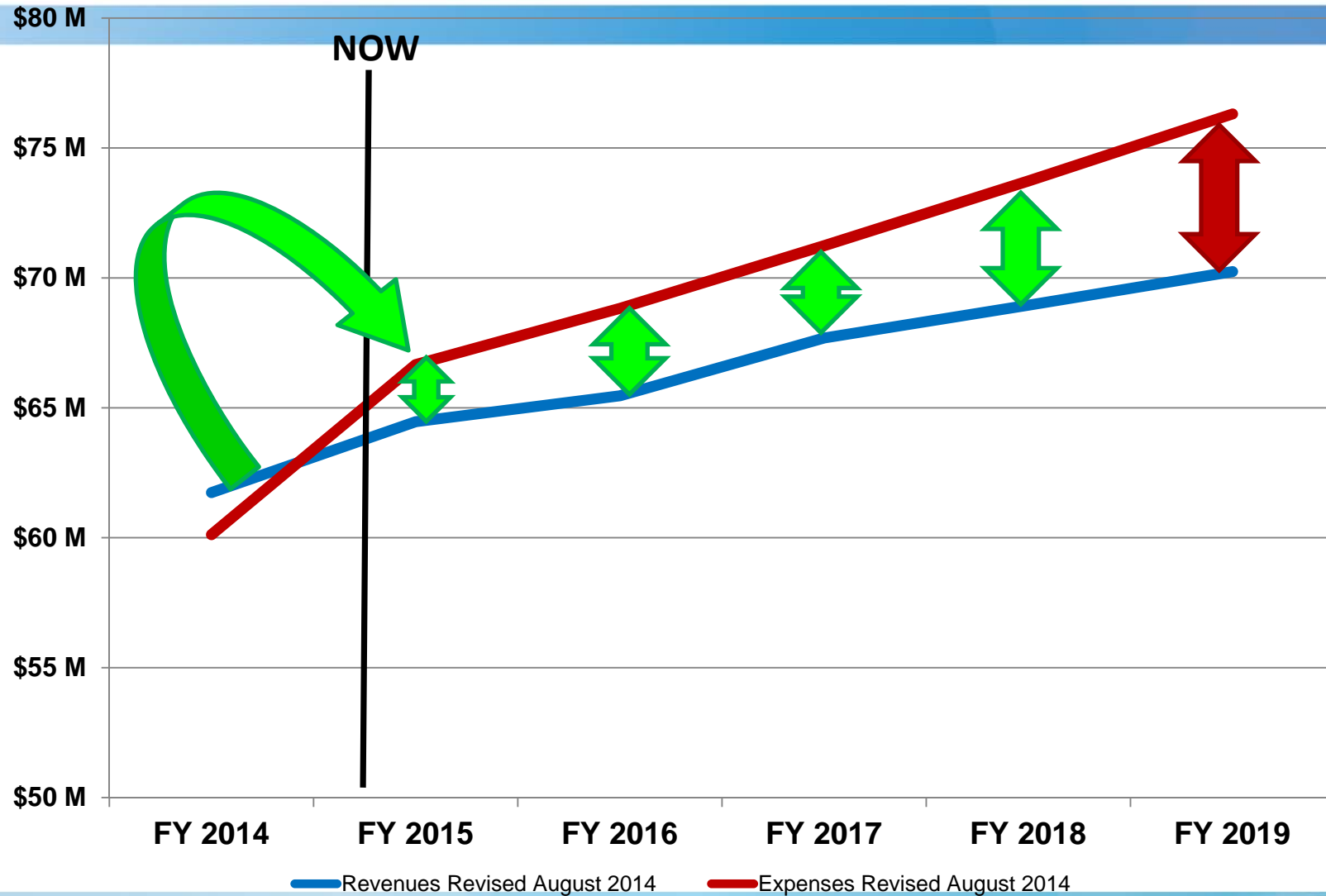
# Non-Service Related Reductions Challenging

- Administrative Cuts
  - Previous studies already show lean administration
  - McCollom 2013, KPMG 2014, ABBG 2014
  - Staff generated concepts
  - Looking for \$75K-100K

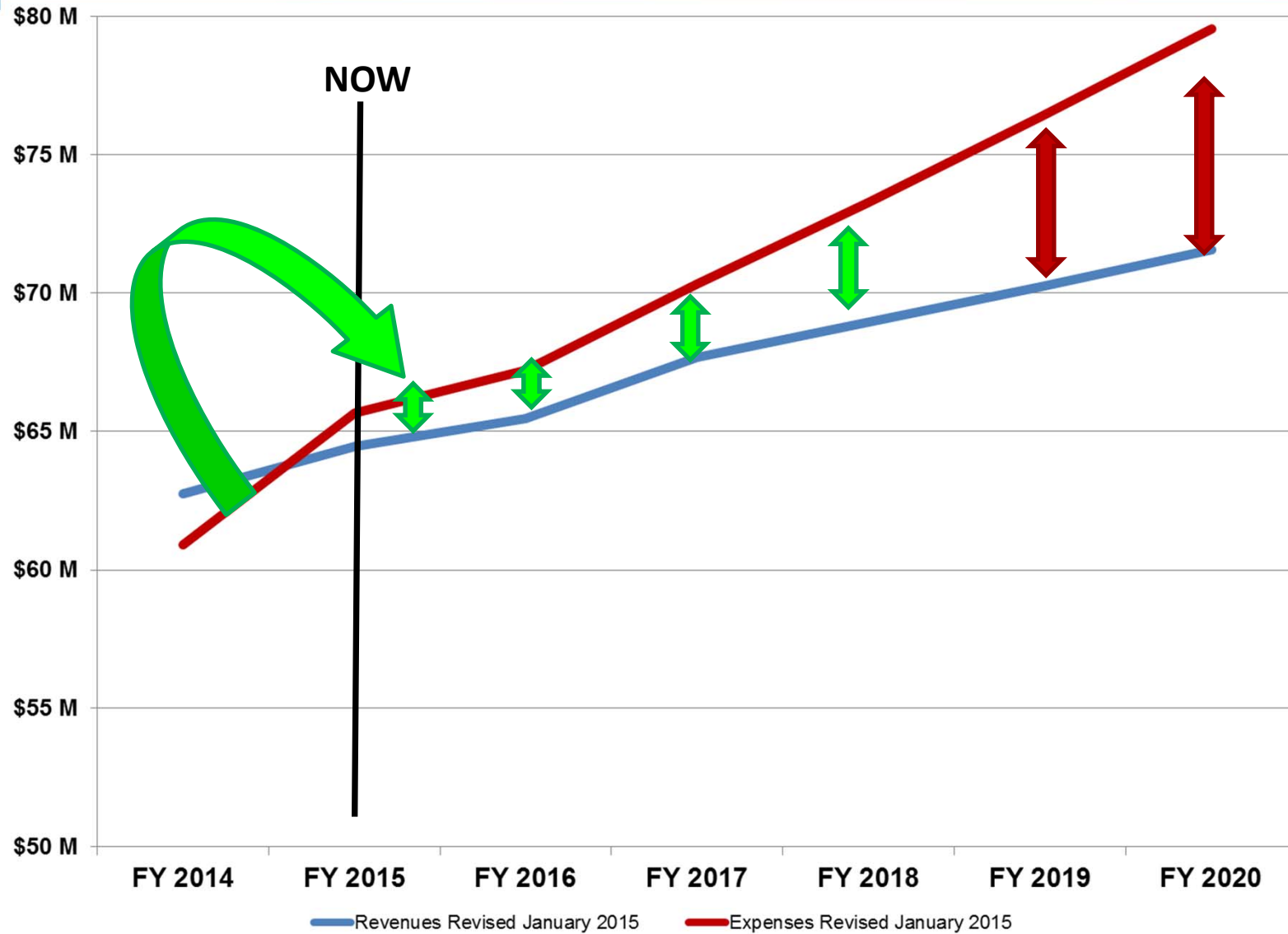
## PSTA's Only "Best in Class" Indicator is Cost



# August 2014 Operating Budget Plan

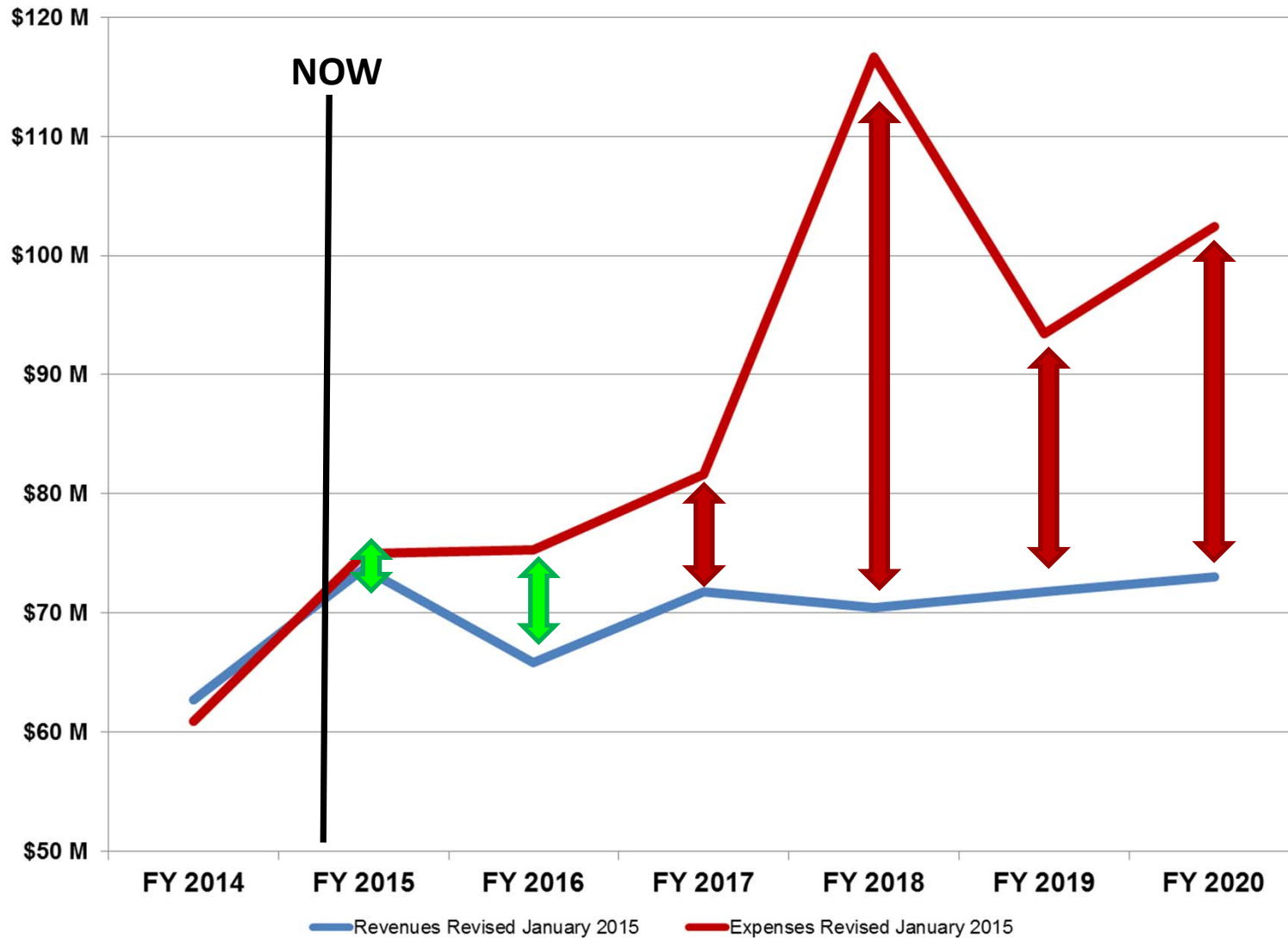


# January 2015 Operating Budget Forecast

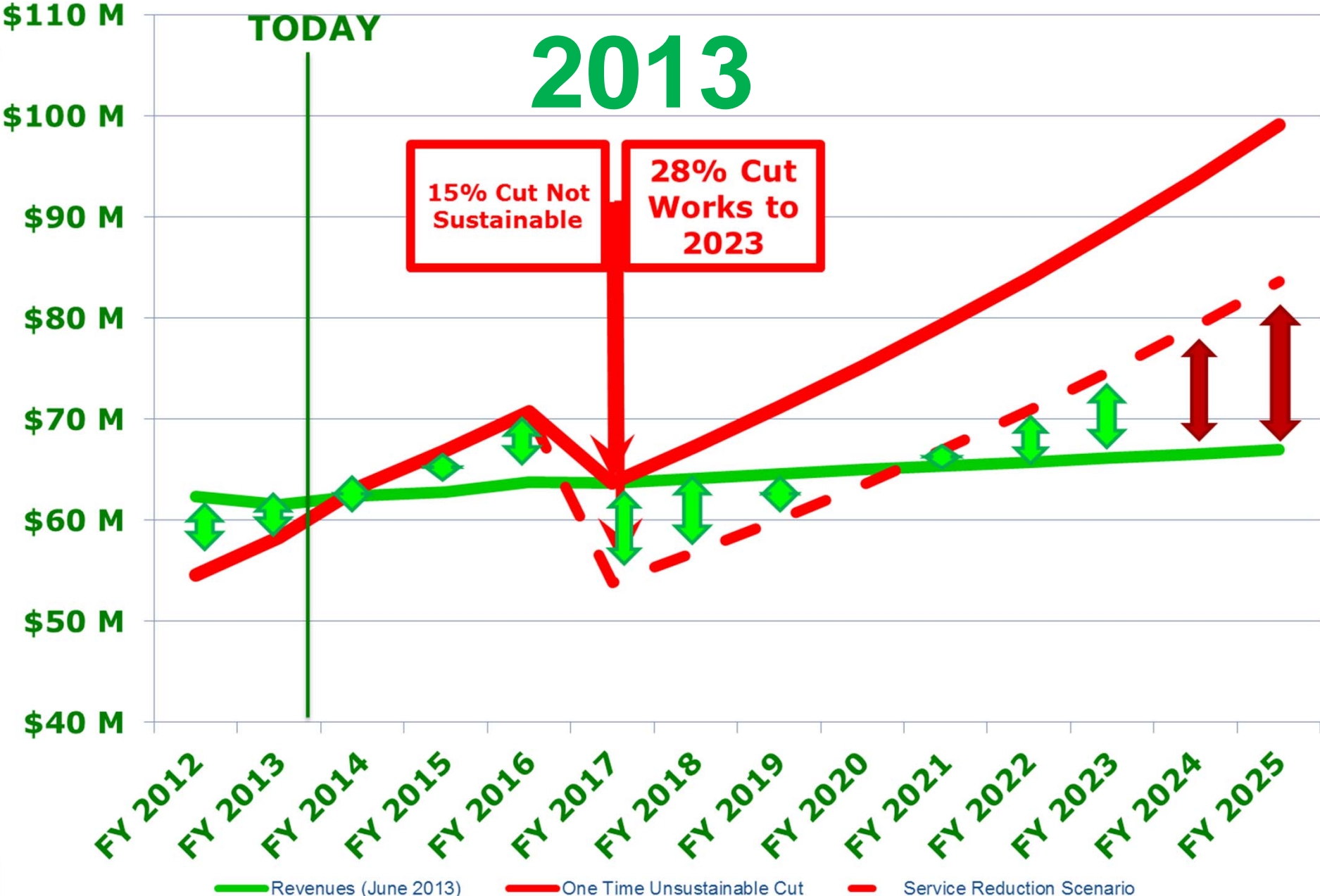




# 1/15 Forecast Operating & Capital



# PSTA's Balanced Budget Plan



# Bus Replacement Funding

- No Policy Changes Requires \$40M+ in 3 Years.

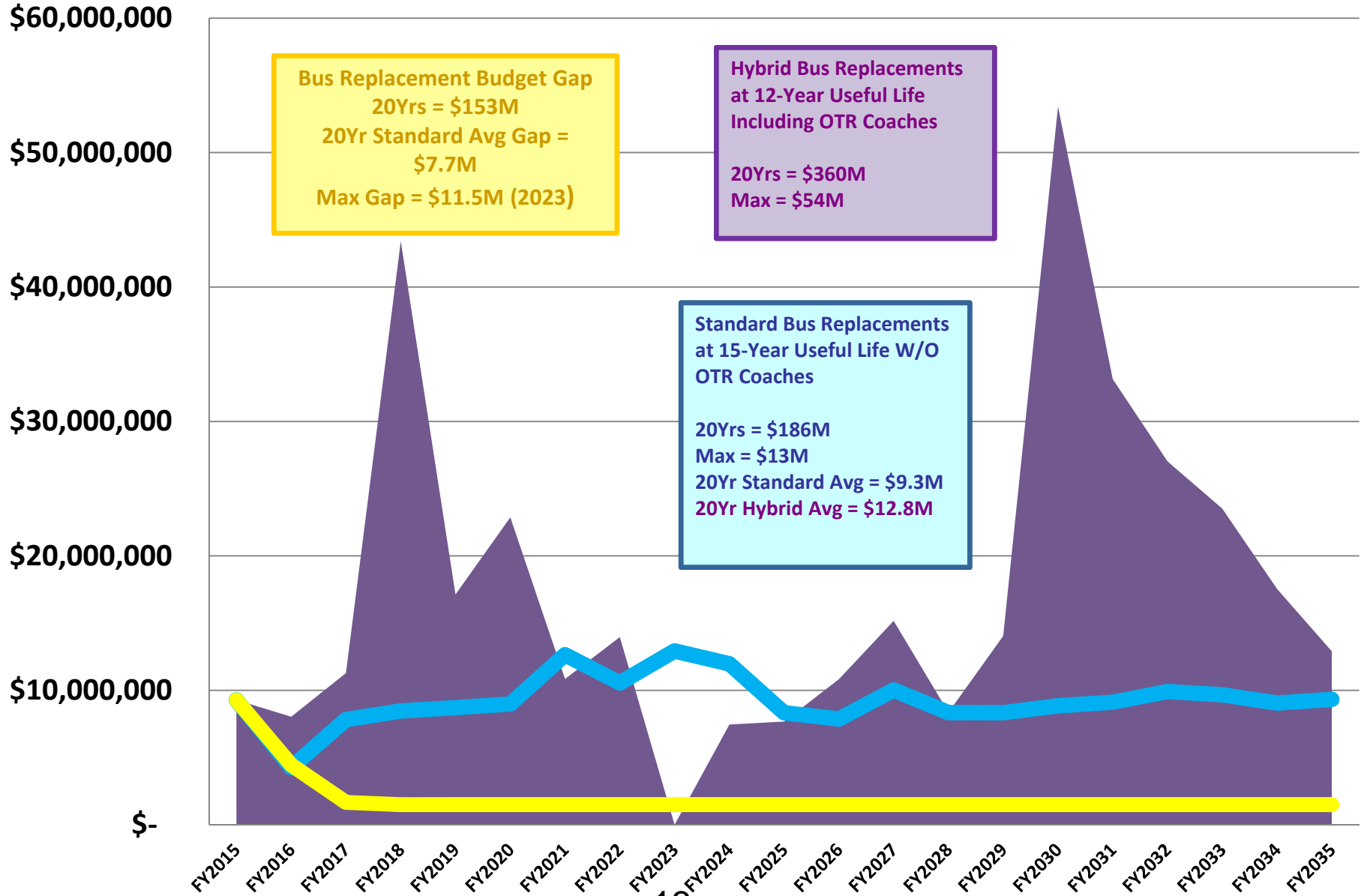
## Policy Recommendations

1. “Smooth” Out Replacements to Consistent Annual Quantities.
2. Extend Useful Life on Some Buses to 15 Years.
3. Contract Out Express Services/Don’t Replace Coaches.
4. Discontinue Hybrid-Electric Bus Purchases.
5. Use 100% of Capital Grant Contingencies for buses.

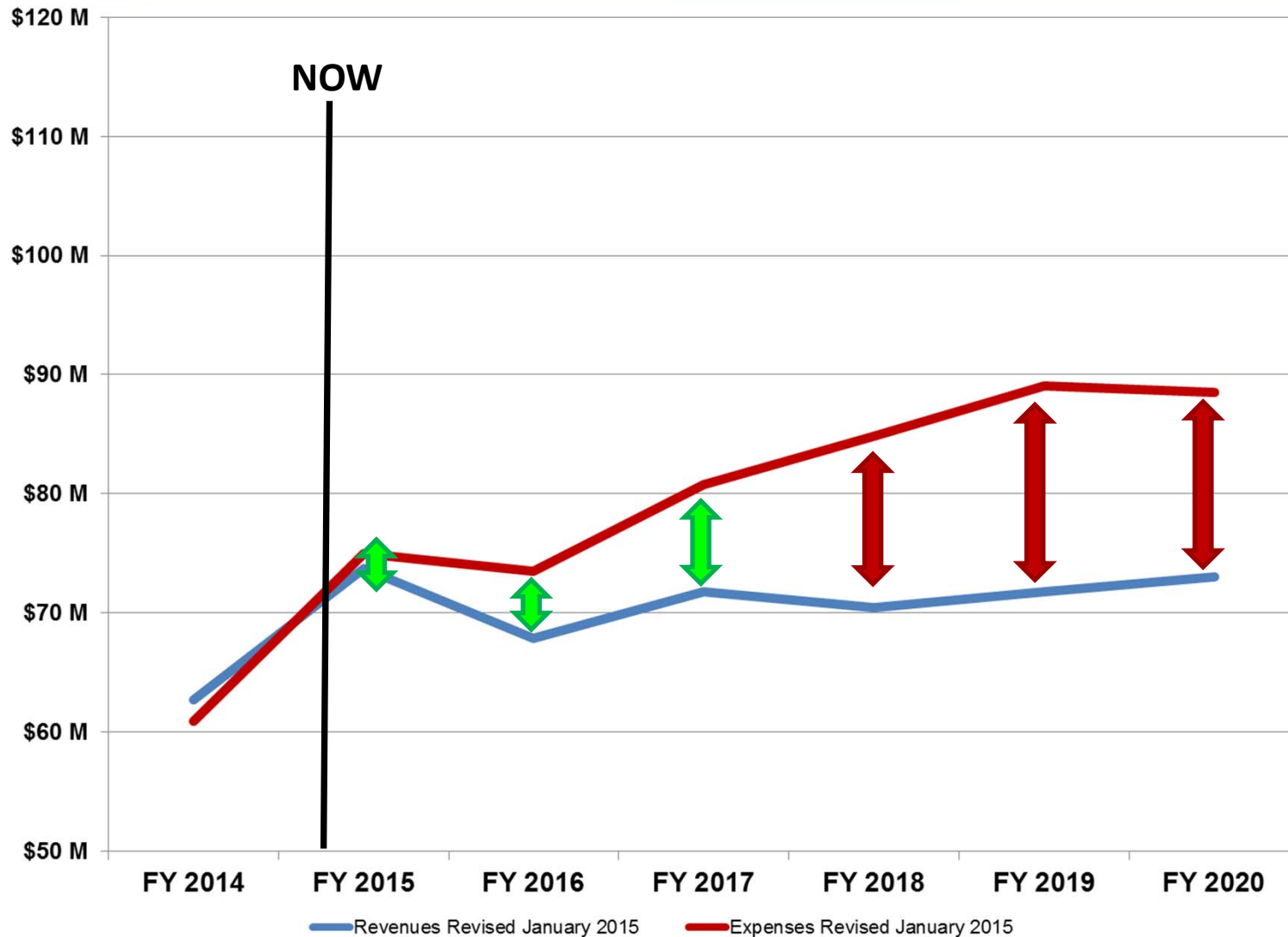
Reduces Cost from \$40M to \$8M Annually

# Long-Term PSTA Bus Fleet Management Plan

■ Replacement Cost to Meet Useful Life    
 — "15-Year Useful Live Smoothed"    
 — Adopted CIP



# 1/2015 Forecast With Capital Policy Changes



# Additional Ways to Maintain Base Service

1. Maximize PSTA Property Tax
2. Contract out & Increase Bus Advertising
3. Fare Increase Plan
4. Admin Cost Reductions
5. Seeking MPO-Allocated Fed STP Funds or Other for Bus Replacements.
6. Advocate for Bus Funding at Federal Level

# Incremental Approach

- Identify Ways to Move to Core Network without overall unsustainable cut.
- Implement Route Performance Monitoring Process
- Look for Ways to Fund BRT/Community Plan Incrementally to get to a Network:
  - Clearwater Beach to Airport BRT
  - Central Ave. BRT
  - I-275 Express Lanes
  - Nights/Weekends/Frequency Improvements