



Proposed Pension Reform

City of Atlanta – Mayor’s Office

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IMPORTANT NOTE: This document contains only a summary discussion of the City’s pension plans and certain changes to those plans currently being considered by the City. Not all terms of the pension plans which affect the calculation of and eligibility for pension benefits are discussed in this summary. For a complete discussion of the terms of the pension plans and how those terms apply to you, please direct your attention to the pension plans themselves. Also, to the extent there are any differences between this summary description and the terms of the pension plans, the pension plans will control.

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Guiding principles and ground rules for pension system reform

Provide a pension promise to employees that the City can keep

- Reduce the annual pension cost in the budget
- Reduce and pay off the City's unfunded liability
- Diversify the City's risk and the employee's risk
- Competitively align with other local jurisdictions
- Leave the benefits accrued to date unaffected
- Promote incentives to save for healthy retirement
- Provide a long-term and sustainable solution for supporting employee retirement

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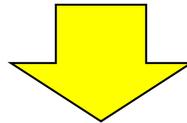
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The administration proposes two options

OPTION 1: Shift all employees in the DB plans to City's current 6% DC plan provided to those above grade 18

- Requires a 6% employee contribution
- Requires a 6% employer contribution
- No Social Security or Defined Benefit
- Has been the pension plan for all City employees above grade 18 hired after 2001
- The Mayor and the Cabinet are in this plan
- No limit on benefit as percent of salary
- Reduces the City's annual contribution cost by \$27M-31M in the first 5 years
- Reduces the unfunded liability by \$2.5B in 2041 assuming closed amortization

OPTION 2: Shift all employees in the DB plans to a new 8% DC plan with Social Security

- Employees given the option to enter Social Security which requires 6.2% contribution from both the employee and employer
- Employer matches up to 8% of employee contributions with Social Security opt in
- Employer matches up to 12% of employee contribution with Social Security opt out
- No limit on benefit as percent of salary
- Reduces the City's annual contribution cost by \$12M-18M in the first 5 years
- Reduces the unfunded liability by \$2.5B in 2041 assuming closed amortization

Changes are NOT being proposed to:

- Earnings accrued
- Retirement age
- Salary calculation
- Vesting period
- Retiree pensions
- COLA

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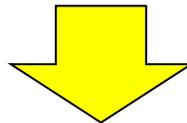
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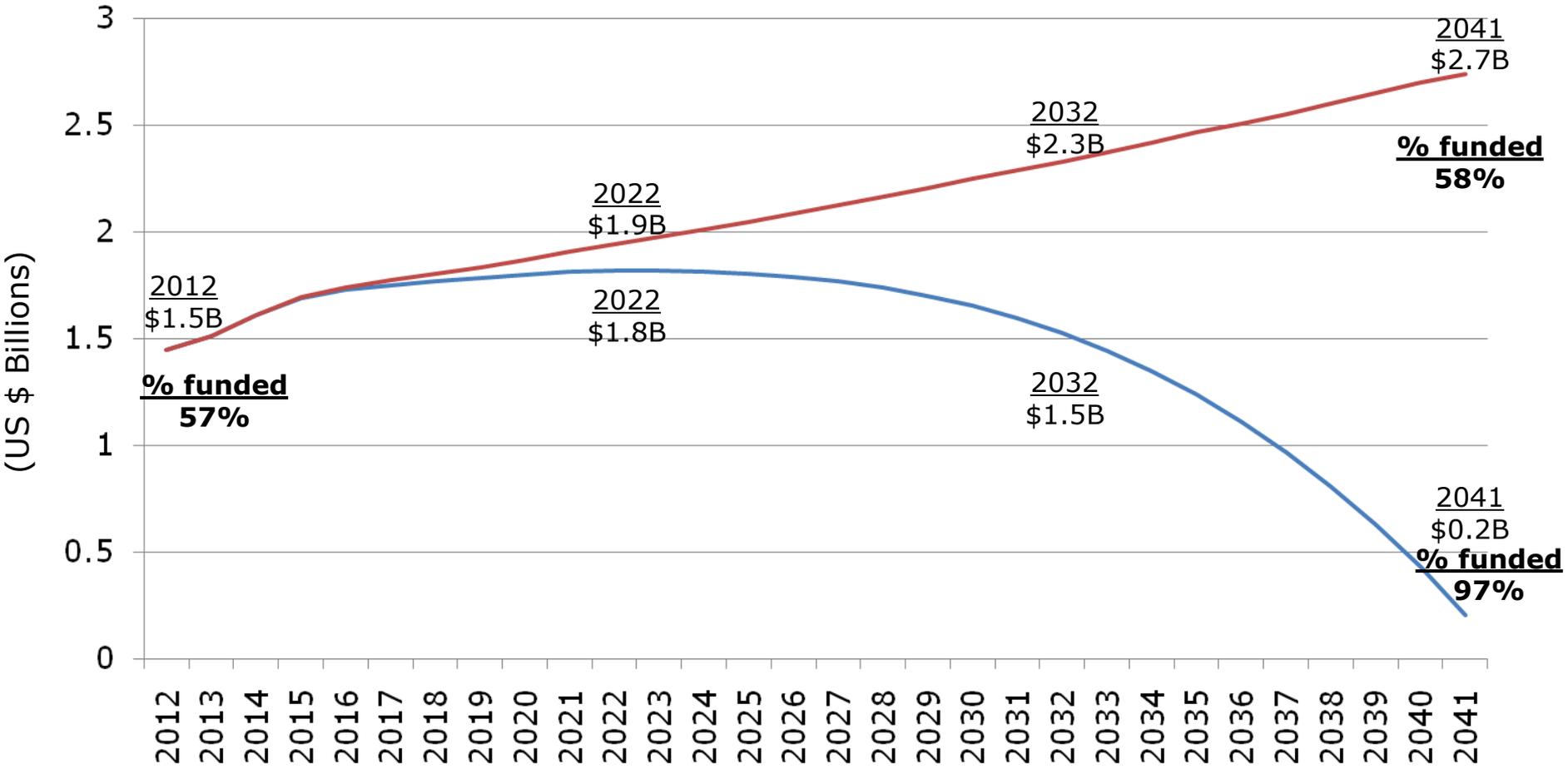
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Switching to closed amortization will reduce Atlanta's unfunded liability (UAAL)

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)



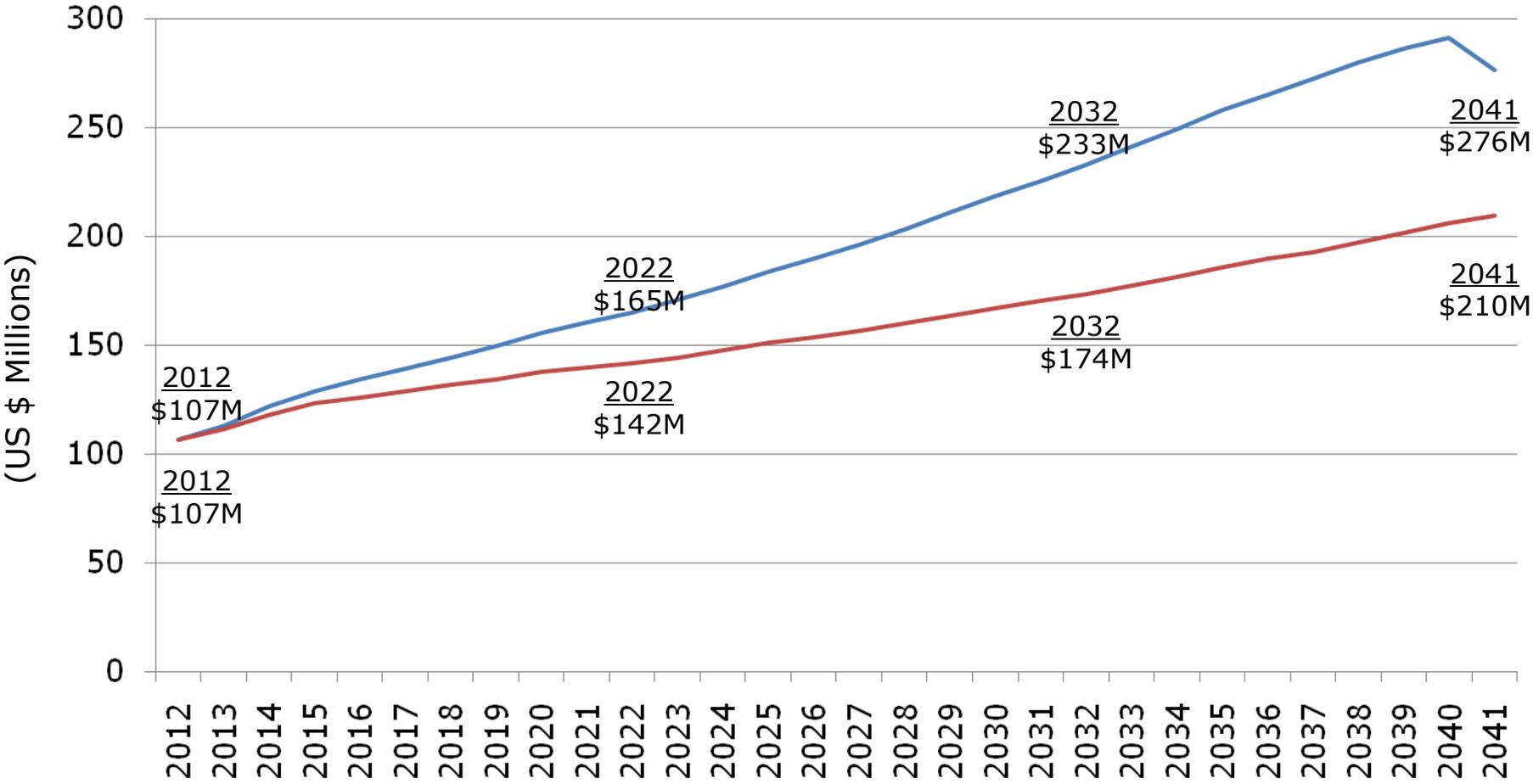
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Note: Numbers reflect data with no changes in assumptions (i.e., 7.75%/8.00%); Closing amortization leads to elimination of UAAL
 Source: Segal & Co.



However, closed amortization will also require increased annual contributions

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)



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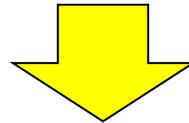
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Option 1: 6% Defined Contribution Plan

Current employees
Police & Fire

General

Future employees
Police & Fire

General

	Defined Benefit	Defined Contribution	Social Security
Accrued to date		6%	--
Accrued to date		6%	--
--		6%	--
--		6%	--

Savings:

Annual cash contribution: \$27M-31M in the first 5 years

Risk:

Shared by employer and employee

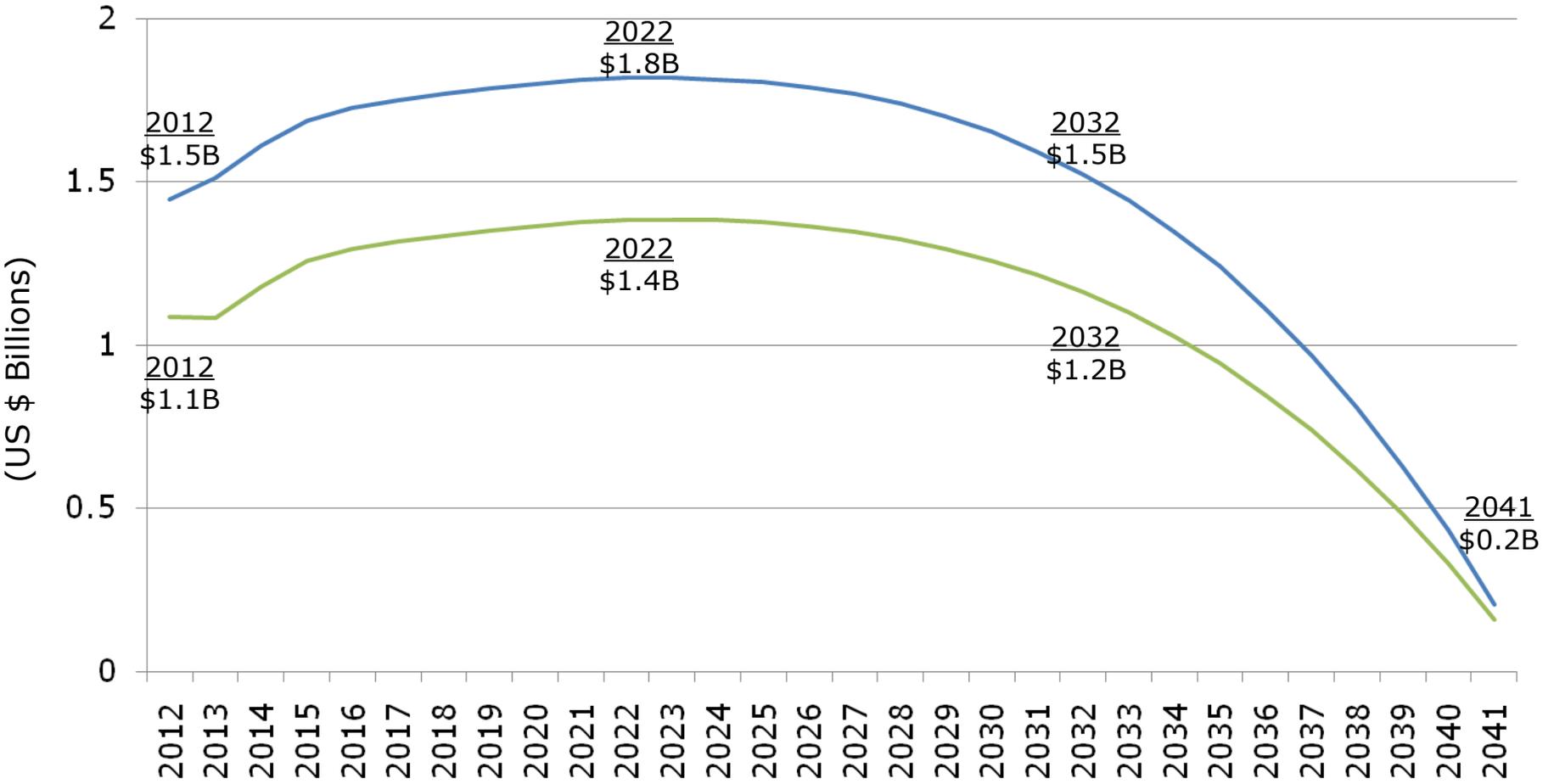
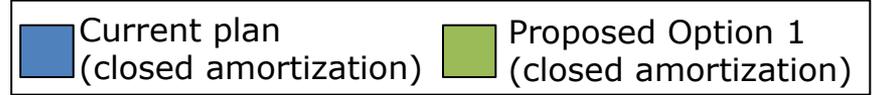
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Note: Employer and employee will each contribute a mandatory 6%



Option 1: Projected difference in Unfunded Liability due to hard freeze of defined benefit

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)



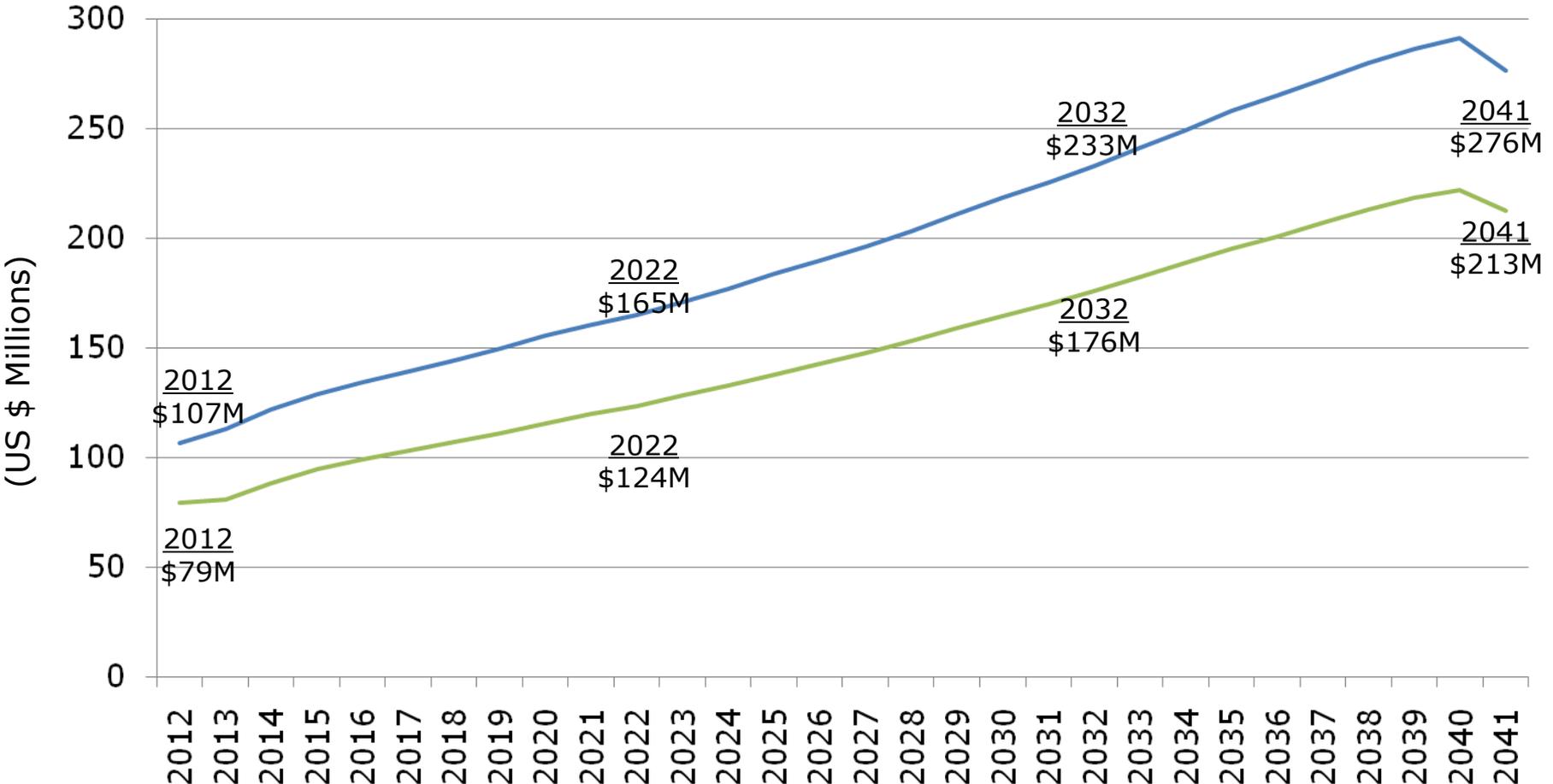
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Option 1: Projected difference in contributions in the future

Total Annual Contribution



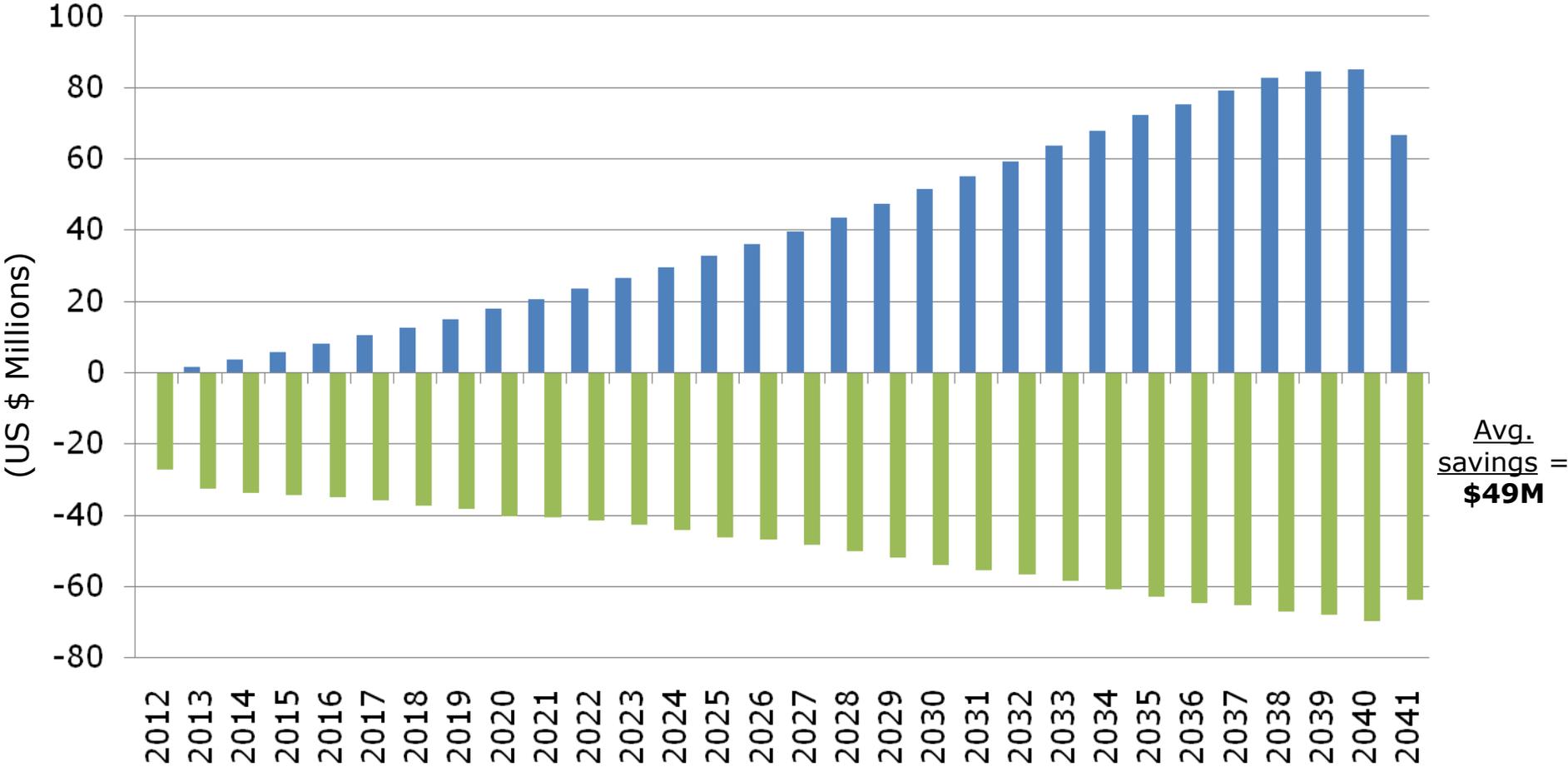
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Option 1: The plan will save money, but switching the amortization will cost

Change in Total Annual Contribution



Avg. savings = \$49M

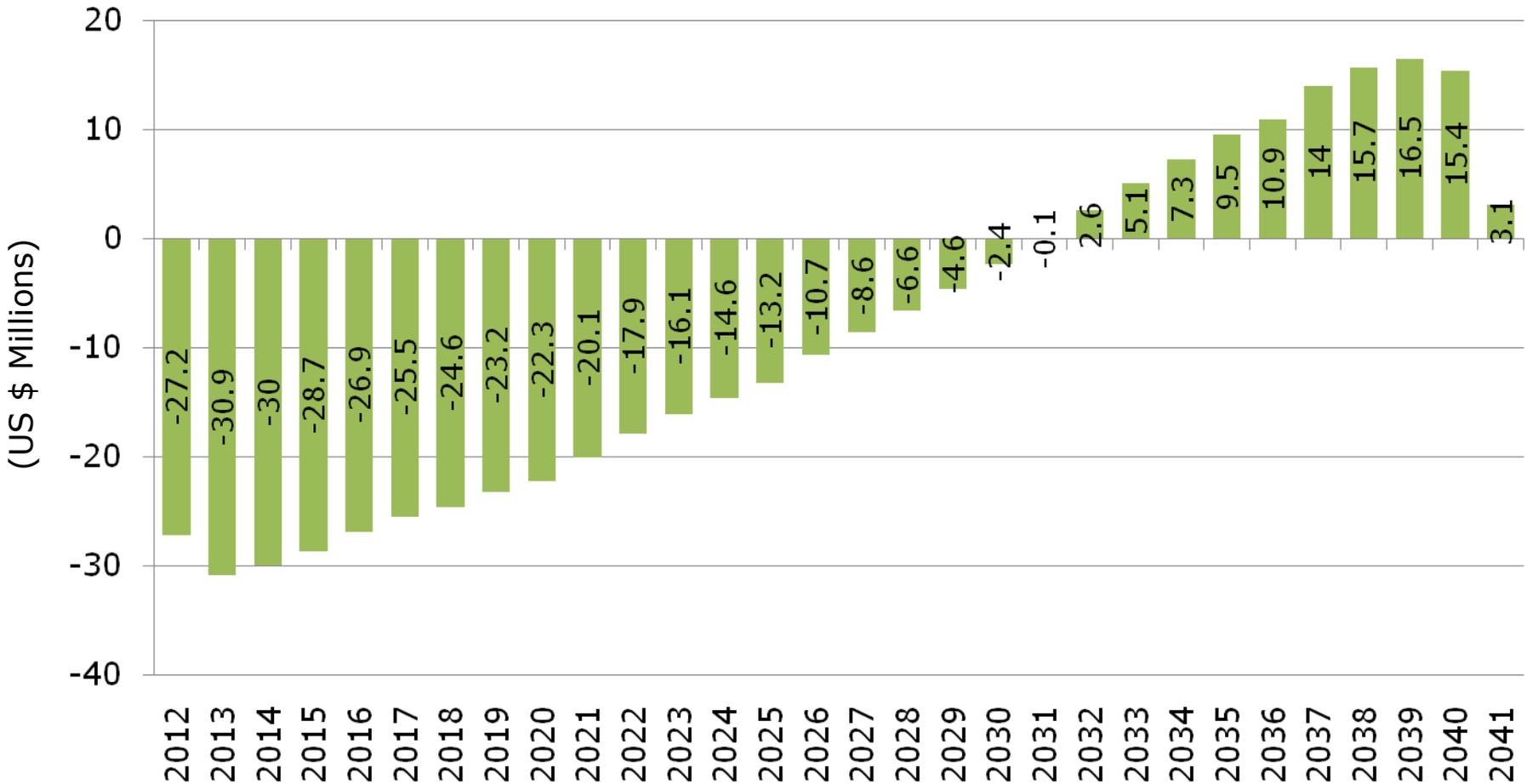
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Note: Differences are shown relative to the current plan under an open amortization
Source: Segal & Co.



Option 1: Switching plans and closing amortization will reduce the City's cost through 2031

Projected Annual Contribution net change



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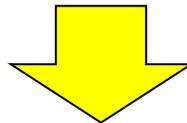
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Option 2: Defined Contribution and Social Security plan

Current employees (Social Security opt in)

Police & Fire

General

Current employees (Social Security opt out)

Police & Fire

General

Future employees

Police & Fire

General

	Defined Benefit	Defined Contribution	Social Security
Accrued to date		Up to 8%	Opt in
Accrued to date		Up to 8%	Opt in
Accrued to date		Up to 12%	Opt out
Accrued to date		Up to 12%	Opt out
--		Up to 8%	Yes
--		Up to 8%	Yes

Savings:

- Annual cash contribution: \$12 – 18 million

Risk:

Shared by employer, employee, and Federal Government

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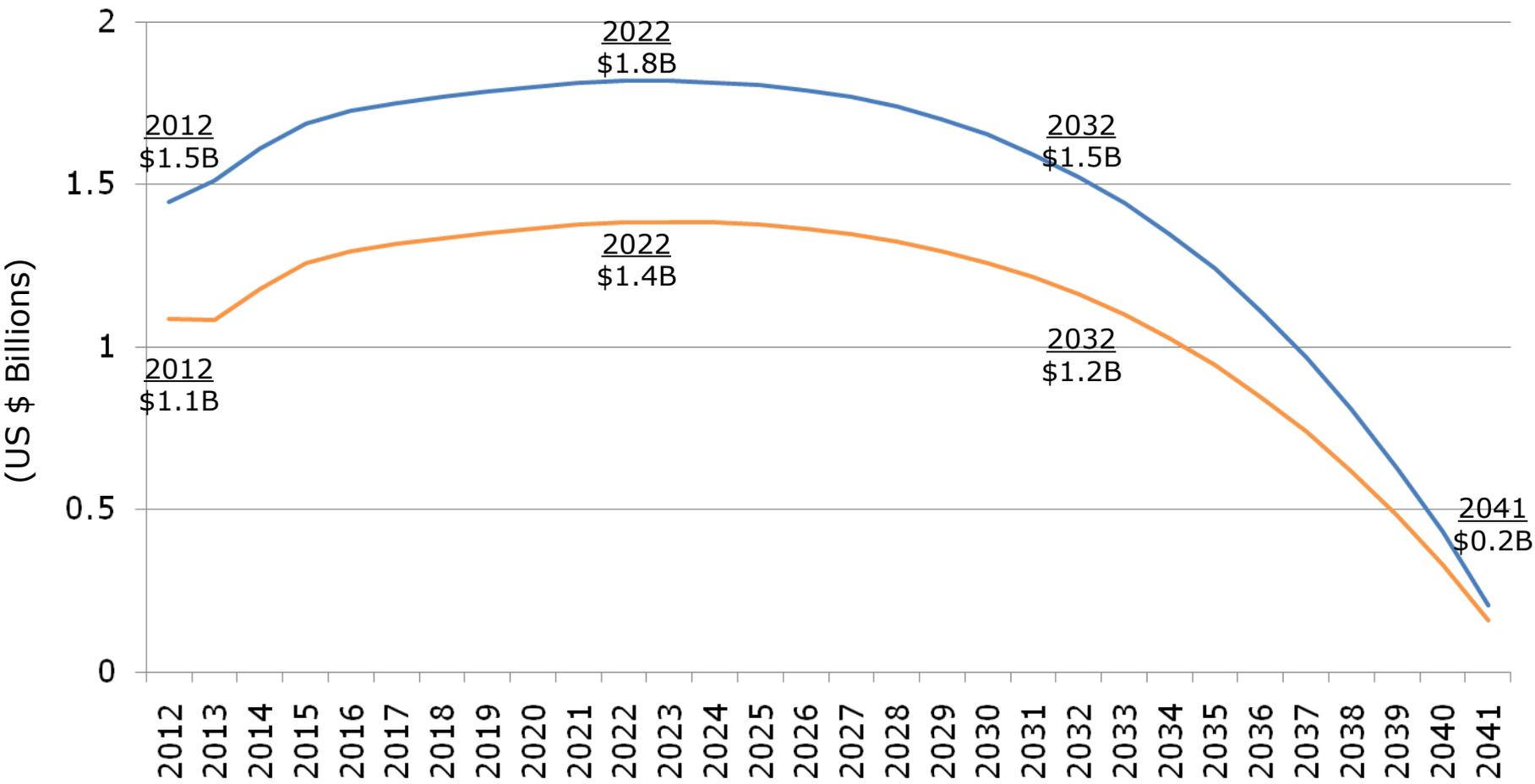
Note: All DC employer contributions require a matching contribution from the employee; Assumes that all employees Grade 19 and above that are current y in the 6% DC plan stay within that plan.



Option 2: Projected difference in Unfunded Liability due to hard freeze of defined benefit

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)

■ Current plan (closed amortization)
 ■ Proposed Option 2 (closed amortization)



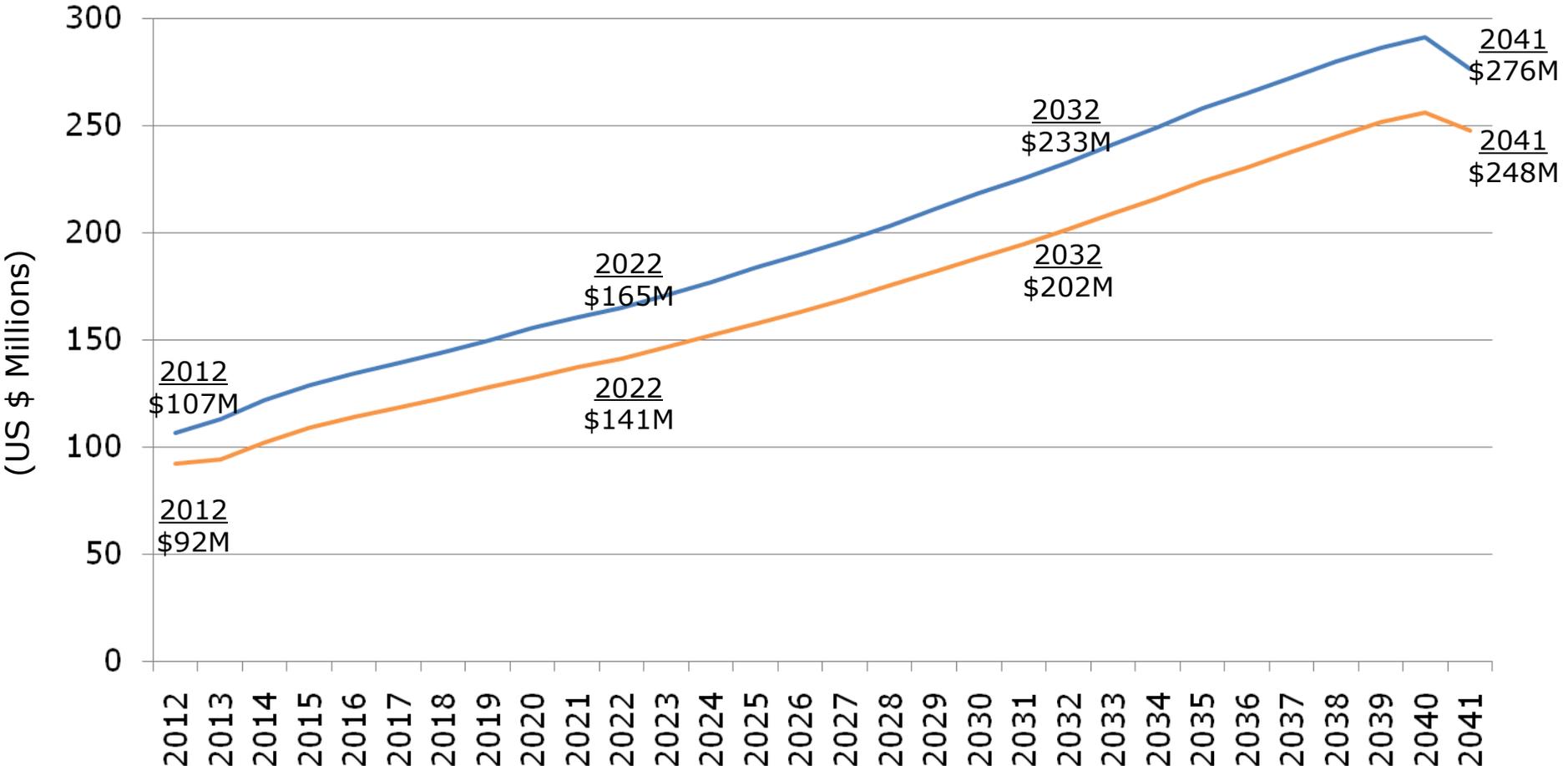
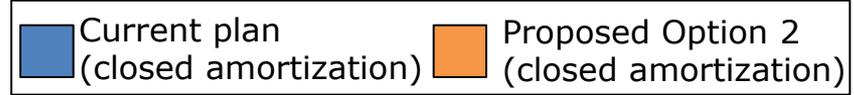
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Option 2: Projected difference in contributions in the future

Total Annual Contribution



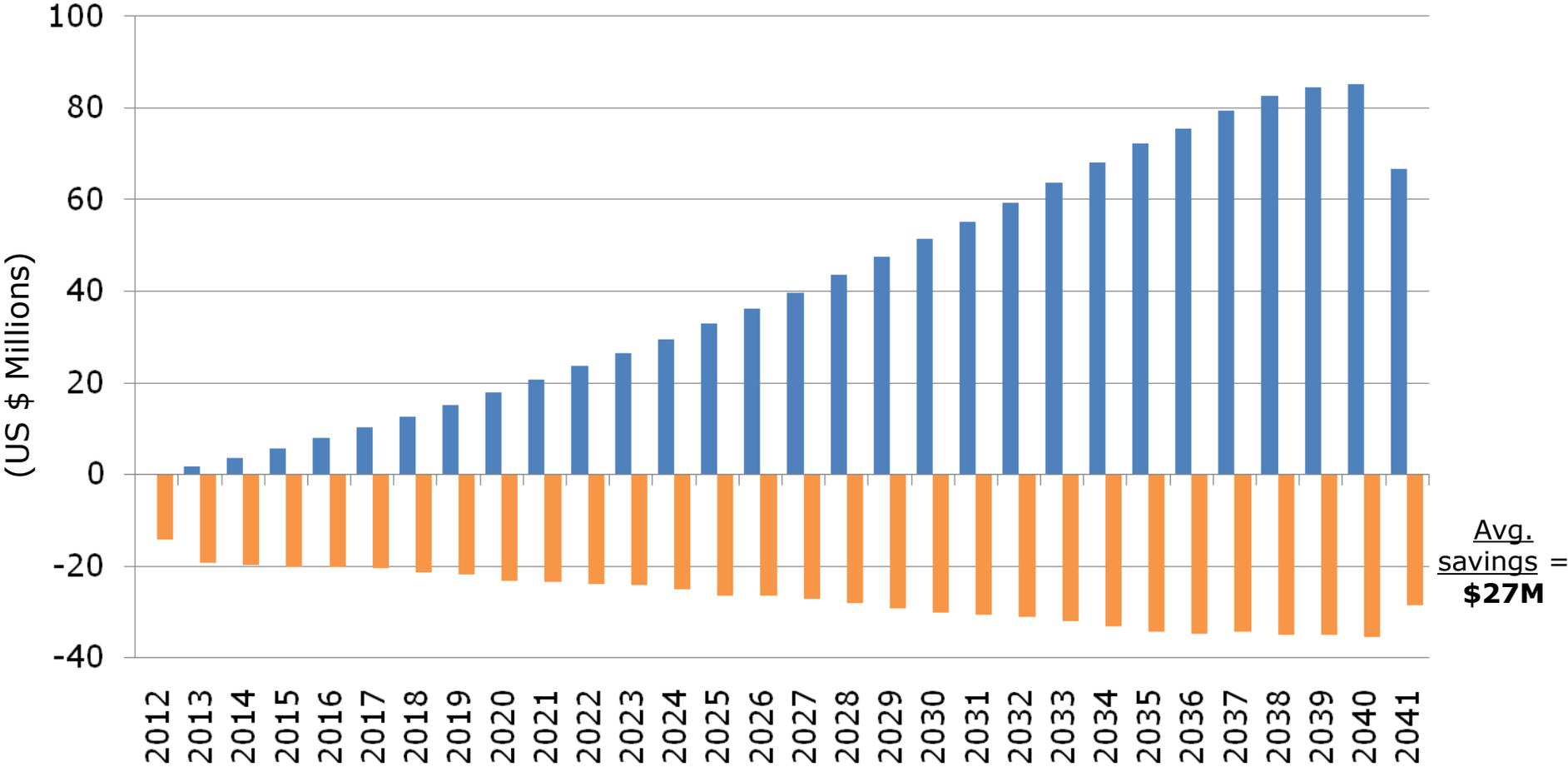
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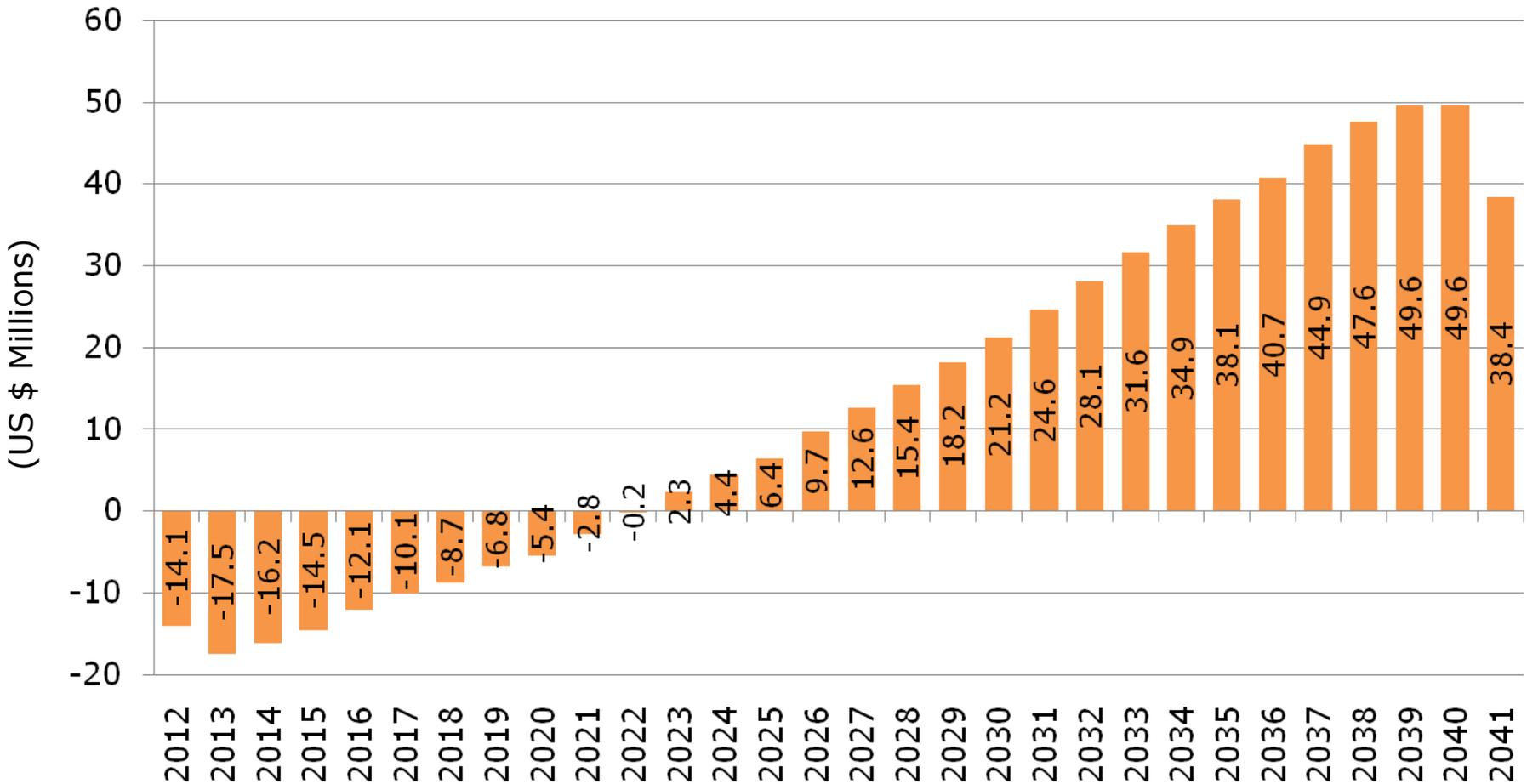
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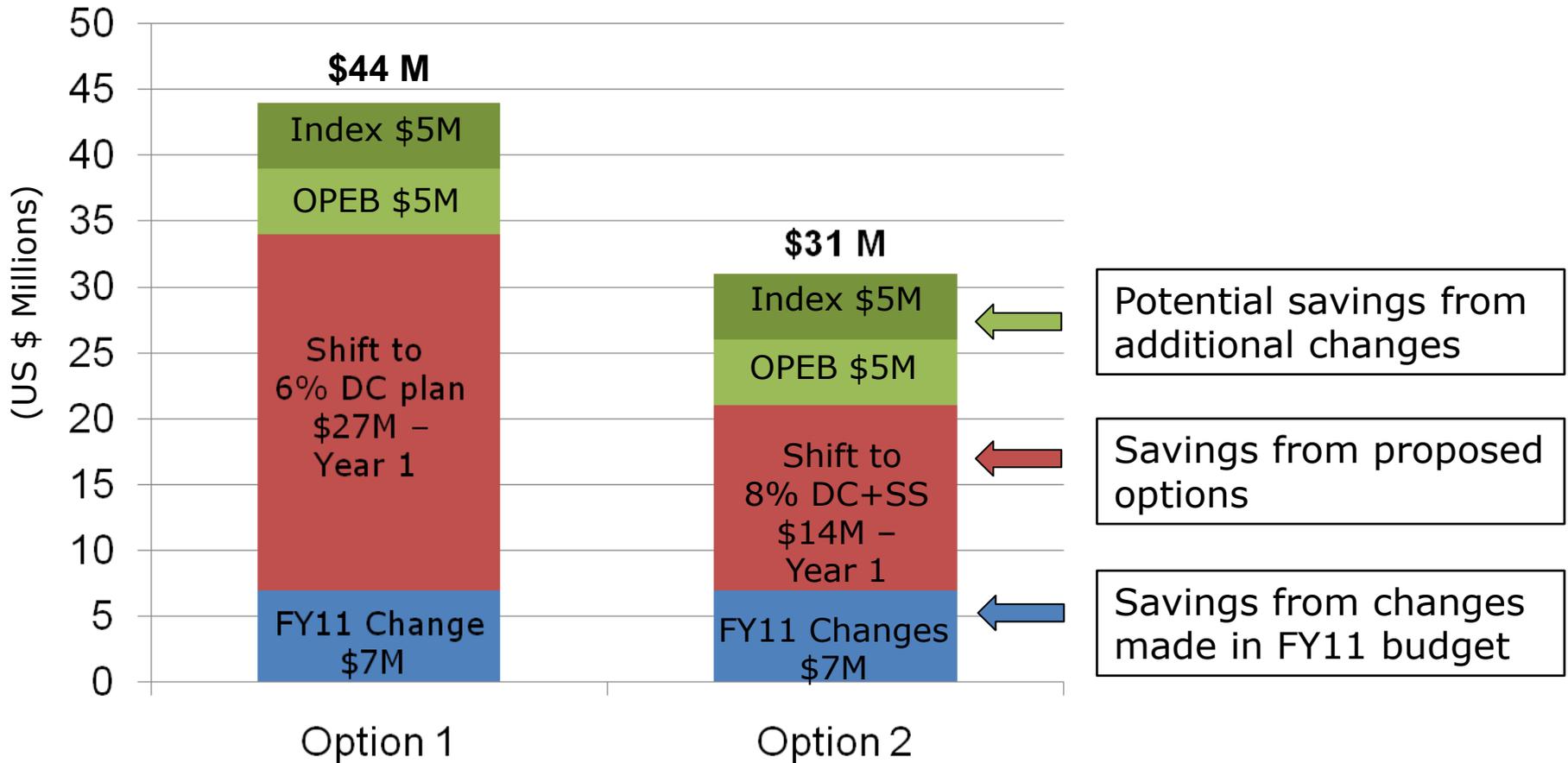
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Comprehensive Scope of Initial Savings from Retirement Plan Changes

Cost savings





Proposed changes will bring us in line with peer jurisdictions going forward

Jurisdiction	Social Security	Employee contributions		Current plan	Previous plan
		Defined Benefit	Defined Contribution		
Fulton County	Y	N	6.0%	<u>After 1999</u> 8% ER contribution to DC Plan 2% maximum ER contribution to 457 Plan	<u>Before 1999</u> 2% DB Plan Automatic 3% COLA
Gwinnett County	Y	N	2.5%, 5.0% or 7.5%	<u>After 2007</u> 7% ER contribution to DC Plan + 1% ER match if contributes 2.5% to 457 Plan	<u>Before 2007</u> 2.50% DB Plan Automatic 1% COLA or 11.5% DC Plan
State of Georgia	Y	1.25%	Min 1.0% up to 5.0% (401K plan) – optional	<u>After 2009</u> Hybrid Plan 2% DB Plan multiplier Matching DC Plan up to 3%	<u>Before 2009</u> 2% DB Plan Ad hoc COLA
Clayton County	Y	5.5%	Voluntary \$10 per pay period	2.5% DB Plan multiplier Automatic COLA for those retired at least 7 yrs No ER matching for DC Plan	2.5% DB Plan Automatic COLA for those retired at least 7 yrs, No ER matching for DC Plan
Cobb County	Y	5.0%	Min 1.0% up to 4.0%- optional	<u>After 2010</u> Hybrid Plan 1% DB Plan Hybrid plan – 1.0%DB Plan +2.0% DC Plan	<u>Before 2010</u> 2.5% DB Plan No COLA
DeKalb County	Y	8.38%*	N	<u>After 2005</u> 2.25% DB Plan multiplier No COLA	<u>Before 2005</u> 2.75% DB Plan No COLA

Source: Publicly available sources, including websites, CAFR and plan administrators

*Employee contributions will increase to 8.6% in 2012

Note: ER(Employer); EE(Employee)

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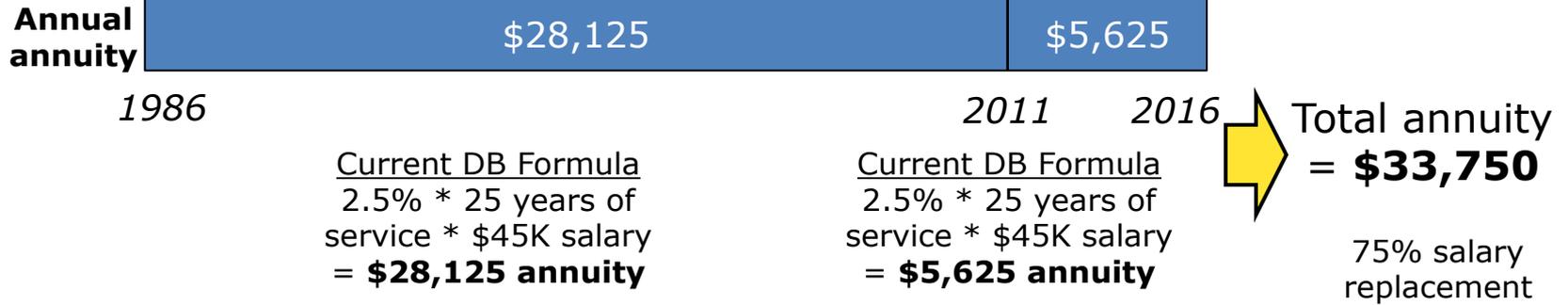


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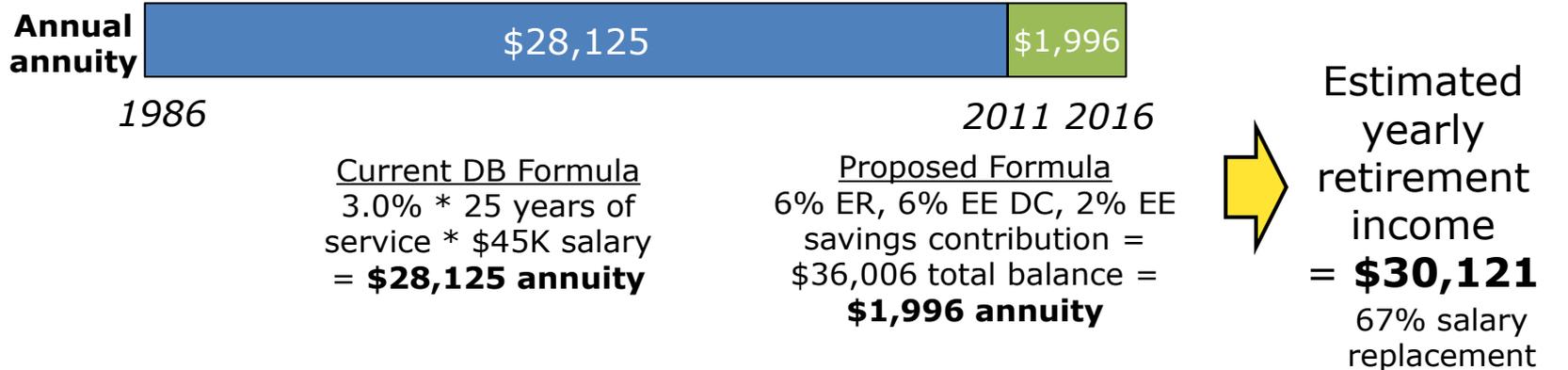
Example employee profile

- Current age 55
- 25 years of service at transition
- Final average salary = \$45,000
- Planning to retire after 30 total YOS

No change to current plan



Shift to proposed DC plan



Note: Shows 5% annual return; Assumes employee maintains a flat salary and contributes a total of 8% toward retirement (for purposes of modeling); Shows inflation adjusted DC benefit

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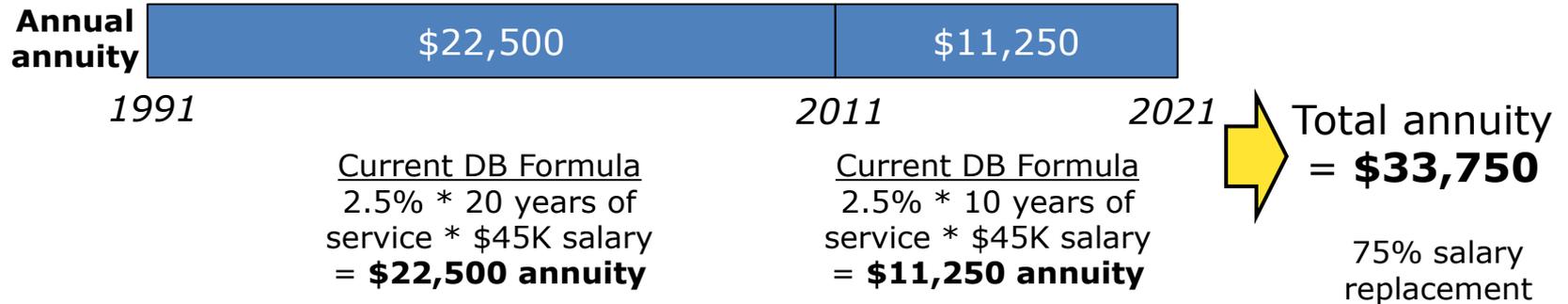


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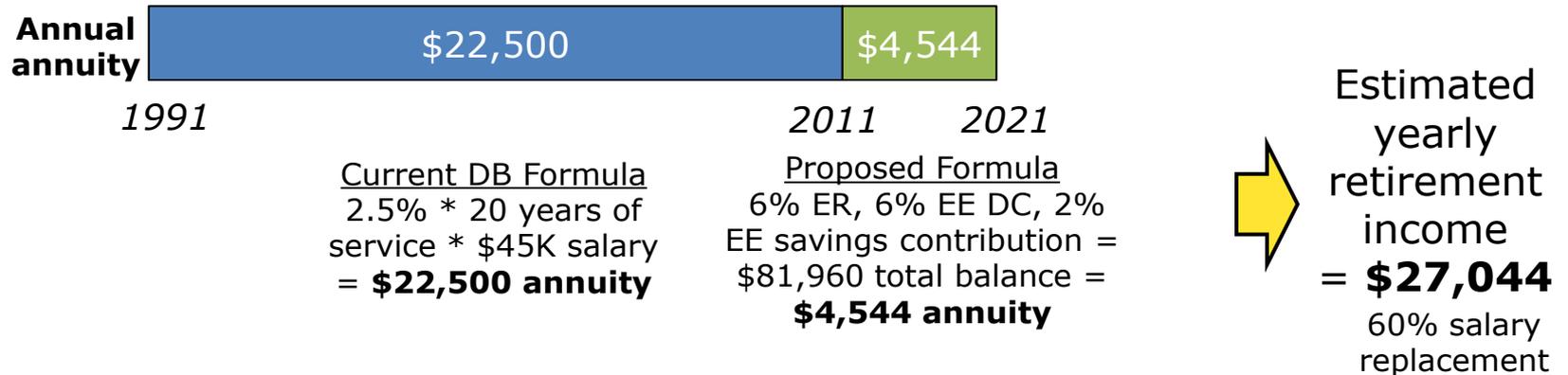
Example employee profile

- Current age 50
- 20 years of service at transition
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- Planning to retire after 30 total YOS

No change to current plan



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Option 1: Benefits that have already been accrued will not change (1C)

Example employee profile

- Current age 45
- 15 years of service at transition
- Final average salary = \$45,000
- Planning to retire after 30 total YOS

No change to current plan

Annual annuity

1996

\$16,875

2011

\$16,875

2026

Current DB Formula
2.5% * 15 years of service * \$45K salary = **\$16,875 annuity**

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Total annuity = **\$33,750**

75% salary replacement

Shift to proposed DC plan

Annual annuity

1996

\$16,875

2011

\$7,796

2026

Current DB Formula
2.5% * 15 years of service * \$45K salary = **\$16,875 annuity**

Proposed Formula
6% ER, 6% EE DC, 2% EE savings contribution = \$140,610 total balance = **\$7,796 annuity**



Estimated yearly retirement income = **\$24,671**

55% salary replacement

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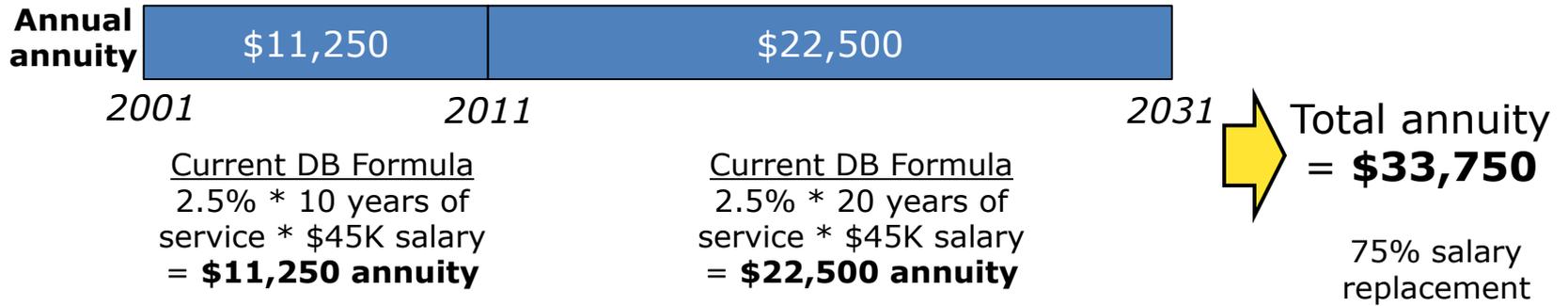


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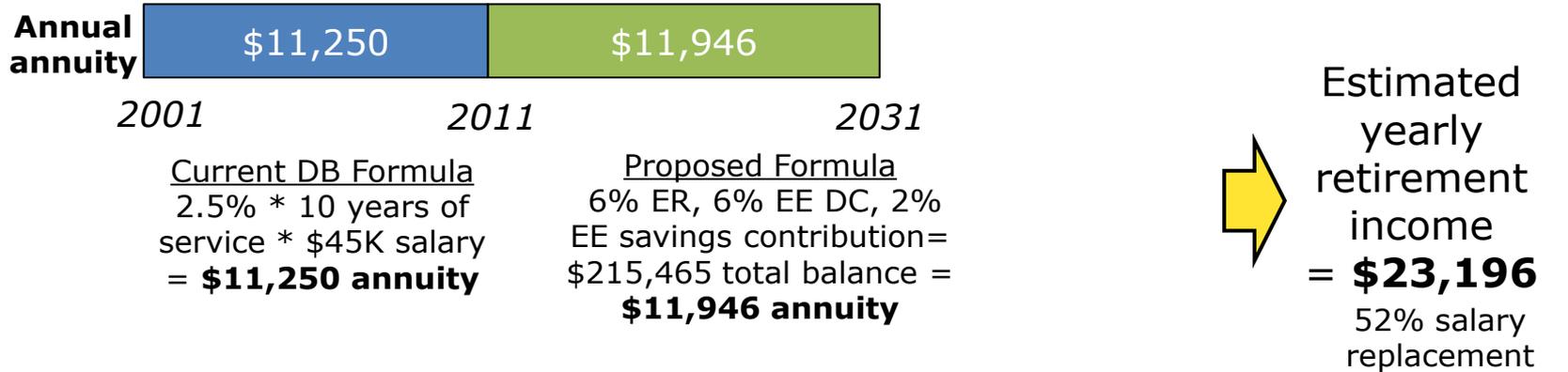
Example employee profile

- Current age 40
- 10 years of service at transition
- Final average salary = \$45,000
- Planning to retire after 30 total YOS

No change to current plan



Shift to proposed DC plan



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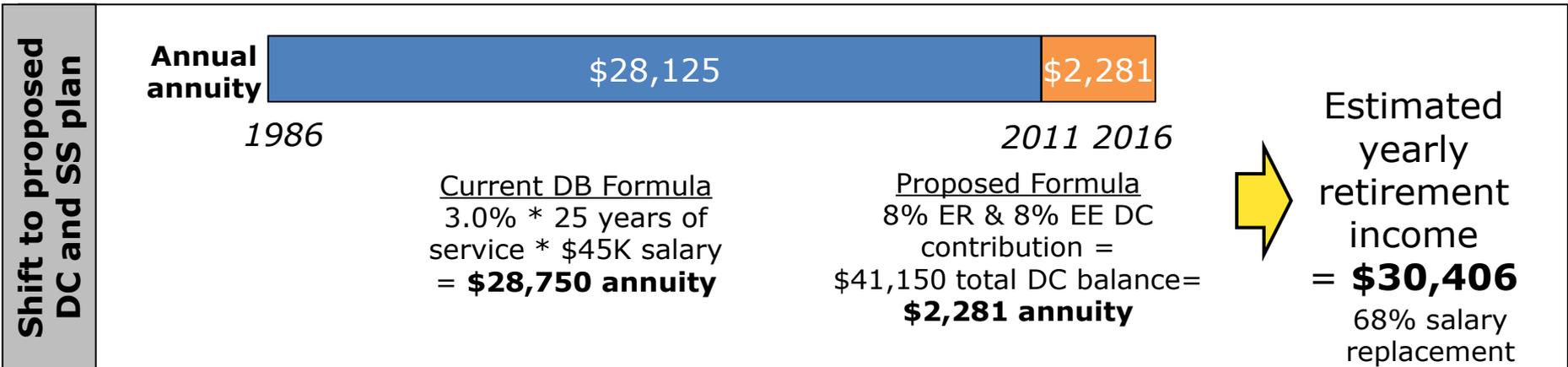
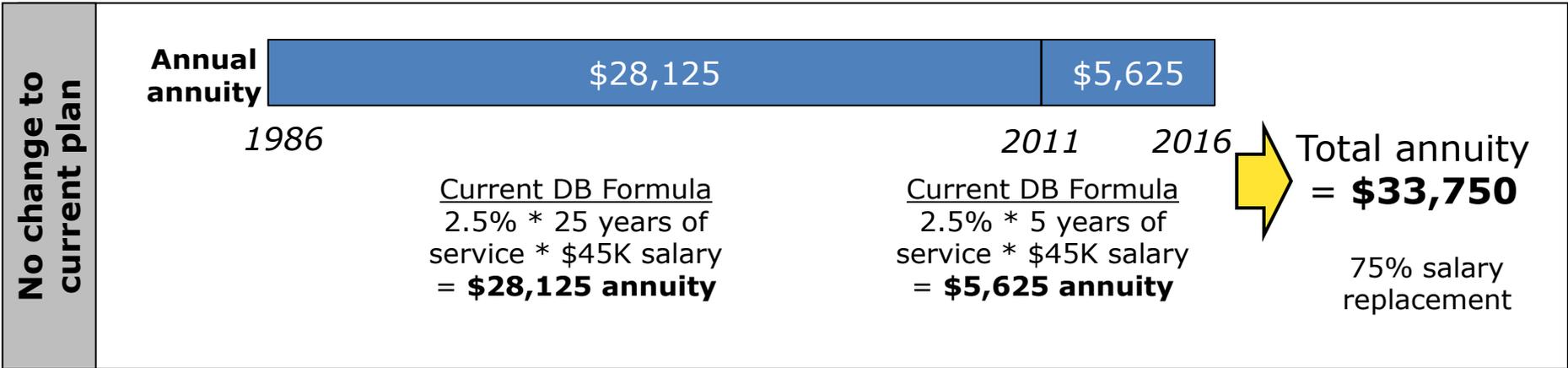


Option 2: Benefits that have already been accrued will not change (2A)

Example employee profile

- Current age 55
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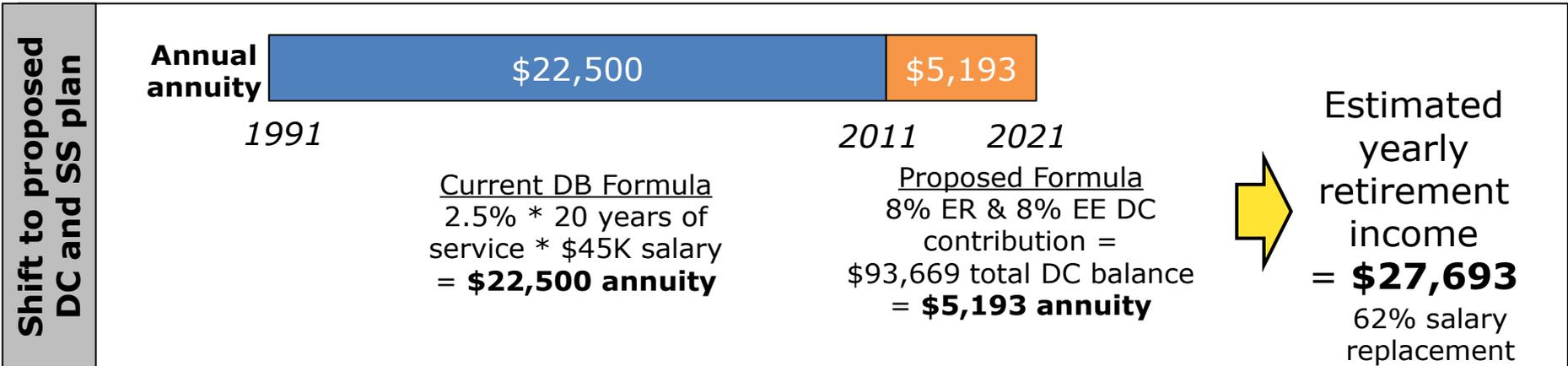
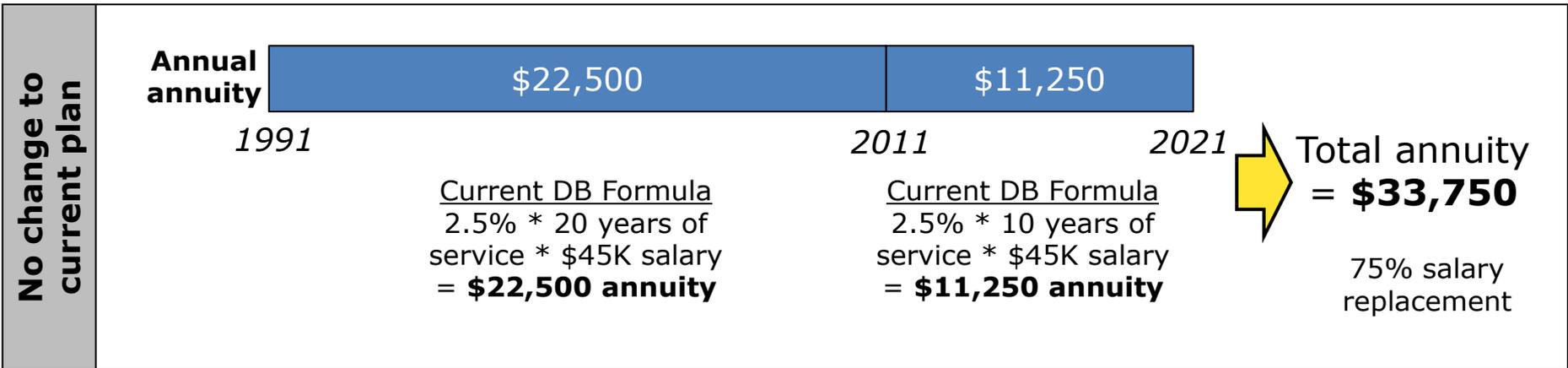


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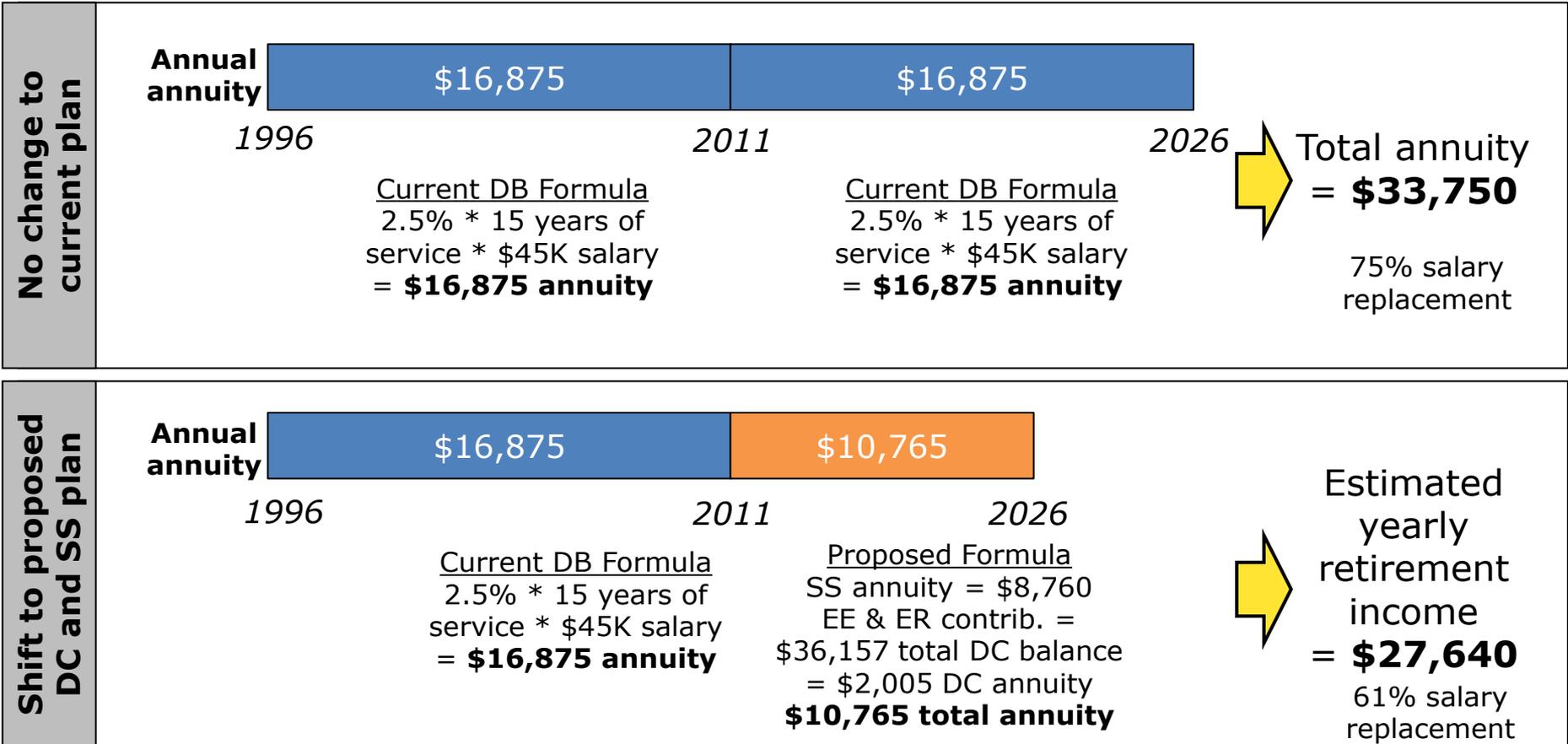


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Additional employee profiles – Option 1

Age	Current service	Salary	Part 'A' annuity	Part 'B' DB/DC annuity			Total annuity		
				No change	8% EE contrib	11% EE contrib	No change	8% EE contrib	11% EE contrib
55	25	\$45,000	\$28,125	\$5,625	\$1,996	\$2,424	\$33,750	\$30,121	\$30,549
50	20	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$4,544	\$5,518	\$33,750	\$27,044	\$28,018
45	15	\$45,000	\$16,875	\$16,875	\$7,796	\$9,466	\$33,750	\$24,671	\$26,341
40	10	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$22,500	\$11,946	\$14,505	\$33,750	\$23,196	\$25,755
35	5	\$45,000	\$5,625	\$28,125	\$17,242	\$20,937	\$33,750	\$22,867	\$26,562
30	0	\$45,000	\$0	\$33,750	\$24,002	\$29,145	\$33,750	\$24,002	\$29,145



Additional employee profiles – Option 2A (Social Security **opt out**)

Age	Current service	Salary	Part 'A' annuity	Part 'B' DB/DC annuity			Total annuity		
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55	25	\$45,000	\$28,125	\$5,625	\$2,281	\$3,137	\$33,750	\$30,406	\$31,262
50	20	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$5,193	\$7,141	\$33,750	\$27,693	\$29,641
45	15	\$45,000	\$16,875	\$16,875	\$8,909	\$12,250	\$33,750	\$25,784	\$29,125
40	10	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$22,500	\$13,652	\$18,772	\$33,750	\$24,902	\$30,022
35	5	\$45,000	\$5,625	\$28,125	\$19,705	\$27,095	\$33,750	\$25,330	\$32,720
30	0	\$45,000	\$0	\$33,750	\$27,431	\$37,718	\$33,750	\$27,431	\$37,718



Additional employee profiles – Option 2B (Social Security **opt in**)

Age	Current service	Salary	Part 'A' annuity	Part 'B' DC/DB annuity			Part 'B' SS annuity			Total annuity		
				No change	8% EE contrib	11% EE contrib	No change	8% EE contrib	11% EE contrib	No change	8% EE contrib	11% EE contrib
55	25	\$45,000	\$28,125	\$5,625	\$513	\$1,369	--	\$3,972	\$3,972	\$33,750	\$32,610	\$33,466
50	20	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$11,250	\$1,168	\$3,116	--	\$7,068	\$7,068	\$33,750	\$30,736	\$32,684
45	15	\$45,000	\$16,875	\$16,875	\$2,005	\$5,346	--	\$8,760	\$8,760	\$33,750	\$27,640	\$30,981
40	10	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$22,500	\$3,072	\$8,191	--	\$10,428	\$10,428	\$33,750	\$24,750	\$29,869
35	5	\$45,000	\$5,625	\$28,125	\$4,434	\$11,823	--	\$12,096	\$12,096	\$33,750	\$22,155	\$29,544
30	0	\$45,000	\$0	\$33,750	\$6,172	\$16,459	--	\$13,776	\$13,776	\$33,750	\$19,948	\$30,235