



**MST COVID-19  
Response/Recovery Update  
June 24, 2020  
California Transportation Commission**



The future ain't what it used to be.

(Yogi Berra)

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# Local Economic Impacts



## Unemployment Has Spiked Throughout the Region

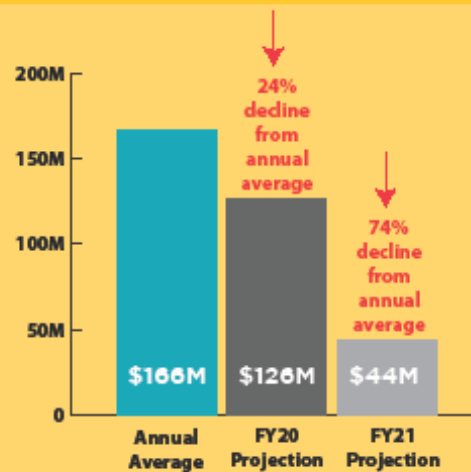
Monterey Bay Region Unemployment Claims



	April 2019	April 2020
San Benito County	5.2%	19.8%
Santa Cruz County	5.3%	17.4%
Monterey County	7.1%	20.2%



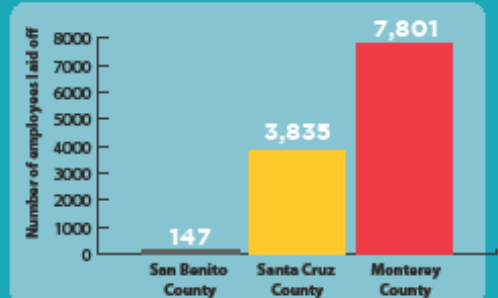
## Projected Sales & Total Occupancy Tax Monterey Bay Region Cities



## WARN Notices by County

(Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification)

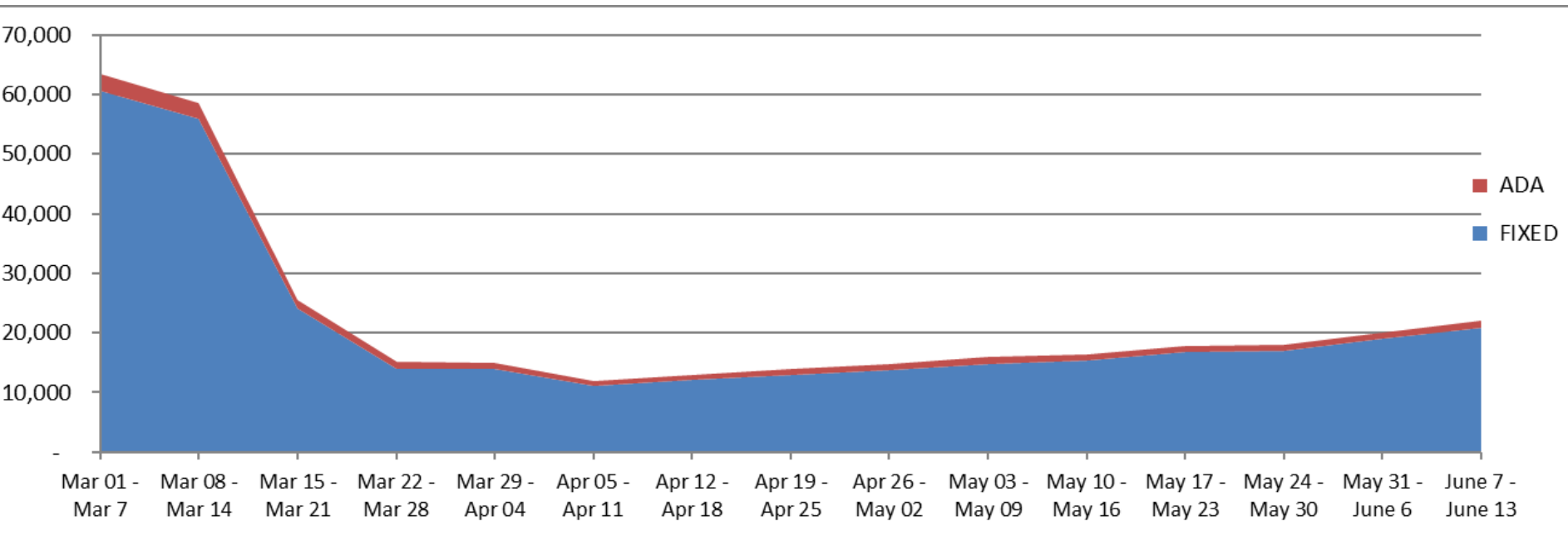
State law requires all companies with 75 or more workers to give notice of layoffs or closures. The following numbers are based on number of employees laid off and reflect all the notices received by state officials through June 1, 2020.



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# MST Weekly Passengers

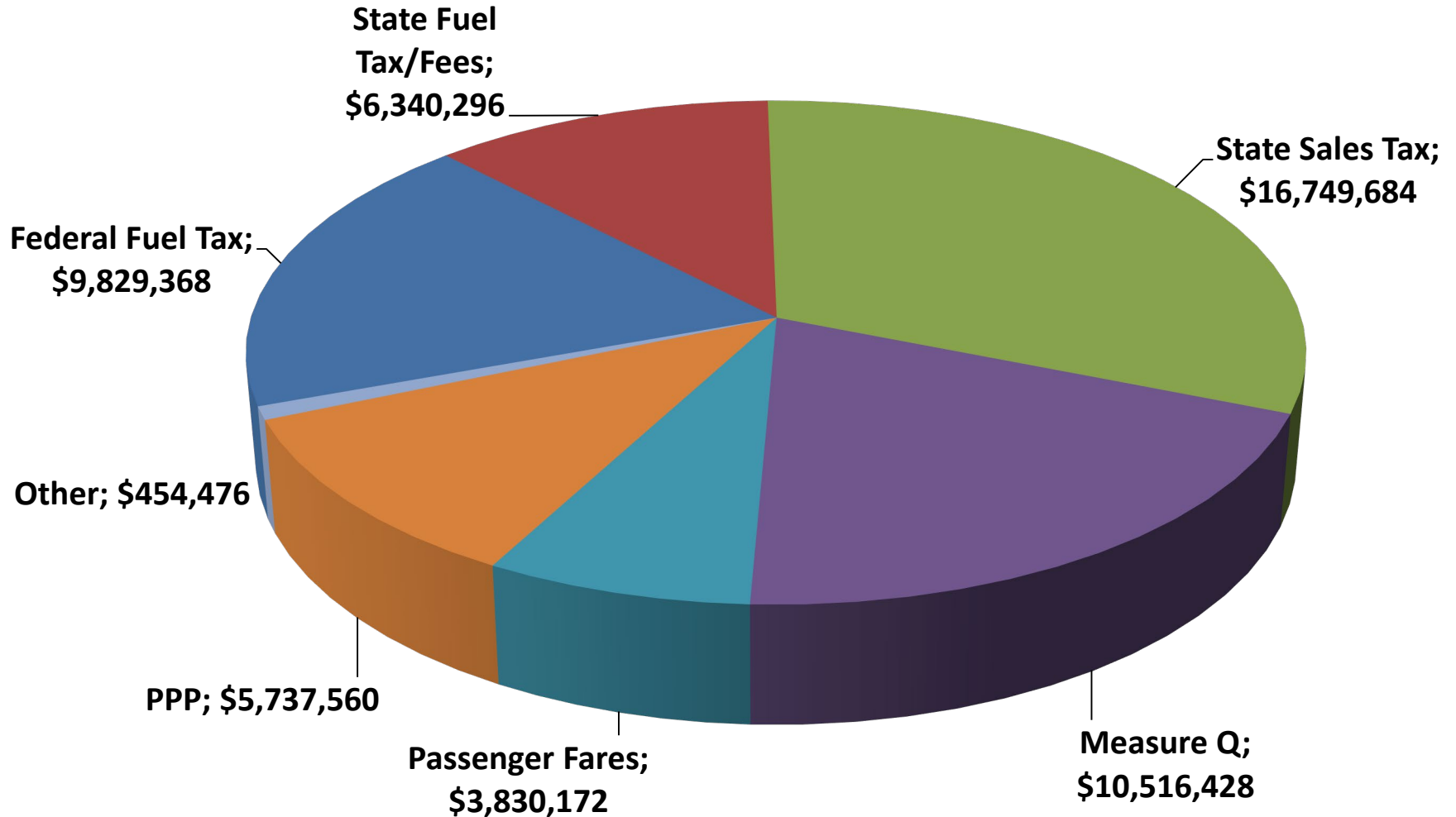


# MST Revenue Projections

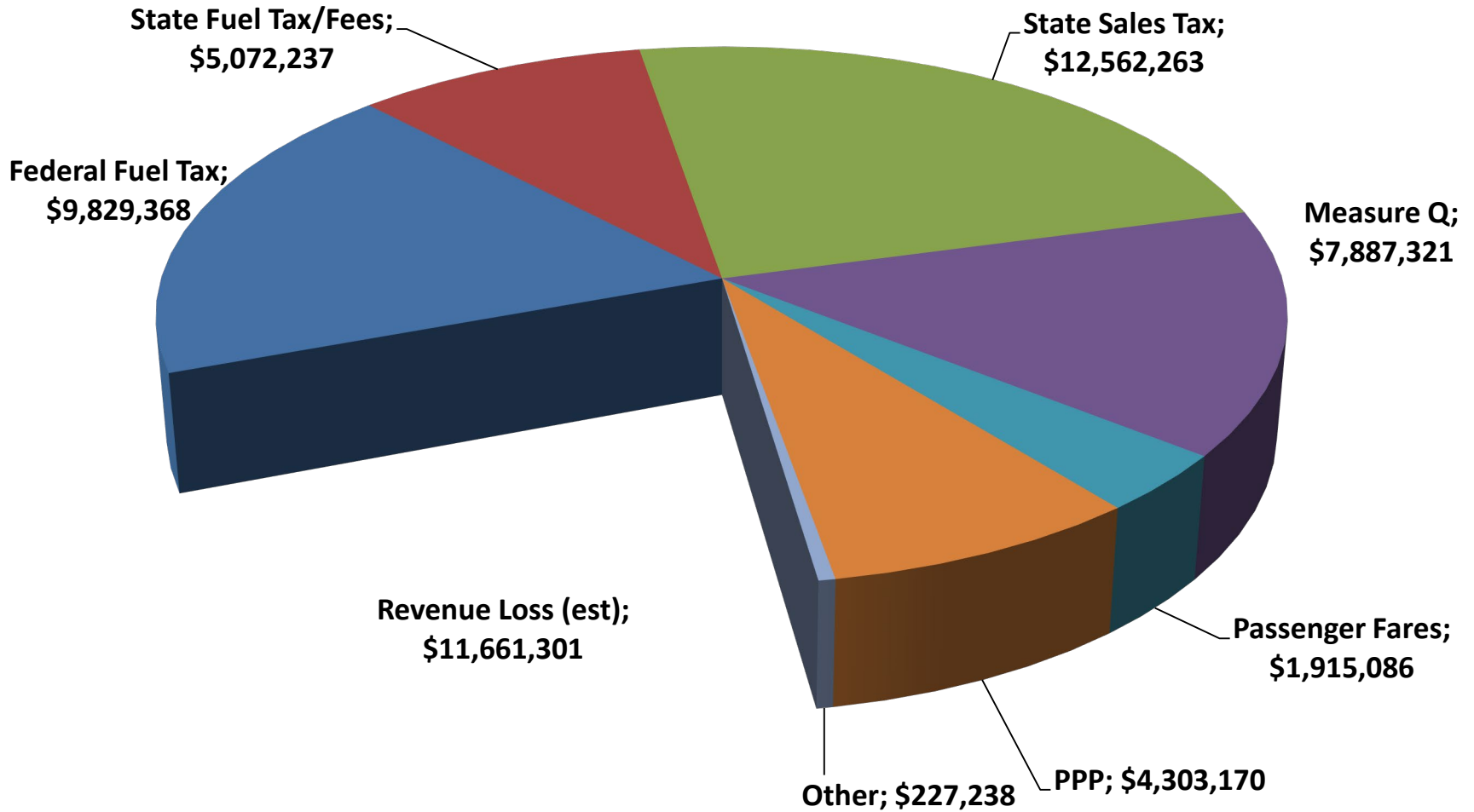


**"Would you please elaborate on 'then something bad happened'?"**

# FY 2020 Revenue - \$53M



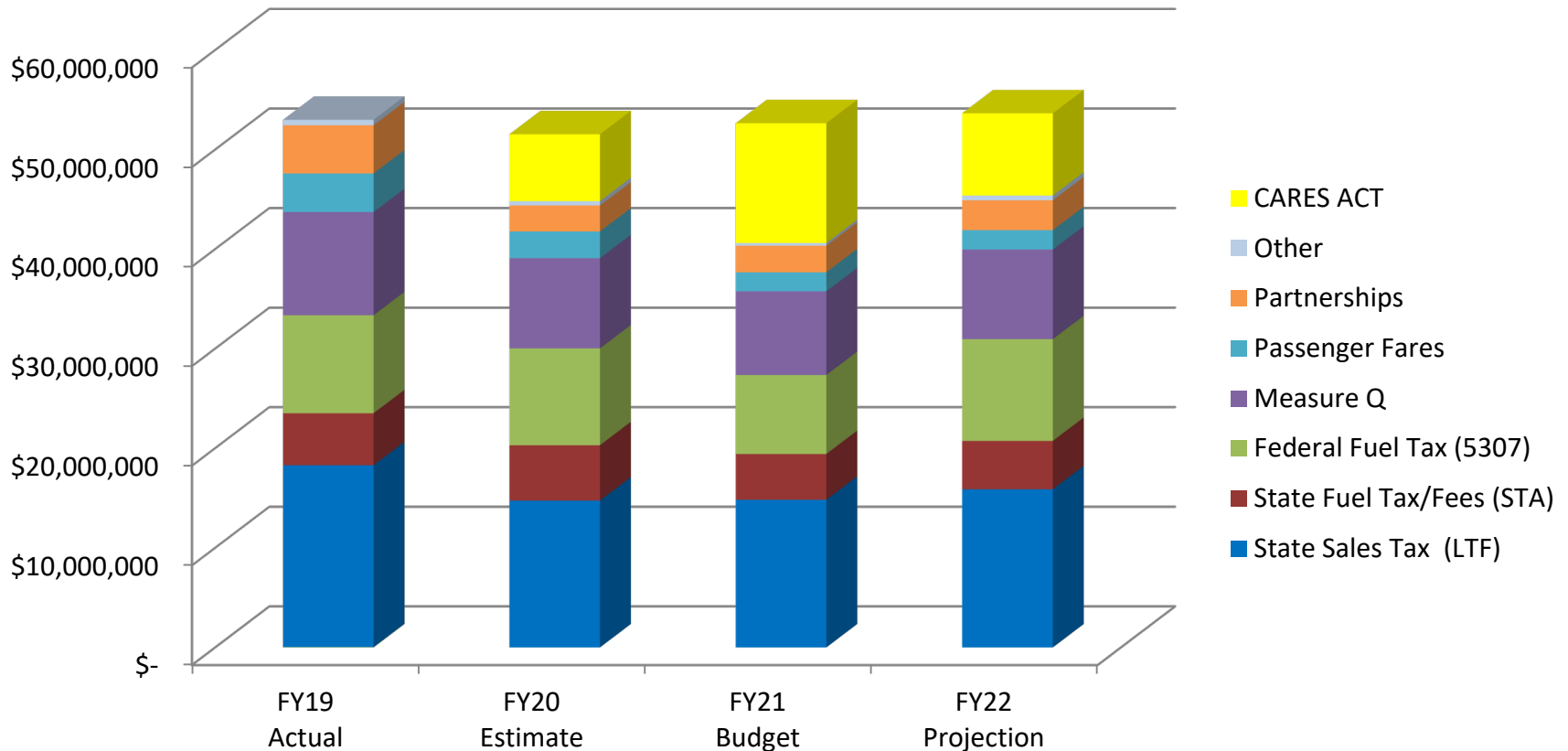
# FY 2021 Revenue (est) - \$42M





# CARES Act Impact on Budget

## Monterey-Salinas Transit Revenue Sources



# Immediate Response

- **Initiated EOC before State of Emergency Declared**
- **Continued and enhanced bus and facilities cleaning regimen.**
- **Continued to maintain adequate inventory of Personal Protective Equipment including masks, gloves, HazMat suits, disinfectants, and other COVID-19 related equipment and services.**
- **Suspended fare collection and instituted rear door boarding.**
- **Procured disinfectant fogging equipment for buses/facilities.**
- **Initiated procurement of driver compartment barriers.**
- **Reduced service levels by 40% (modified Sunday schedule).**
- **Implemented facemask requirements before Health Officer order.**
- **Promoted social distancing, essential travel, and personal hygiene**

# Stopping the Spread





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# Community Support Activities

- **Expanded meal delivery services with Meals On Wheels of Salinas Valley – over 8,000 meals delivered to date**
- **WiFi enabled buses made 279 site visits to rural and underserved communities providing 3,793 individual internet connections.**
- **Coordinating delivery of 7,500 masks to high risk communities in East Salinas, Castroville, and South County cities.**
- **Initiated TeleWellness Unit with MST mobility staff providing wellness check-ins with elderly, disabled and other vulnerable community members.**
- **Working towards implementation of demonstration of contactless fare collection technology by Sept 14, 2020.**
- **Conducted meeting with County Health Officer to receive guidance.**

# State Legislative Activities

The Administration is estimating that sales tax revenue will be **down 27.2%**

## **California Transit Association is promoting legislation to:**

Temporarily eliminate counterproductive financial penalties for non-compliance with various transit funding efficiency measures;

Create more flexibility in the use of existing transit funding; and

Temporarily postpone the time-lines for various enforcement actions, regulatory milestones and the use of funding requirements that would otherwise shift agency resources away from the core mission during the COVID-19 crisis.

Encourage DMV to implement testing for commercial driver's license

## **Job Creation Through Sustainable Transportation COVID-19 Recovery Act: SB 288**

Provides statutory exemptions from environmental documentation for certain transit projects.

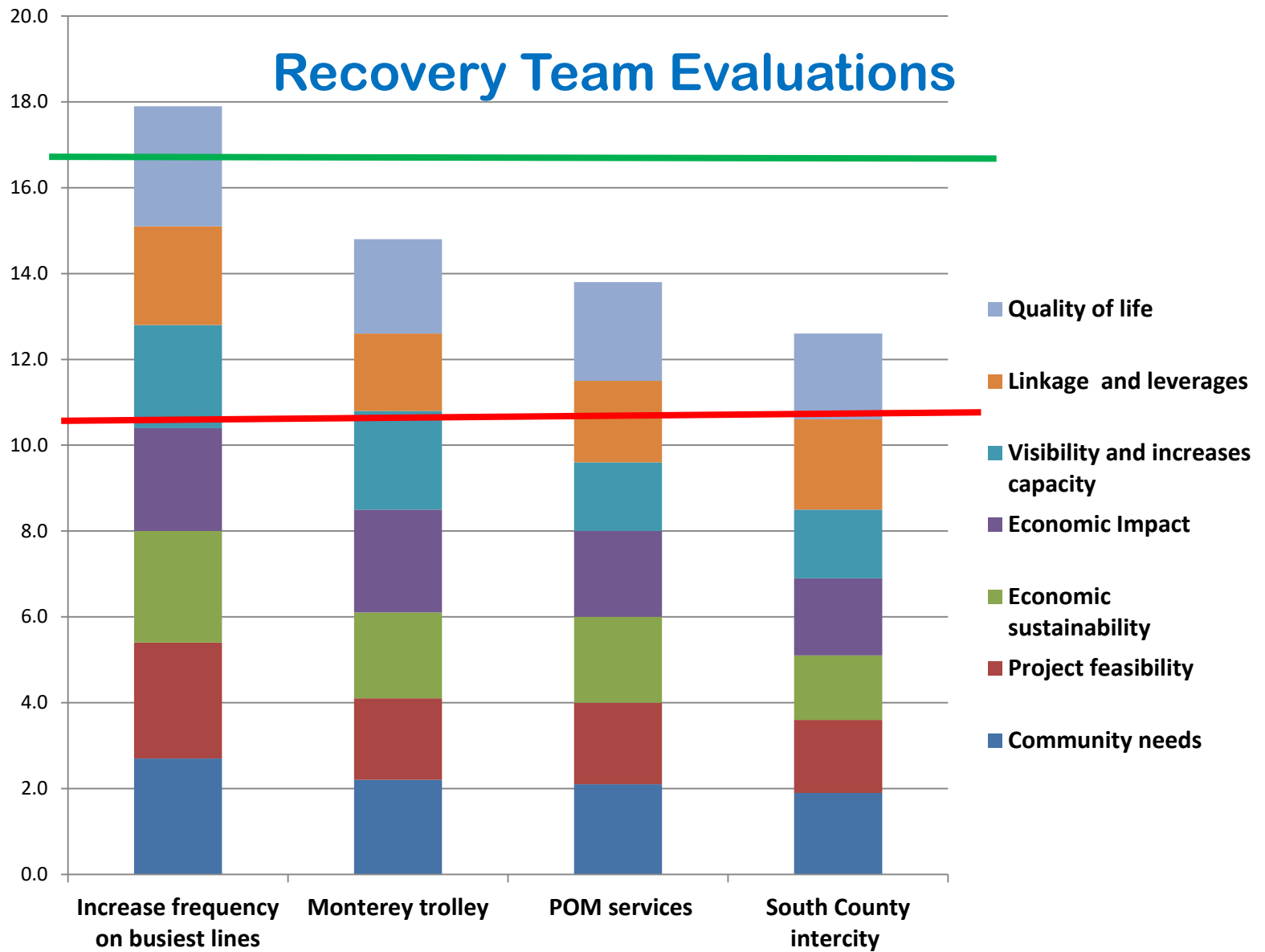
# FEMA Whole Community Recovery Evaluation Criteria

Rating each project value on scale 1 (Low) – 3(High)

- Post disaster community needs
- Project feasibility
- Project economic sustainability
- Economic Impact on the community
- High visibility and increases community capacity
- Linkage throughout the community and leverages other projects & funding
- Enhancement of the quality of life within the community



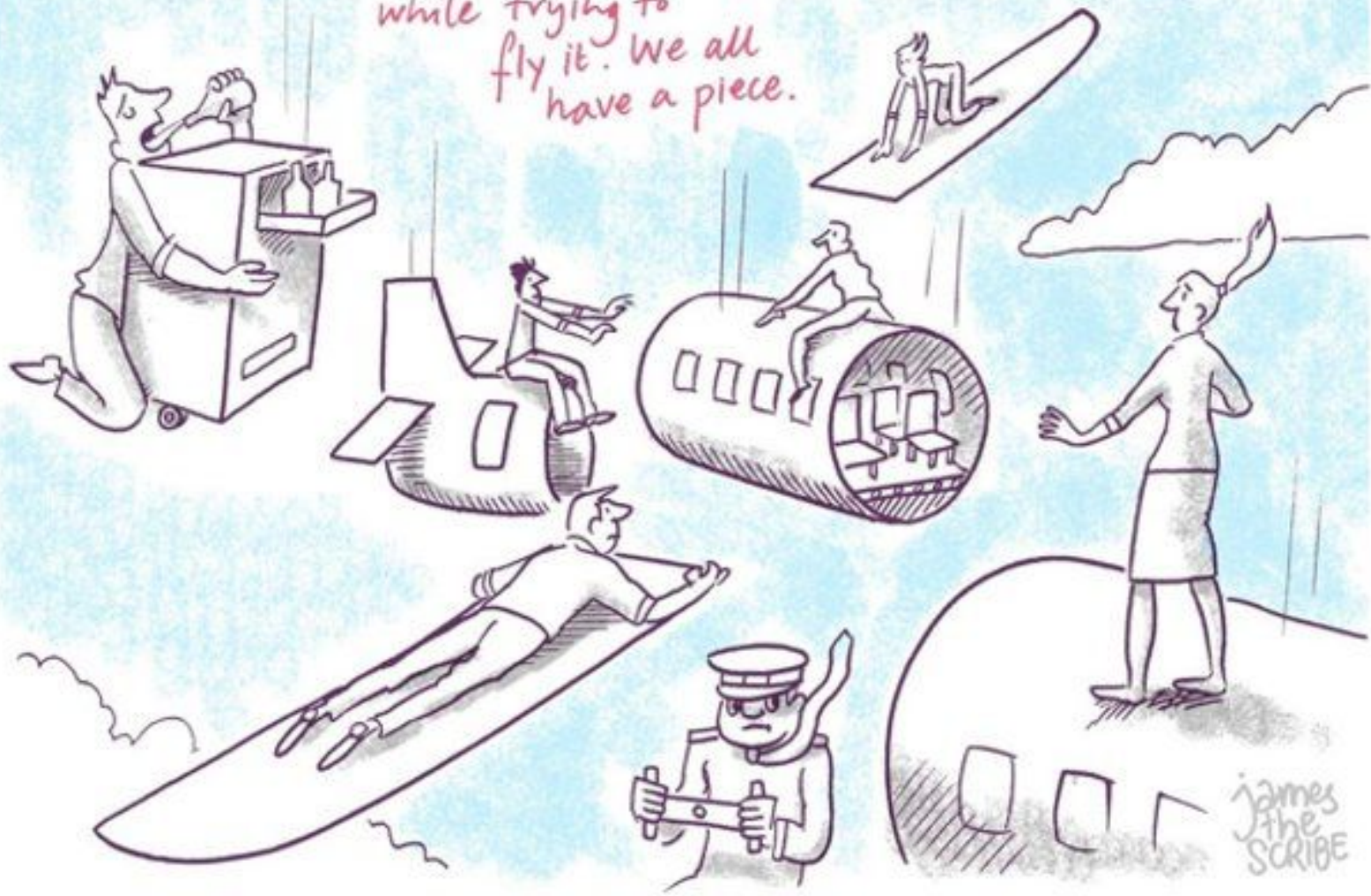
# Recovery Team Evaluations



# Recovery Next Steps

- Continue to Solicit Input from the Community:
  - ✓ MST Board Member Survey (Completed May 11)
  - ✓ Community Survey (Completed June 12)
  - ☐ Customer Survey (Begins June 15)
  - ☐ Employee Survey (Begins June 19)
- Monitor Re-Opening Activities of Major Employers, Schools, Shopping/Entertainment Destinations, Medical Care Facilities
- Implement July 11 Service Change to increase frequency/capacity on highest demand routes
- Install contactless fare collection system
- Develop Final Plan and Submit to Board for Approval
- Implement and Monitor Plan and Provide Feedback

We are rebuilding the plane  
while trying to  
fly it. We all  
have a piece.



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# Questions?