Solano Transportation Authority

DATE: April 26, 2011
TO: STA TAC
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) Initial Projects

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Background:
The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established two sources of funds that provide support for public transportation services statewide – the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the Public Transportation Account (PTA). Solano County receives TDA funds through the LTF and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) through the PTA. State law specifies that STAF be used to provide financial assistance for public transportation, including funding for transit planning, operations and capital acquisition projects.

In FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09, Solano's share of all types of STAF funds (revenue-based; population-based/Northern Counties-Solano; Regional Paratransit-Solano; Lifeline STAF) was about $3 million per year. STAF funds had been used for a wide range of activities, including providing funds for STA transit programs administration, transit studies, transit marketing activities, matching funds for the purchase of new intercity buses and covering new bus purchase shortfalls on start-up new intercity services when the need arises.

The FY 2009-10 State budget eliminated the funding of STAF. This decision was contested in court and a ruling was made in favor of restoring STAF. In the Spring of 2011, the STAF was funded through a fuel tax swap. The recently released FY 2011-12 State Budget by the Governor proposes the funding of STAF at only a slightly reduced statewide level of $330 million as compared to FY 2010-11 level of $350 million. It remains vulnerable as the impact of the passage of Proposition 26 in November 2010 on the fuel tax swap is being analyzed. STA staff will continue to monitor this issue. STAF revenue-based and population-based FY 2011-12 estimates are shown on Attachments A and B.

The FY 2011-12 STAF revenue projections were approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on February 23rd.

Discussion:
Given the instability of STAF, in FY 2010-11 all Solano STAF was not programmed.
In March 2011, the Consortium was shown the projects that were approved in FY 2010-11 which are shown on Attachment C for population-based STAF and Attachment D for Regional Paratransit STAF. The FY 2010-11 allocations are now secure. However, the FY 2011-12 STAF has not changed by the State budget process since the fund estimate was released, but the funds are not secured until the State budget is approved.

At this time, staff is requesting approval of an initial list of projects to be funded by the FY 2010-11 STAF. These are listed on Attachments C and D and discussed below.

Population-Based STAF (Attachment C)

The STA uses STAF to conduct countywide transit planning, marketing, coordination, and administration of activities. These have been typical activities funded by STAF funds and were presented previously. In addition, a new proposed project is the County of Solano William J. Carroll Building bus stop/pedestrian plaza. Construction of this new office building in Vacaville will begin in 2011 with an estimated completion date of mid-2012. Located along a major arterial (Monte Vista Ave.), it will house social services that will serve not only Vacaville residents, but also Dixon, Rio Vista and the unincorporated areas. Along with a parking lot, the site design incorporates a bus turnout with an adjacent pedestrian plaza connecting the bus turnout to the building entrance to minimize pedestrian/vehicle conflicts on-site. This area would include seating, lighting, and other amenities to accommodate and encourage transit usage. The County has requested $100,000 for this element of the overall project. STAF has been identified as a source of funds that would be available during the near-term construction period. This project would likely score well for Lifeline/Prop 1B funding and the County has been encouraged to apply for that funding in the next funding cycle. However, due to the timing of the office project moving forward sooner than the Lifeline funds can be secured, STAF is recommended at this time. County of Solano TDA funds will also be considered for this project.

Regional Paratransit STAF (Attachment D)

As presented previously, these funds have been typically used in part for the STA to manage the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). A balance of $311, 924 is available from the FY 2010-11 Regional Paratransit funds after the PCC is funded. Staff proposes this balance be made available to projects that support mobility for Seniors and People with Disabilities. This would include the Intercity Taxi (ITX) program which was identified in FY 2010-11 as a priority project but without a specific funding request. In addition, an update of the Solano Transportation Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities is nearing completion and will be identifying priority projects. Funding is recommended to be reserved for this broader purpose with the acknowledgement that the ITX program has already been identified as a priority. The Solano Senior and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee will be meeting in May 2011 and providing input on the specific projects to be funded.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the FY 2011-12 Project List as shown on Attachments C and D.

Attachments:

A. FY 2011-12 STAF Solano revenue-based fund estimate (MTC Reso 3990, 2/23/11)
B. FY 2011-12 STAF Solano population-based fund estimate (MTC Reso. 3990, 2/23/11)
C. Population-based STAF FY 2010-11 approved projects and initial FY 2011-12 proposed projects
D. Regional Paratransit STAF FY 2010-11approved projects and initial FY 2011-12 proposed projects

FY 2011-12 FUND ESTIMATE
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE
REVENUE-BASED FUNDS (PUC 99314)

FY 2010-11 Initial Estimate	**0**		**FY 2010-11 Projected Carryover**	**5,338,308**
FY 2010-11 Actual Revenue[3]	**105,599,967**		**FY 2011-12 Initial Estimate**	**87,017,854**
FY 2010-11 Total Revenue Adjustment	**105,599,967**		**Total Funds Available FY 2012**	**92,356,161**

Column	A	B	C	D=Sum(A:D)	F	G=(E+F)
	6/30/2010	FY 2009-11	FY 2010-11	6/30/2011	FY 2011-12	Total
Apportionment Jurisdictions	**Balance[1,3]**	**Outstanding Commitments[2]**	**Actual Revenue[3]**	**Projected Carryover**	**Revenue Estimate[4]**	**Available For Allocation**
Alameda CMA - Corresponding to ACE	1,386,611	(1,379,809)		6,802	196,055	202,857
Benicia	11,665	-		11,665	9,607	21,272
Caltrain	7,668,991	(7,487,234)		181,757	4,222,450	4,404,206
CCCTA	552,899	(552,684)		215	455,420	455,635
Dixon	5,870	-		5,870	4,624	10,494
ECCTA	211,635	(211,622)		13	174,296	174,309
Fairfield	802,483	-		802,483	109,693	912,176
GGBHTD	4,484,202	(4,482,448)		1,754	3,693,658	3,695,412
Healdsburg	6,918	(3,811)	**FY 2010-11 STA**	3,107	2,247	5,354
LAVTA	201,806	(201,728)	**Revenue is**	78	166,226	166,304
NCPTA	43,466	(41,140)	**recorded in the**	2,326	35,803	38,129
SamTrans	4,193,199	(3,390,227)	**Column A**	802,972	3,453,709	4,256,681
Santa Rosa	152,587	-	**(Balance)**	152,587	125,683	278,270
Sonoma County Transit	152,824	(111,345)		41,479	125,865	167,344
Union City	20,830	(20,822)		8	17,157	17,165
Vallejo	609,616	-		609,616	464,040	1,073,656
VTA	14,541,705	(14,536,002)		5,703	11,978,119	11,983,822
VTA - Corresponding to ACE	341,851	(341,650)		201	273,045	273,246
WestCAT	250,223	(250,125)		98	206,108	206,206
Petaluma	42	-		42	-	42
Rio Vista	3,758	(3,755)		3	3,094	3,097
SUBTOTAL	**35,643,181**	**(33,014,402)**	**-**	**2,628,779**	**25,716,899**	**28,345,678**
AC Transit	9,939,533	(9,894,290)		45,243	8,151,746	8,196,989
BART	28,224,283	(26,703,601)		1,520,682	23,248,148	24,768,830
SFMTA	37,488,271	(36,344,667)		1,143,604	29,901,060	31,044,664
SUBTOTAL	**75,652,087**	**(72,942,558)**	**-**	**2,709,529**	**61,300,954**	**64,010,483**
GRAND TOTAL	**111,295,268**	**(105,956,960)**	**-**	**5,338,308**	**87,017,854**	**92,356,161**

1. Balance as of 6/30/10 is from MTC FY 2009-10 Audit, and it contains both funds available for allocation and funds that have been allocated but not disbursed.

2. The outstanding commitments figure includes all unpaid allocations as of June 30, 2010, and FY 2010-11 allocations, transfers and refunds as of December 31, 2010.

3. In July 2010 the state paid a lump sump covering STA revenue for both FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-2011. Any STA funds that were not claimed in FY 2009-10 are recorded as part of the balance.

4. The FY 2011-12 STA Estimates reflect the $329.6 million proposed in the Governor's budget

FY 2011-12 FUND ESTIMATE
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE
POPULATION-BASED FUNDS (PUC 99313)

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FY 2010-11 Original Revenue Estimates	0	FY 2010-11 Projected Carryover	34,634,742
FY 2010-11 Actual Base Revenue	38,521,104	FY 2011-12 Initial Estimate	31,809,712
FY 2010-11 Revenue Adjustment	38,521,104	FY 2011-12 Total Funds	66,444,454

Column	A	B	D	F=Sum(A:E)	G	I=Sum(G:H)
	6/30/2010	FY 2009-11	FY 2010-11	6/30/2011	FY 2011-12	Total
Apportionment Jurisdictions	Balance[1,3]	Outstanding Commitments[2]	Actual Revenue[3]	Projected Carryover	Revenue Estimate[6]	Available For Allocation
Northern Counties/Small Operators						
Marin	1,159,279	(1,157,652)		1,627	949,961	951,588
Napa	836,362	(828,191)		8,171	506,293	514,464
Solano[4]	3,262,792	(20,976)		3,241,816	1,559,282	4,801,098
Sonoma	2,792,986	(1,775,639)		1,017,347	1,797,812	2,815,159
CCCTA	2,994,140	(2,987,971)		6,169	1,846,771	1,852,940
ECCTA	1,761,970	(1,758,485)		3,485	1,081,606	1,085,091
LAVTA	1,229,111	(1,226,941)		2,170	750,523	752,693
Union City	329,480	(328,611)		869	273,570	274,439
WestCAT	422,084	(421,216)		868	255,822	256,690
Vallejo[4]	105,093	-		105,093	*Included in Solano*	105,093
SUBTOTAL	14,893,297	(10,505,682)		4,387,615	9,021,639	13,409,254
Regional Paratransit						
Alameda	1,868,409	(1,765,720)		102,689	1,154,363	1,257,052
Contra Costa	974,296	(972,294)	FY 2010-11 STA Revenue is recorded in the Column A (Balance)	2,002	596,548	598,550
Marin	161,639	(161,394)		245	133,275	133,520
Napa	142,148	(141,415)		733	87,034	87,767
San Francisco	1,106,298	(1,103,827)		2,471	911,400	913,871
San Mateo	612,562	(611,118)		1,444	504,645	506,089
Santa Clara	1,822,065	(1,817,775)		4,290	1,045,570	1,049,860
Solano	496,924	-		496,924	248,274	745,198
Sonoma	381,046	(233,483)		147,563	276,034	423,597
SUBTOTAL	7,565,387	(6,807,026)		758,361	4,957,143	5,715,504
Lifeline						
Alameda	3,503,762	(513,000)		2,990,762	2,544,730	5,535,492
Contra Costa	2,121,360	(664,402)		1,456,958	1,160,917	2,617,875
Marin	307,955	(306,195)		1,760	250,758	252,518
Napa	264,694	(380,844)		(116,150)	157,885	41,735
San Francisco	4,657,131	(3,071,710)		1,585,421	1,402,388	2,987,809
San Mateo	2,191,963	(1,823,040)		368,923	659,401	1,028,324
Santa Clara	4,102,827	-		4,102,827	2,015,352	6,118,179
Solano	1,152,997	(222,685)		930,312	510,804	1,441,116
Sonoma	1,646,505	(594,824)		1,051,681	585,102	1,636,783
SUBTOTAL	19,949,194	(7,576,700)	-	12,372,494	9,287,337	21,659,831
BART to Warm Springs	322,247	-	-	322,247	-	322,247
eBART	322,247	-	-	322,247	-	322,247
SamTrans	37,985	-	-	37,985	-	37,985
MTC Regional Coordination Program[5]	22,135,362	(5,701,569)		16,433,793	8,543,593	24,977,386
GRAND TOTAL	65,225,719	(30,590,977)	-	34,634,742	31,809,712	66,444,454

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3. In July 2010 the state paid a lump sump covering STA revenue for both FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-2011. Any STA funds that were not claimed in FY 2009-10 are recorded as part of the balance.
4. Beginning in FY 2008-09, the Vallejo revenue apportionment is combined with Solano, as per MTC Resolution 3837.
5. Committed to TransLink® and other MTC Customer Service projects.
6. The FY 2011-12 STA Estimates reflect the $329.6 million proposed in the Governor's budget

ATTACHMENT B

FY 2011-12 Fund Estimate
State Transit Assistance funds (STAF)
Population-based

Feb 2011 MTC Fund Estimate

				Projected FY11 Carryover (Secured)	Balance	*FY12 Revenue Estimate (Pending FY12 State Budget Approval)*
Northern County/Small Operators	**Approved Projects not allocated as of 12/31/10**	**Claimant**	**Project Amt**	**$ 3,241,816**		
	Benicia Transit Site Plan	Benicia	$ 25,000			
	P3(Public Private Partnerships) at Transit Facilities Study	STA	$ 150,000			
	SolTrans Initial Transitional Costs	STA	$ 75,000			
	SolTransit Transition Costs Match	STA/Vjo/Ben	$ 300,000			
	Intercity Transit Vehicle Replacement Match Reserve	Vjo/FF	$ 500,000			
	SR-12 Jameson Canyon Innovative Grant Match	TBD	$ 240,000			
	I-80/I-680/I-780/Hwy 12 Transit Corridor Study Update	STA	$ 150,000			
	TOTAL		$ 1,440,000		**$ 1,801,816**	
						$ 1,559,282
	FY2011-12 Proposed Projects					
	SolanoExpress Marketing	STA	$ 50,000		$ 1,751,816	*$ 3,311,098*
	Lifeline Program Management	STA	$ 16,000		$ 1,735,816	*$ 3,295,098*
	Transit Planning and Coordination	STA	$ 366,307		$ 1,369,509	*$ 2,928,791*
	County Bldg Bus Turnout/Pedestrian Plaza	County	$ 100,000		$ 1,269,509	$ 2,828,791

FY 2011-12 Fund Estimate
State Transit Assistance funds (STAF)
Regional Paratransit

Feb 2011 MTC Fund Estimate

	Approved Projects not yet allocated as of 12/31/10	Claimant	Project Amt	Projected FY11 Carryover (Secured)	Balance	*FY12 Revenue Estimate (Pending FY12 State Budget Approval)*
				$ 496,924		
Solano/ Regional Paratransit	Senior Disabled Transportation Study and Committee Outreach	STA	$ 50,000			
	SB83 Expenditure Plan	STA	$ 50,000			
	Match for Subsidized Taxi Phase I and Phase II	TBD	TBD			
	TOTAL			$ 100,000	**$ 396,924**	
	Solano Transportation Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities amendment	STA	$ 40,000		$ 356,924	
						$ 248,274
	New Projects					
	PCC Management	STA	$ 45,000		$ 311,924	*$ 560,198*
	Projects for Seniors and People with Disabilities	Various-TBD	$ 311,924		0	*$ 248,274*