

Senate Transportation Committee

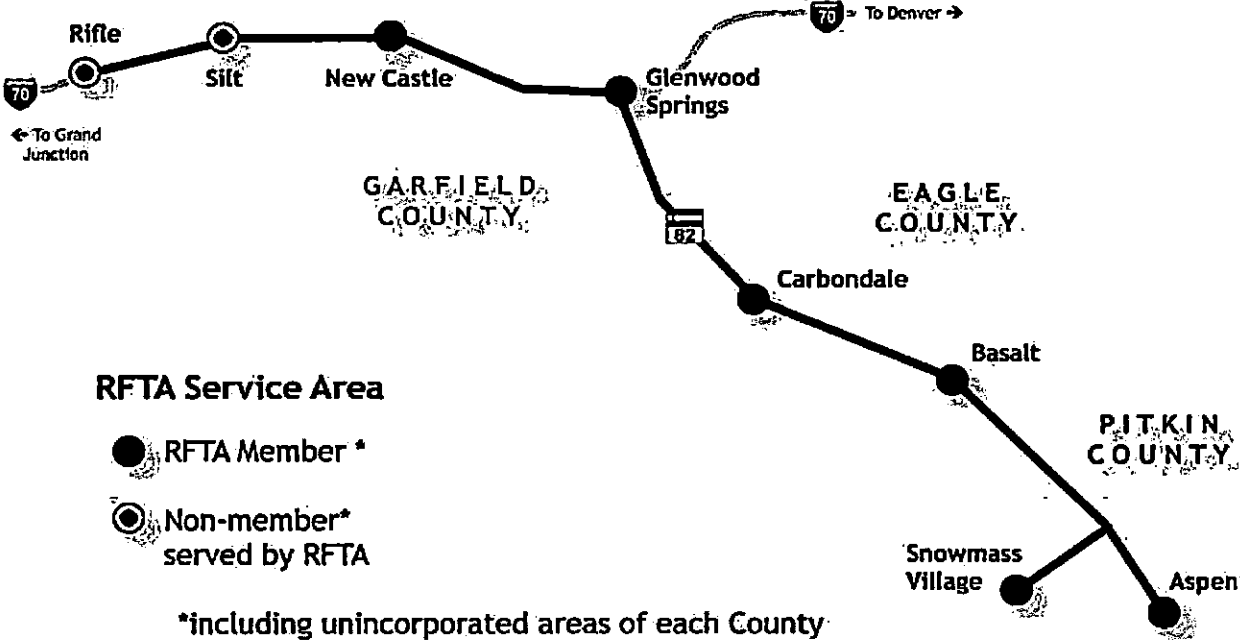
April 11, 2017



HB 17-1242

- RFTA was created by voters in November 2000 and it has 8 member jurisdictions.
- RFTA supports the economy by providing access to jobs and recreational attractions.
- Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) supports HB 17 – 1242.
- Vitally important to preserve Multimodal Transportation Option funding in the Bill for transit, trails, and pedestrian facilities.

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)



RFTA Overview

RFTA:

- 2nd Largest public transit system in Colorado after Denver RTD
- Believed to be the largest rural public transit system in the U.S.
- Opened nations' first rural BRT system on 9/3/13
- Received 2014 Federal Transit Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Service

2016 Estimated Information:

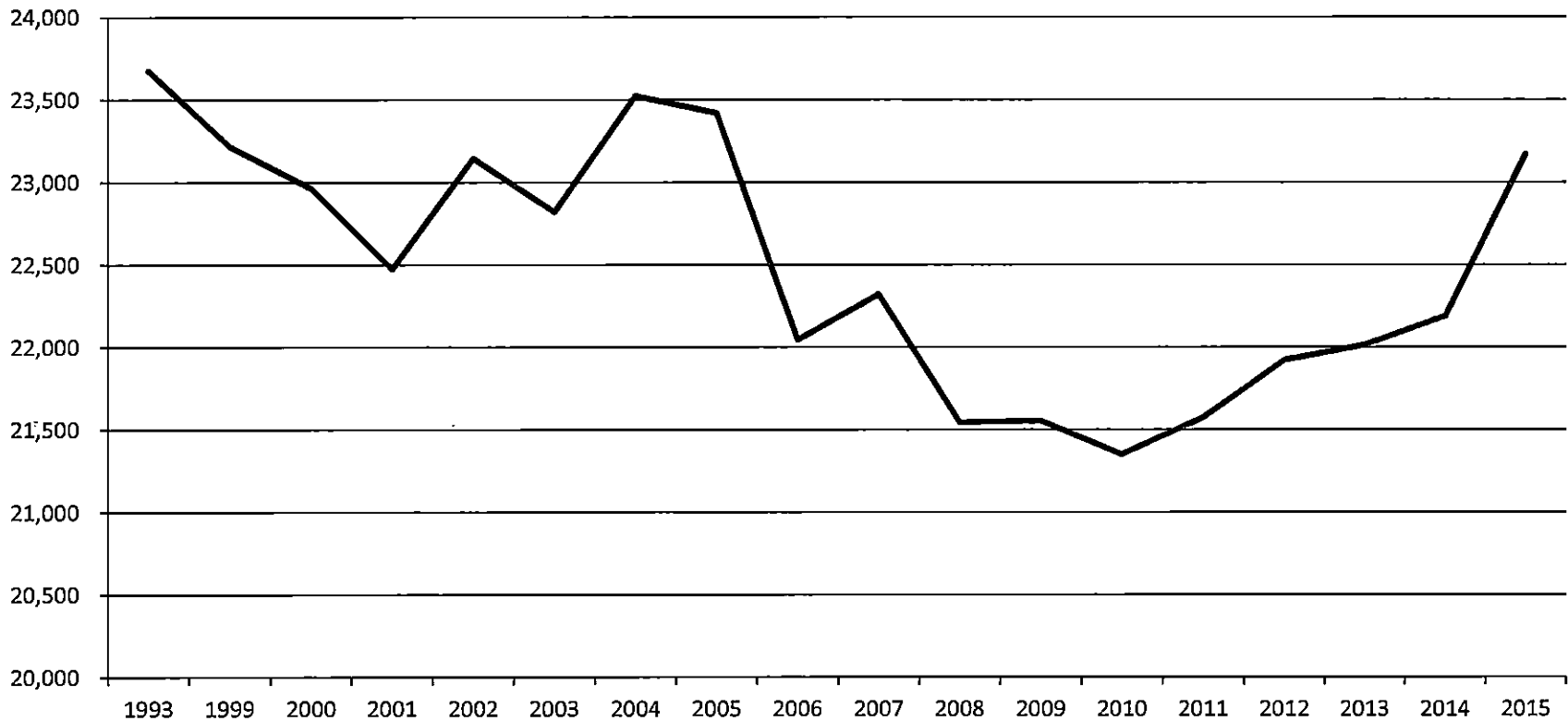
- 5.07 million passengers
- 5.5 million miles of service
- 350 employees during peak winter season
- 106 large transit vehicles (29-CNG), 22 vans
- \$60.7 million budget (\$33.8m Operating/\$21.6m Capital/5.34 Debt Service)
- 70-mile corridor
 - Aspen to Glenwood Springs (40 miles)
 - Glenwood Springs to Rifle (30 miles)
- 34-mile Rio Grande Rail Corridor and Trail



Annual Average Daily Traffic in Aspen

**Average Annual Daily Traffic
Crossing Castle Creek Bridge**

**30%+ of Average Peak Hour
Person Trips on Transit**



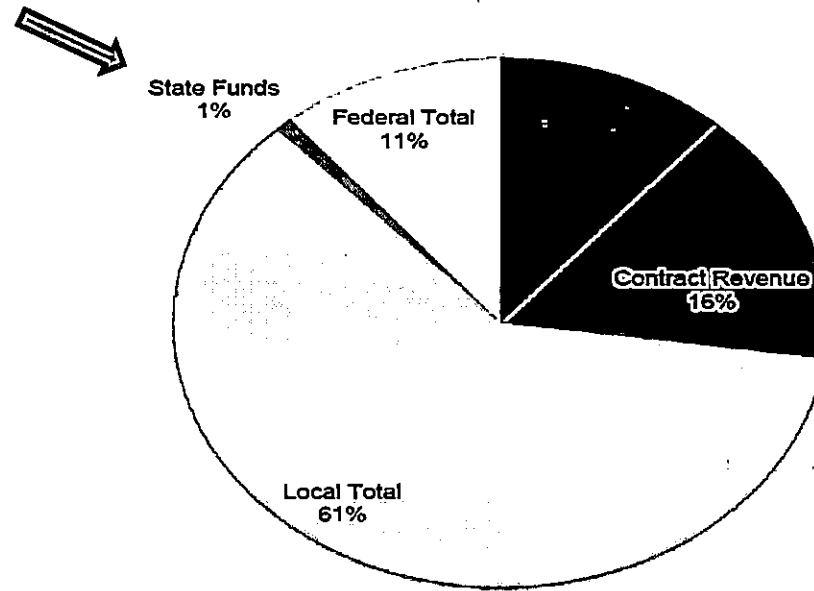
RFTA's Challenge: Many vehicles and assets acquired with some level of Federal and State funding. RFTA has \$50 million in bus replacements over 15 years and Federal and State funding are currently inadequate.



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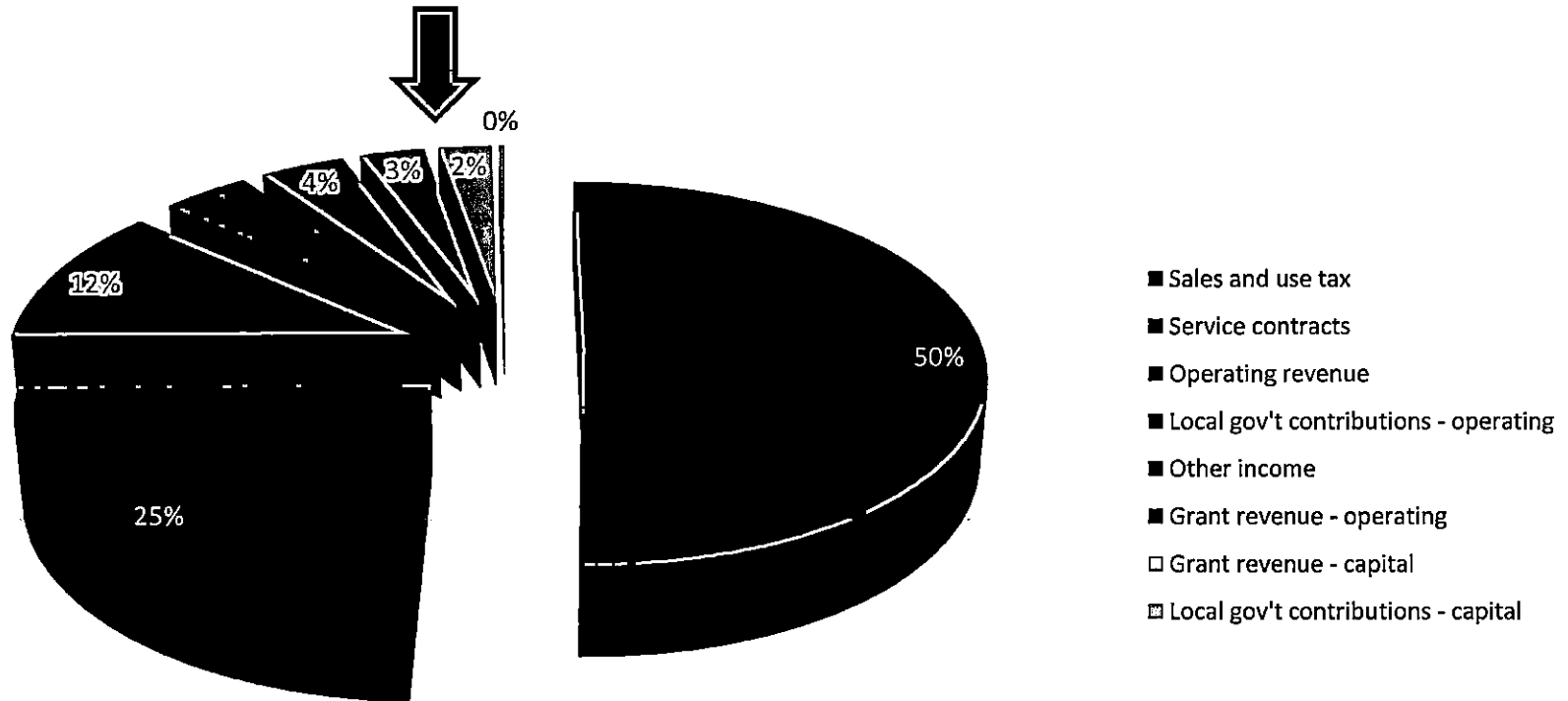
Investment in CO Transit

2014 Rural NTD Report

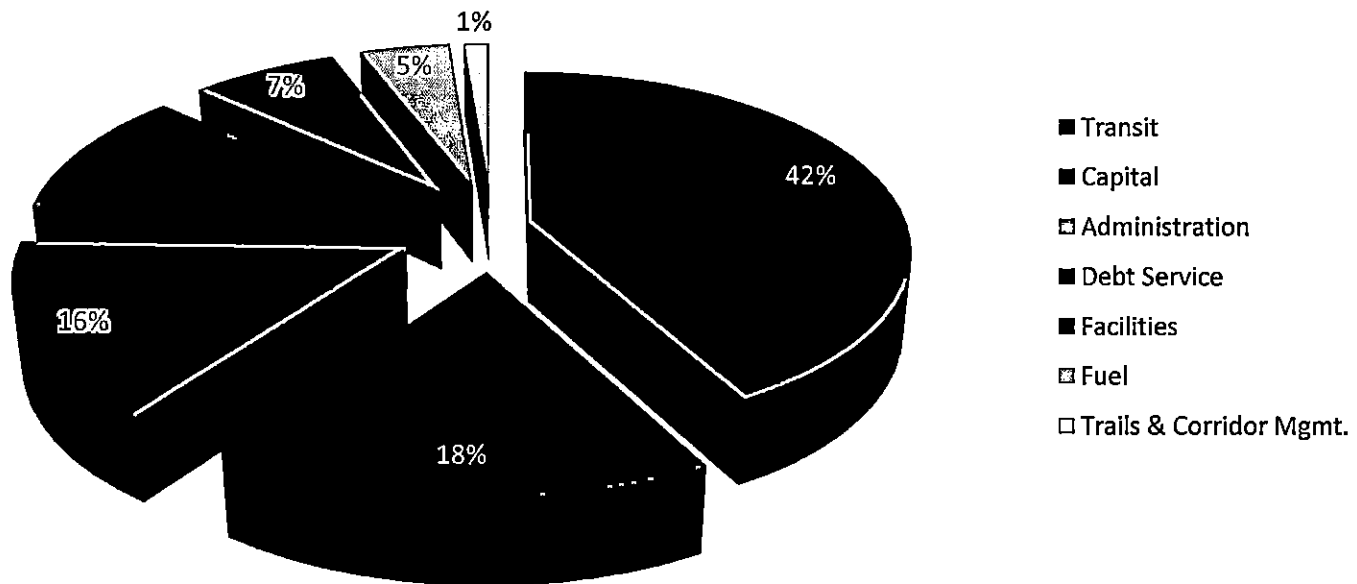


2017 RFTA Revenue

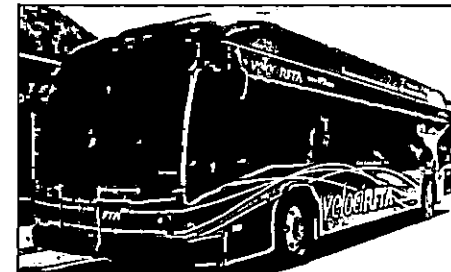
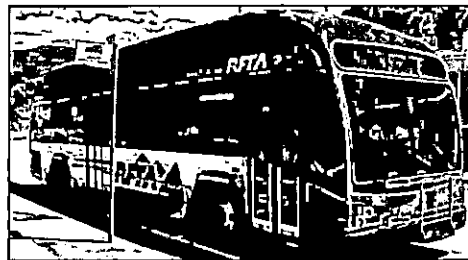
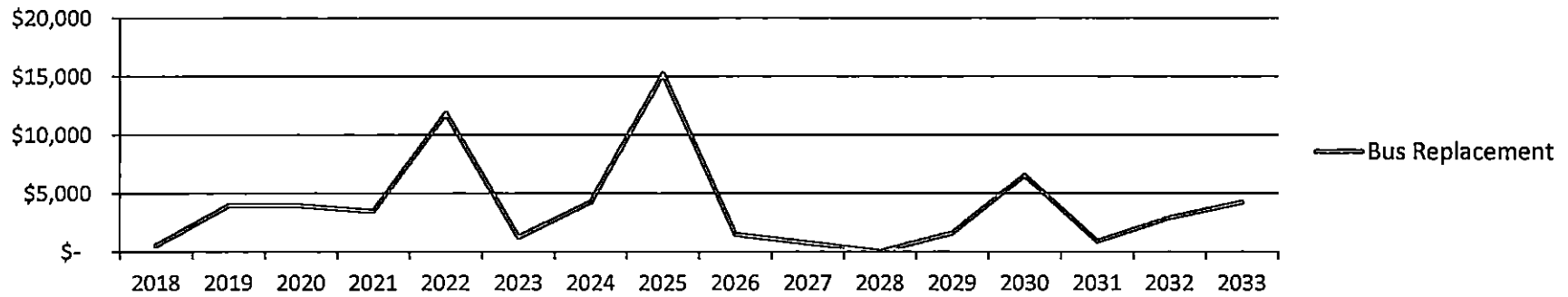
2017 Estimated Revenue Composition



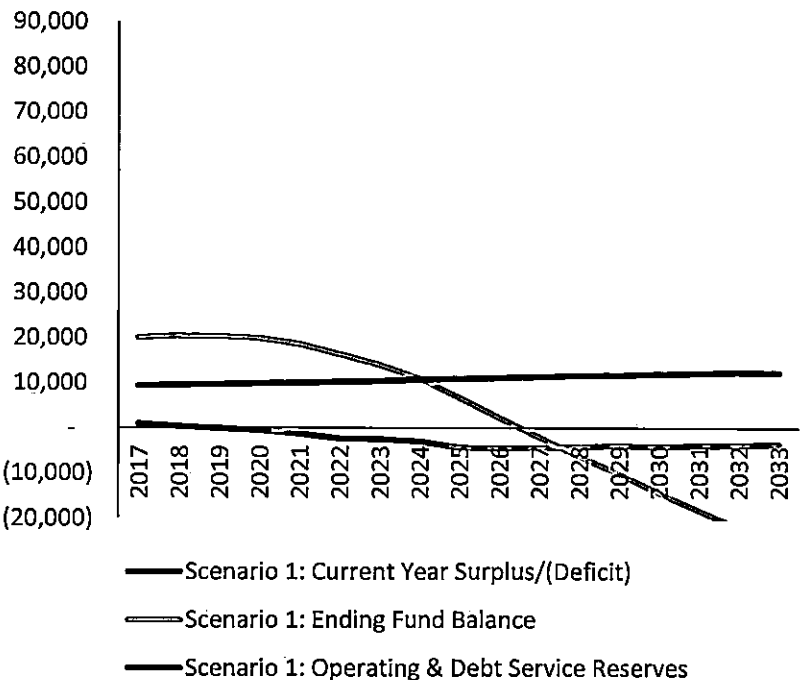
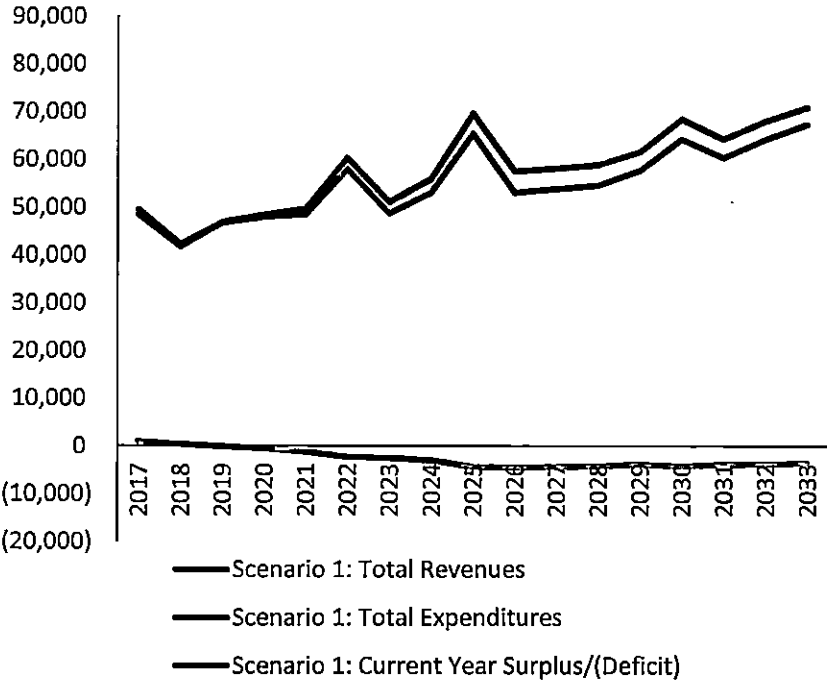
2017 Budgeted Expenditures by Function



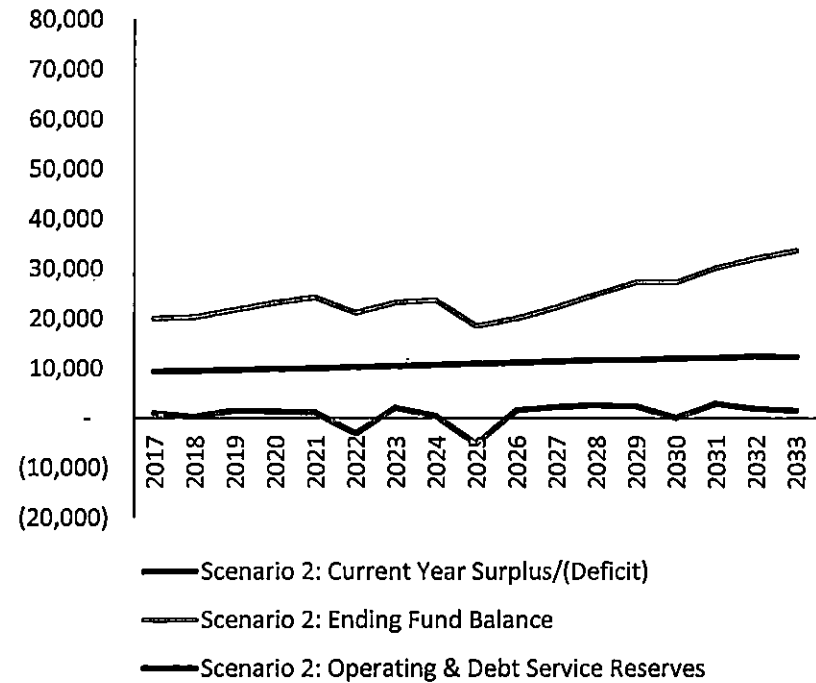
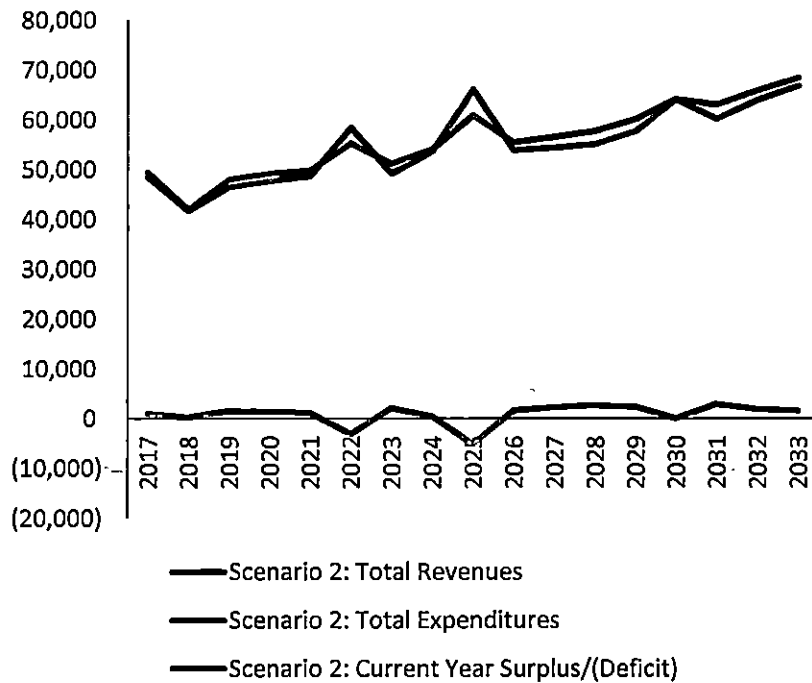
Estimated Bus Replacement 2017-2033 (1,000)



Scenario I - Bus Replacements: Capital Grant Funds 25% and Local Match using Capital Lease Proceeds

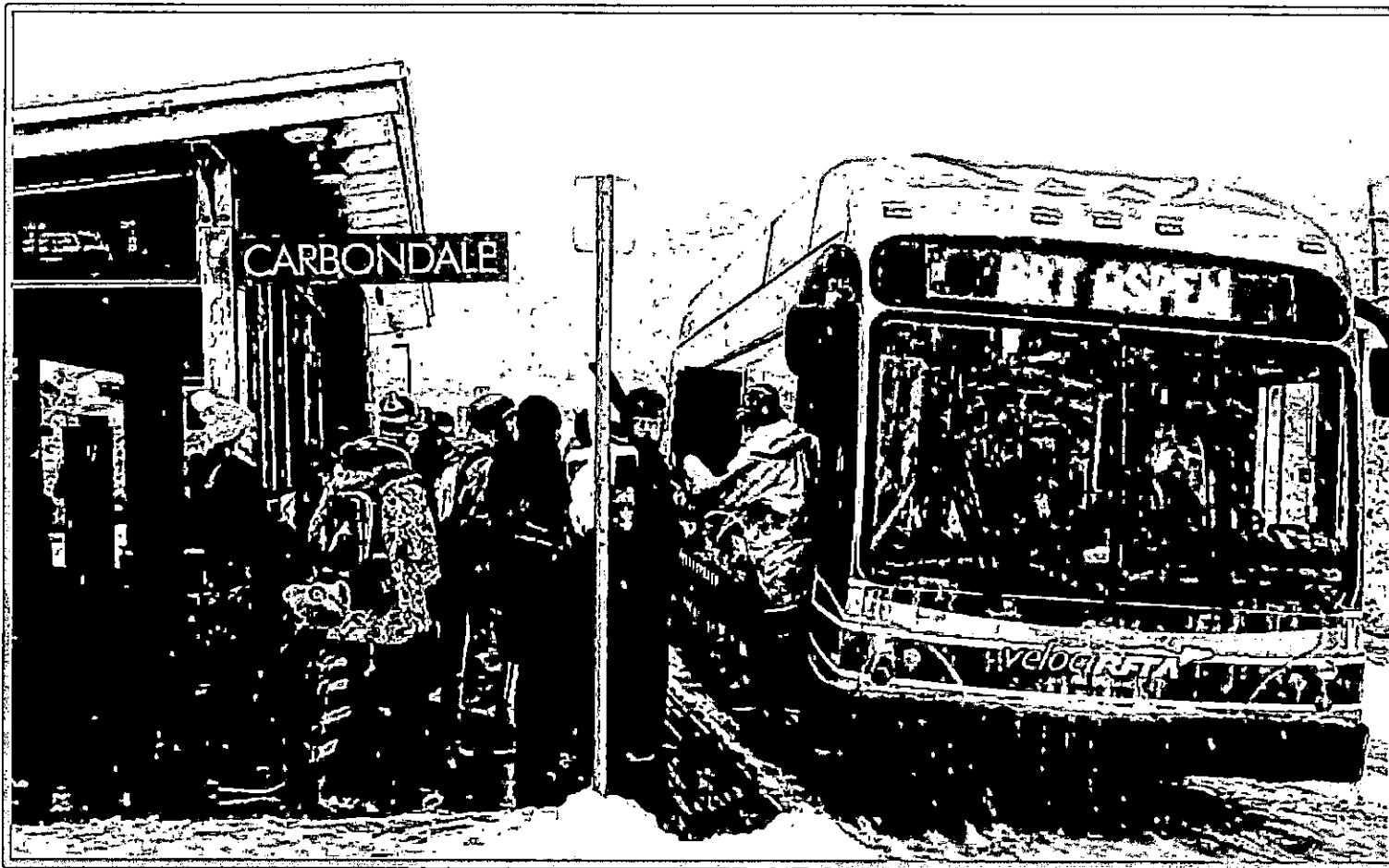


Scenario 2 - Bus Replacements: Capital Grant Funds 50%, Local Match using 1 Mill Levy or Equivalent Tax/Revenue Increase in 2017 Ballot



Please support HB 17-1242

Preserve Multimodal Funding Transportation Options' Funding!



Questions?



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