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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCC) AGENDA

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 19, 2011
Ulatis Community Center
1000 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA

ITEM

STAFF PERSON

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|---|------------------------|
| I. CALL TO ORDER | Richard Burnett, Chair |
| II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
(1:00 – 1:05 p.m.) | |
| III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
(1:05 – 1:15 p.m.) | |
| IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF
(1:15 – 1:20 p.m.) | |
| V. PRESENTATIONS | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brian McLean–Topic Guide Presentation for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Maintenance 2. Brian McLean – City Coach Training Video
(1:20 – 1:50 p.m.) | |
| VI. CONSENT CALENDAR | |
| A. Minutes from PCC Meeting | |
| <u>Recommendation:</u> | |
| Approve minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting.
(1:50 – 1:55 p.m.) | |
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PCC MEMBERS

George Bartolome
Social Service Provider

Richard Burnett- Chair
PAC Representative

Rachel Ford
Public Agency–Solano County

Judy Nash
Public Agency-Education

Shannon Nelson
Member at Large

Ted Newton
Social Service Provider

Shirley Stacy
Transit User

James Williams – Vice Chair
Member at Large

Kurt Wellner
Transit User

Alicia Roundtree
Social Service Provider

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. FY 2011-12 TDA Claims – Solano Transportation Authority, City of Vacaville, and Solano County Transit.** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation:
1. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve Solano Transportation Authority FY 2011-12 TDA claim for \$358,080 for planning and administration.
 2. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve City of Vacaville FY 2011-12 TDA claim for \$923,218 for transit operations and \$60,000 for transit capital.
 3. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve Solano County Transit (SolTrans) FY 2011-12 TDA Claim for \$6,599,956 for transit operations.
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VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities Update** Elizabeth Richards
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(2:05-2:10 p.m.)
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- B. PCC Membership Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(2:10-2:15 p.m.)
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- C. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY 2011-12 Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(2:15-2:20 p.m.)
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- D. FTA Section 5310 Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(2:20-2:25 p.m.)
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- E. Transit Operator Updates**
- Benicia Breeze
 - Dixon Redit-Ride
 - Fairfield and Suisun Transit

- Rio Vista Delta Breeze
 - Solano County
 - Vacaville City Coach
 - Vallejo Transit
- (2:25-2:50 p.m.)

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion

(2:50- 3:00 p.m.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled at the Fairfield Community Center, in **Fairfield at 1:00 pm, Thursday, July 21, 2011**

For questions regarding this agenda:

Please contact Liz Niedziela at (707) 424-6075 or eniedziela@sta-snci.com

The complete STA PCC Meeting Packet is available on STA's Website at www.sta.ca.gov



PCC
SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL
AGENDA
Minutes for the meeting of
March 17, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

PCC Chair, Richard Burnett, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in Fairfield at Solano Community College in the Cafeteria conference room.

Voting Members Present:

Richard Burnett	Chair, PAC Representative
Judy Nash	Public Agency – Education
Shannon Nelson	Member at Large
Ted Newton	Social Service Provider
Alicia Roundtree	Social Service Provider
Shirley Stacy	Transit User
Kurt Wellner	Transit User

Voting Members Not Present:

Rachel Ford	Social Service Provider
James Williams	Vice-Chair, Member-at-Large
George Bartolome	Social Service Provider

Also Present:

Angel Anderson	City of Vallejo
John Andoh	City of Rio Vista
Thomasincie Bryant	Former Caretaker
Luis Campo	Paratransit Passenger
Stephanie Change	Acumen
Christy Curtis	RunAbout Passenger
Jacklyn Flores	Paratransit Passenger
Kenny Grover	Benicia Breeze/RunAbout Passenger
Philip Kamhi	FAST
Sarah Lauri	MV Transportation - FAST
Bob Mccauley	STA
Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach
Liz Niedziela	STA
Faye Peter	MV Transportation - FAST
MJ Ravenera	Bus Passenger

Elizabeth Richards	STA
Amber Villarreal	MV Transportation – Vallejo RunAbout
Richard Weiner	Nelson/Nygaard Consultant
Debbie Whitbeck	City of Fairfield

II. APPROVAL OF March 17, 2011 AGENDA

On a motion by Ted Newton and a second by Judy Nash, the PCC unanimously approved the March 17, 2011 agenda.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

MJ Ravenera uses both the bus and Paratransit. She is legally blind and the bus driver does not announce the stops. She has to rely on the announcements to travel and she currently has to rely on other passengers to let her know when the bus comes to her stop or when her bus has arrived for pick-up. The bus drivers do not help her to her next stop at the transfer center. They say they cannot help because they cannot leave their bus. The bus stops are at multiple different locations at the mall. She uses Route 20, Route 85, and Route 7. In Vacaville, she uses Route 5 and 7. She says that Vacaville drivers are very nice and helpful and she is very grateful for that. The most issues she experiences are with Fairfield. Also Vallejo Transit Route 85 does not announce the stop at the Mall so she does not know where to catch the bus if there are no other passengers there to assist her. She also mentioned when the automatic announcements are working and if the bus is late, the automatic announcements state the wrong stops.

IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

No comments from staff.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Brian McLean–Topic Guide Presentation for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Stop Announcements

1. Brian McLean presented the Topic Guide for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) – Stop Announcements (Attachment A).
2. Brian McLean presented the Intercity Tax Scrip Program (Attachment B).

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendation:

On a motion by Ted Newton and seconded by Alicia Roundtree, the PCC unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

A. Minutes of the PCC Meeting of January 20, 2011

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities Update

Elizabeth Richards presented a brief update on the Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities and introduced Richard Weiner, the consultant working on this study. Richard Weiner presented outreach activities, preliminary findings and lead a discussion about potential strategies to address gaps (Attachment C).

B. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and Solano Call for Projects Draft List

Bob Mccauley presented the RTP update. The RTP project list will identify those projects that are covered under the RTP federal air quality conformity analysis and which projects are eligible for state or federal funds.

C. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY2011-12

Liz Niedziela presented the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY2011-12. This year's Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Solano County Administration Center (SCAC) in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

The issues raised at the hearing and through written comments will be reviewed and compiled by MTC. The comments that are identified as reasonable unmet needs will be forwarded by MTC to STA. The STA staff will work with the transit operators to address the issues and STA staff will report to the PCC the status of the Unmet Transit Needs progress so the PCC may monitor the process.

D. FTA Section 5310 Update

Liz Niedziela presented the FTA Section 5310 update. The PCC Scoring Sub-Committee appointments are Richard Burnett, Rachel Ford, Shirley Stacy, and Jim Williams as the alternate. The subcommittee has an opportunity to attend a scoring workshop to review the scoring criteria's guidelines and familiarize themselves with the process.

E. Transit Operator Updates

Dixon Read-Ride, FAST, Rio Vista Delta Breeze, Vacaville City Coach, and Vallejo Transit presented and handed out ridership information. The operators updated the PCC on capital projects.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

No future agenda items were requested. Shirley Stacy commented on the following items:

- She suggested that there should be communication with passengers when bus is later than the 15 minute window. She had to wait over 90 minutes. No one let her know. She could have worked another hour.
- Many improvements have been made but still a ways to go.
- She feels that schedulers need to pay more attention to the manifest. They had her picked up and on her return trip scheduled at the same time.
- Dispatch very seldom informs the driver when she is ready to be picked up early.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting of the PCC is tentatively scheduled at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the Ulatis Cultural Center in Vacaville.



STOP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paratransit Coordinating Council

March 17, 2011



Stop Announcements and ADA

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires transit agencies to announce stops on the bus, as well as to identify the bus route at stops that serve more than one route.
- Challenging component of ADA law for transit agencies to fully implement.
- Transit agencies in Solano County are working to address these issues.



Announcements on Fixed Route Transit Systems

- **Stop announcements should be made at:**
 - Transfer points with other fixed routes
 - Major intersections and destination points
 - Intervals along the route
 - At passenger requested stops



Announcements: Route Identification

- At stops that serve more than one bus route:

“Agency should provide bus route identification by which an individual who has a vision impairment or other disability can identify which bus they need to board.”

External bus announcements – announcement provided at bus door entrance, at time of boarding.

Both the **Route** and **Destination** should be announced





Orientation Announcements

Along the route:

“announcements of stops at intervals along a route sufficient to permit individuals who have a vision impairment or other disability to be oriented to their location.”





Stops Requested by Riders

- Typically done via a pull cord within reach of all bus passenger seating area.





Announcement Technology

- Bus operator, foot pedal activated PA system, announcement given by driver.



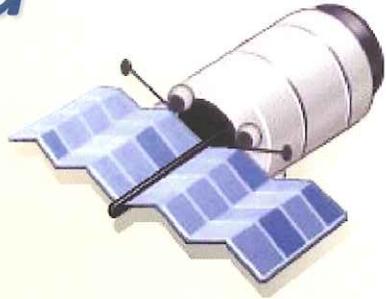
Announcement Technology – *continued*



- Pre-recorded announcements over PA system, manually activated by bus driver.



Announcement Technology – *continued*



- Automated announcements over PA through use of GPS technology.



The Rider's Role

- Wait in the immediate area of the bus stop – so that drivers will know to be sure to stop, and so that announcements will be easier to hear.
- Inform the transit agency – if a stop is not called out by the bus driver or automated announcement system.

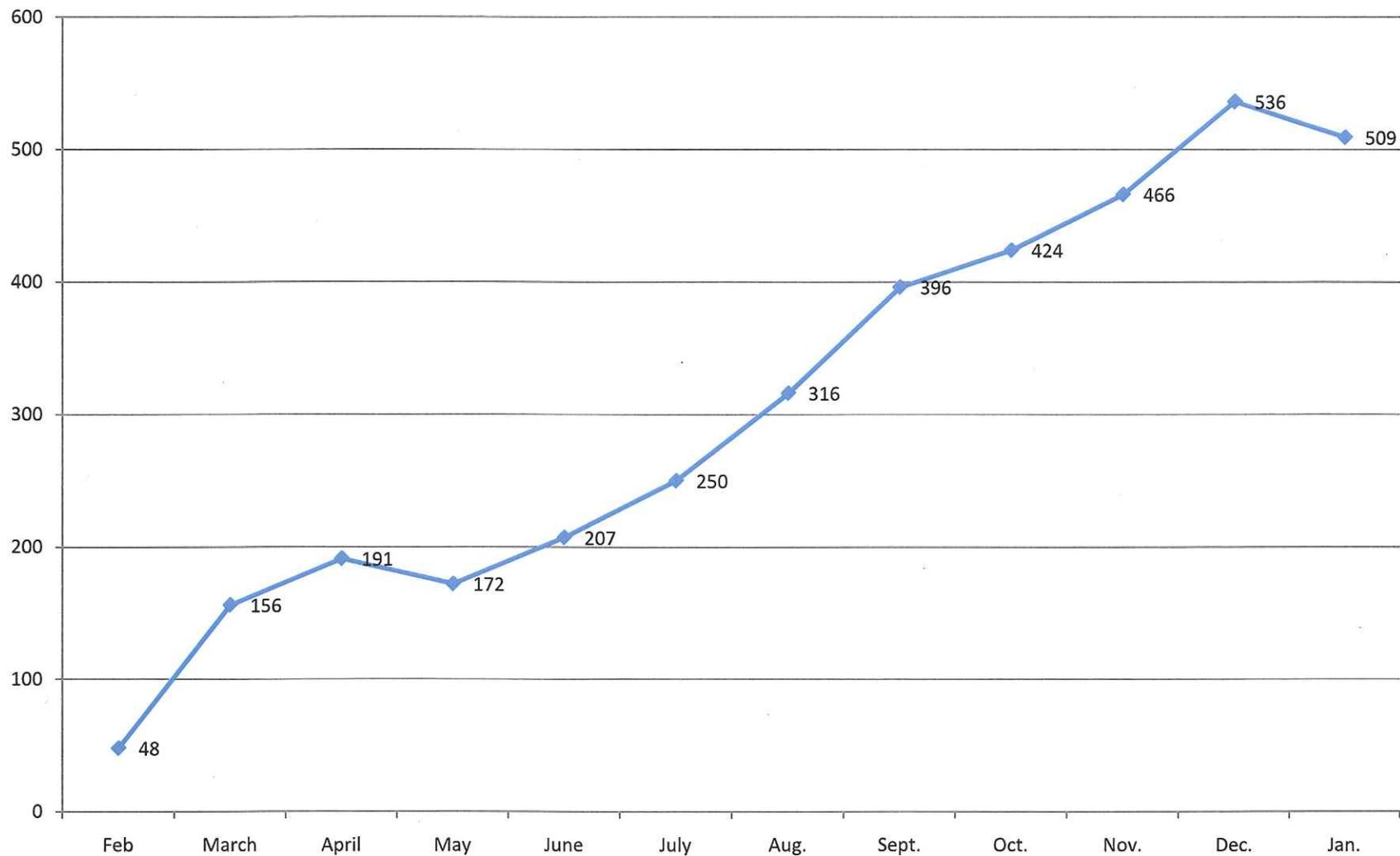


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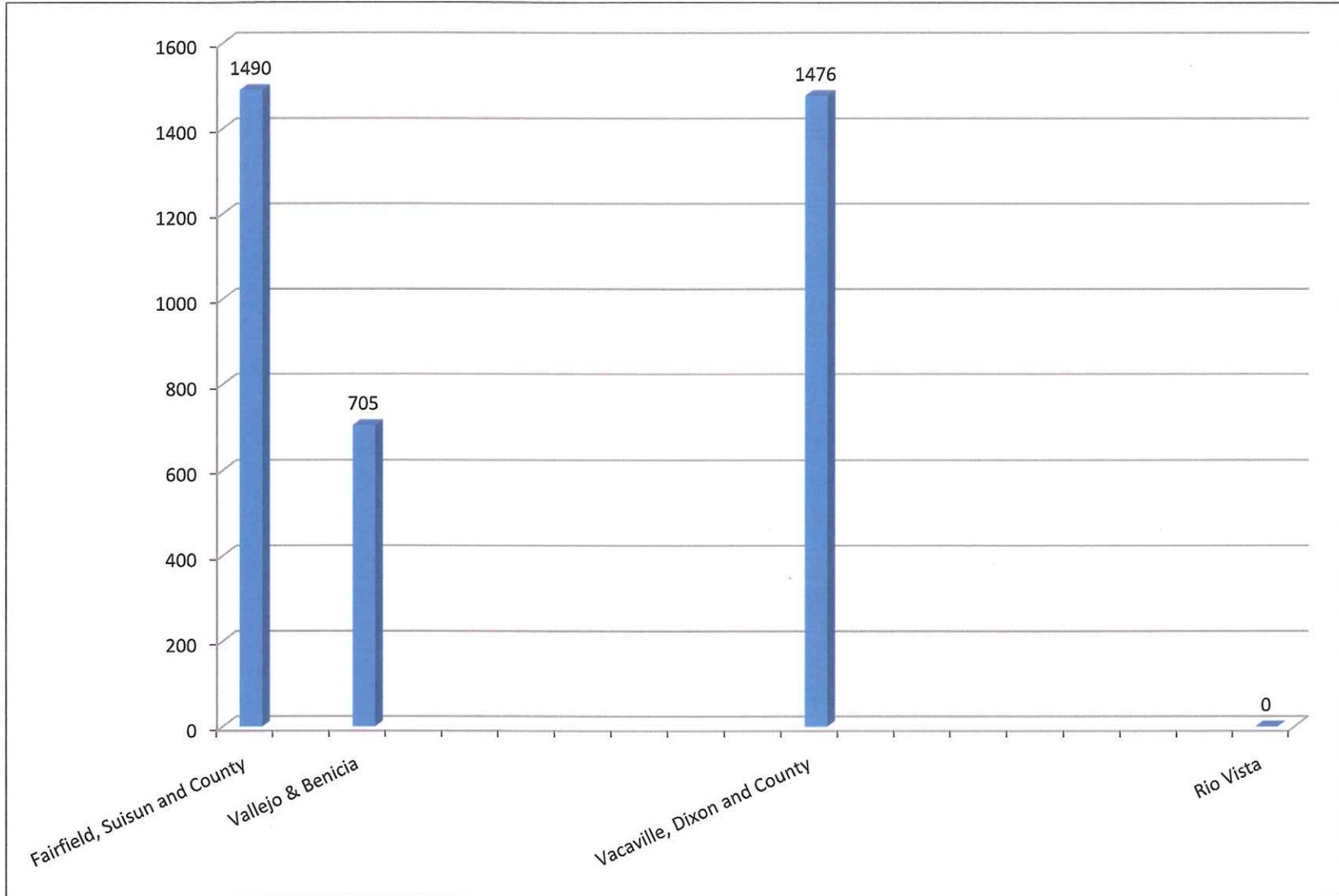
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Intercity Taxi Scrip Program - Year One Operating Stats

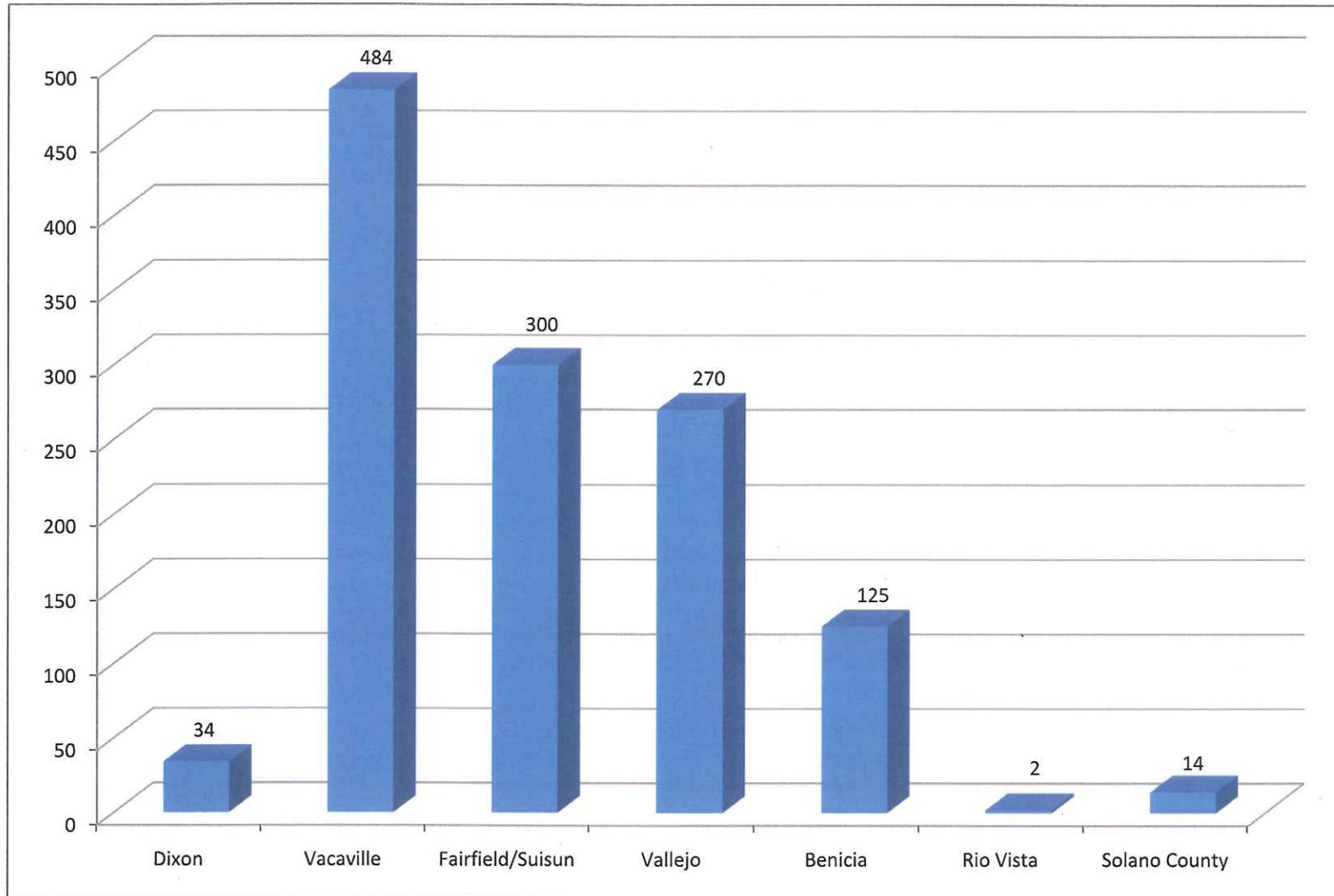
Passenger Trips by Month



Intercity Taxi Scrip Program - Year One Operating Stats
Passenger Trips by Jurisdiction



Intercity Taxi Scrip Program - Year One Operating Stats
ITX Booklets Sold by Jurisdiction



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Solano Paratransit Coordinating Committee Meeting, March 17, 2011

Solano Transportation Authority Elderly & Disabled Transportation Study

1. Project description, purpose, schedule

2. Outreach Activities

- Surveys
 - Approximately 2700 distributed, ~1000 returned
 - Distributed at focus groups, advisory meetings, and at senior residences and facilities
- 25 Focus groups
- 5 Advisory Committee meetings
- Total of ~740 in-person meetings with people in Solano County

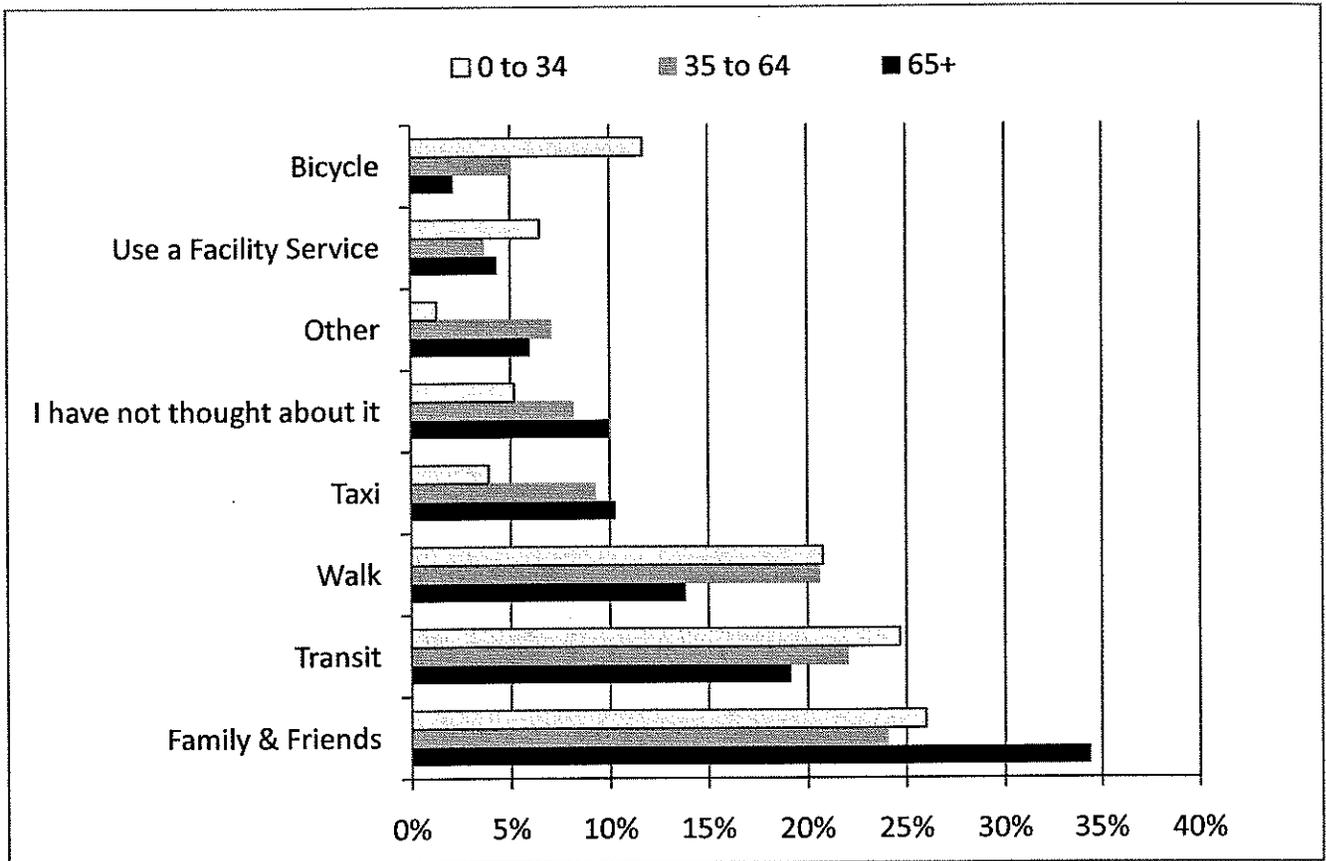
3. Findings

- Residents of Solano County use personal autos for most of their travel. They want to keep driving for as long as possible; however, many are already limiting their driving to short daytime trips on smaller roads.
- While the great majority of respondents have drivers' licenses, this varies by city, with Suisun City and Vallejo having the lowest percentage of respondents with licenses.
- The population of Solano is aging, and with age comes a reduced ability to drive. However, 20% of those surveyed had not given any thought to how they will get around when they can no longer drive.
- Most people (65%) indicated that they would rely on friends and family for transportation once they lost their driver's license, and just over 40% plan to use transit.
- Almost 40% of respondents said that they do not have a strong support network of friends and family to assist them with transportation..
- Aside from driving themselves, most rely on others for rides before taking transit or paratransit. Many acknowledge that this is not sustainable, as friends and family are also growing older.
- Walking is an important mode of getting around, but not all cities are pedestrian-friendly.
- Only 3% of seniors in Rio Vista and Dixon intend to move within the next five years, compared to 11% of Fairfield seniors.
- Of those who ride or plan to ride transit, earlier and later service is the most desired transit service improvement.
- Suisun City residents had the highest percentage of paratransit usage (19%) in the county.
- In some communities, personal safety – both at the bus stop and on the vehicle – is a barrier to using transit. Seniors rely on bus drivers to keep order on the bus, and to clear the front seats for them when they board; however, this does not always occur.

- Most respondents said they prefer to get information about transportation through printed materials, but over 30% said they would prefer electronic media.

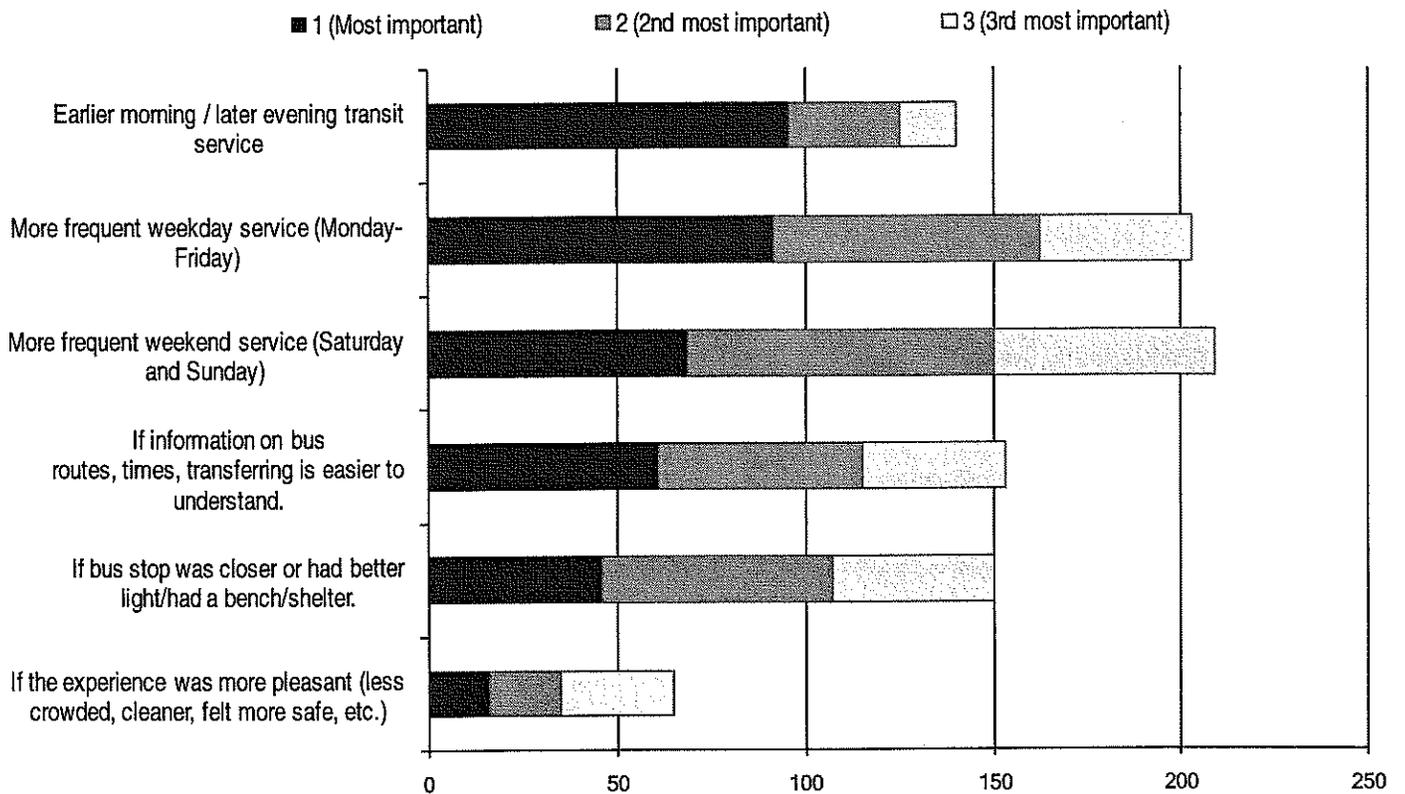
Survey respondents were asked how they plan to get around in the future. The following chart shows the percentage of respondents within each age group who indicated they would use a particular mode of transportation. For example, of all respondents over 65, 2% said they would use a bicycle, 14% said they would walk, and 34% said they would rely on family and friends.

Future Mobility Plans, by Age



Transit Improvement Ratings

The following chart shows ratings for transit improvements.



The great majority of respondents – 89% – do not use paratransit. Suisun City residents had the highest percentage of paratransit usage (19%) in the county, while the lowest was in Vacaville (6%).

Use of Paratransit

CITY	No	Yes	Total by City
Benicia	88%	13%	96
Dixon	87%	13%	61
Fairfield	91%	9%	140
Rio Vista	92%	8%	97
Suisun City	81%	19%	58
Vacaville	94%	6%	253
Vallejo	85%	15%	162
Other	86%	14%	36
<i>Totals</i>	807	96	903
<i>Percents</i>	89%	11%	

4. Strategies

1) Land use Strategies

- a) Senior housing locations
 - i) Locate in towns rather than outside
 - (1) Benefits: walkable, social, health
 - (2) can serve with transit

2) Partnerships

- a) Deliveries by retailers
 - i) Groceries: Safeway
 - ii) Pharmacies
- b) Dialysis and medical clinics
 - i) Coordinate appointments with transit hours
 - ii) Teach people how to advocate for themselves with medical appointments

3) Transit

- a) Evening hours
- b) Sunday service
- c) Driver training - possible countywide coordinated training program
- d) Bus stop amenities improvements
 - i) Varies widely among cities – plan available for each city?
 - ii) Vallejo:
 - (1) transit routes in relation to senior housing
 - (2) access to transit stops from senior housing
- e) Shuttles
 - i) See if a shopping mall might fund a shopping shuttle for seniors, have businesses pick up the cost
- f) Flag stop service

4) Pedestrian (general walkability / roll-ability)

- a) Inventory and prioritization of curb cuts, sidewalk installation and repair
- b) Crosswalks: need longer signal times around senior housing and on very wide suburban streets

5) Auto use

- a) "Drive Well" training program from the American Society on Aging. Intended to extend safe driving for seniors; includes nutrition, exercise, Car-Fit (adaptations), self-assessment.
- b) Speeding
 - i) 4-way stops on streets through towns
 - ii) Add a stop light camera at the entrance to Trilogy (Rio Vista)
- c) Roads have no shoulders

- i) Add reflective lines at the edge of the road

6) Paratransit

- a) Solano Taxi Scrip program
 - i) Phase I: Intercity
 - ii) Phase II: within each city
- b) Supplementary taxi services
 - i) Educational component (driver training)
 - ii) Purchase of wheelchair-accessible taxis

7) Information and training

- a) Information on transit usage
 - i) People said they couldn't make sense of the routes, or how to find about how to use it
 - ii) One central phone call for any county transportation
 - iii) Go out to senior residences with materials
- b) Travel training for seniors where not already being done
- c) Spanish transit materials

8) Volunteer Driver programs

[Existing: Faith in Action; Fairfield Senior Center, small and limited – within Fairfield to medical appointments. Vallejo Area Agency on Aging has volunteer drivers.

Trilogy model: "Kare Bears" – based on neighborhoods within Trilogy. They check on people, arrange for various things, and take them to appointments.]

- a) "Paid volunteer" model
- b) Senior Center casual carpools
- c) Facilitate senior groups / housing centers to organize their transportation.

Advisory and Focus Group Meetings

Date	Organization or Facility	City	Attendees
October 25, 2010	Florence Douglas Senior Center	Vallejo	82
October 26, 2010	Meals on Wheels/Senior Center	Rio Vista	11
October 26, 2010	Casitas Del Rio Apartments	Rio Vista	4
October 27, 2010	Dixon Family Services (DFS)	Dixon	40
October 27, 2010	Fairfield Senior Center	Fairfield	41
October 28, 2010	Fairfield Senior Center - Senior Advocacy Council	Fairfield	28
November 2, 2010	Suisun Senior Center	Suisun	18
November 4, 2010	Filipino American Senior Citizens Committee	Vallejo	32
November 5, 2010	Senior Coalition	Fairfield (Countywide)	28
November 8, 2010	Dixon Methodist Church	Dixon	17
November 9, 2010	Trilogy Board Meeting (+ residents)	Rio Vista	62
November 10, 2010	Benicia Senior Center	Benicia	25
November 10, 2010	Wednesday Club	Suisun	58
November 15, 2010	Dover Woods Apartments	Fairfield	3
November 15, 2010	IHSS Advisory Committee	Fairfield	10
November 16, 2010	Leisure Town Women's Club	Vacaville	37
November 18, 2010	Second Street Apartments	Dixon	6
November 18, 2010	Dixon Senior Center	Dixon	2
November 18, 2010	Solano PCC	Fairfield	20
November 18, 2010	Widow Widower Club	Vacaville	44
November 18, 2010	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Vallejo	10
November 19, 2010	Senior and Disabled Advisory Committee	Suisun City	12
December 6, 2010	Marina Towers Senior Apartments	Vallejo	21
December 8, 2010	Solano Valle Vista Senior Apartments	Vallejo	22
December 13, 2010	Riviera Kare Bears	Rio Vista	24
December 14, 2010	Dixon Latino Seniors	Dixon	8
December 15, 2010	Solano Community College	Fairfield	7
December 15, 2010	Milestones Adult Development Center	Vallejo	10
December 16, 2010	Casa De Villaras	Benicia	52
January 7, 2011	Independent Living Resources of Solano County	Fairfield	2
January 12, 2011	Vacaville ADA Advisory Committee	Vacaville	6

TOTAL 742

PCC

Date: May 5, 2011
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: FY 2011-12 TDA Claims –Solano Transportation Authority, City of Vacaville
and Solano County Transit

Background:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) was enacted in 1971 by the California Legislature to ensure a continuing statewide commitment to public transportation. This law imposes a one-quarter-cent tax on retail sales within each county for this purpose. Proceeds are returned to counties based upon the amount of taxes collected, and are apportioned within the county based on population. To obtain TDA funds, local jurisdictions must submit requests to regional transportation agencies that review the claims for consistency with TDA requirements. Solano County agencies submit TDA claims to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the nine Bay Area counties.

TDA funding is used for public transit services, transportation for elderly and disabled persons, regional transportation planning, and bicycle and pedestrian programs. In the Bay Area's less populous northern counties (such as Solano) TDA funds also may be used for streets and roads, provided there are no unmet public transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

MTC requires agencies to have public review of the TDA Article 4 & 8 claims by the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) before they can be approved. However, MTC is not obligated to the recommendations made by the PCC.

Discussion:

Each of the seven cities and the County of Solano are eligible to receive TDA funding each year. Six of the seven Solano cities operate transit and TDA is a key funding source. In addition, TDA funds are shared among agencies to fund joint services such as intercity bus routes. To clarify how the TDA funds are to be allocated each year among the local agencies and to identify the purpose of the funds, the STA works with the transit operators and prepares an annual TDA matrix. The TDA matrix is approved by the STA Board and submitted to MTC to provide MTC guidance when reviewing individual TDA claims. The claims must be consistent with the TDA matrix; each jurisdiction may not claim more from another agency than has been approved. At this time, the latest TDA for FY 2011-12 matrix will be submitted to the STA Board for approval May 11, 2011 (see Attachment A).

As required by MTC Resolution 1209, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), City of Vacaville and Solano County Transit (SolTrans) are submitting their FY 2011-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 and 8 claims for consideration by the PCC. The STA, Vacaville and SolTrans do not use their TDA for street and roads.

Solano Transportation Authority

The Solano Transportation Authority is requesting \$358,080 in TDA funds (Attachment B). TDA funds in the amount of \$358,080 will be used for countywide transit planning and administration. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

The Solano Transportation Authority staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

City of Vacaville

The City of Vacaville is requesting a total of \$983,218 in TDA funds (Attachment C). TDA funds in the amount of \$923,218 will be used to operate transit and \$60,000 will be used for transit capital projects. The capital project totaling \$60,000 is for the purchase of two bus operator shuttle sedans. The City of Vacaville's TDA funds will be claimed by other agencies for local and intercity services and transit planning. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

The City of Vacaville staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

Solano County Transit

The Solano County Transit is requesting \$6,599,956 in TDA funds (Attachment D). TDA funds in the amount of \$6,599,956 will be used for transit operations. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

The Solano County Transit staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

Recommendation:

1. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the Solano Transportation Authority FY 2011-12 TDA Claim for \$358,080 for transit planning and administration.
2. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the City of Vacaville FY 2011-12 TDA Claim for \$923,218 for transit operations and \$60,000 for transit capital.
3. Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the Solano County Transit FY 2011-12 TDA Claim for \$6,599,956 for transit operations.

Attachments:

- A. May 2011 Solano TDA Article 4/8 Matrix for FY 2011-12 (An enlarged colored version of this attachment has been provided to the PCC Committee Members under separate enclosure. To obtain a copy, please contact the STA at (707) 424-6075.)
- B. Solano Transportation Authority TDA Claim Summary
- C. City of Vacaville TDA Claim Summary
- D. Solano County Transit TDA Claim Summary

MTC Claim Application - Document A(b)

Claim Summary

FY 2011-12

Information from other documents (tabs) in the workbook will appear automatically on this form.

Submittal Date:

This form must be signed and dated

Operator: City of Vacaville

OPERATING FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Operating Fund Request

Article	Purpose	PUC§	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 845,570	Vacaville
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 1,897	Dixon
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 40,246	Fairfield
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 18,966	Vallejo
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 9,711	Benicia
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 190	Rio Vista
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 6,638	County of Solano
Total TDA Operating				\$ 923,218

STA Operating Fund Request

STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
Total STA Operating				\$ -

Other Operating Funds Requested

Feeder Bus Funds	\$ -
AB 1107 Total	\$ -
Regional Measure 2	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING REQUEST	\$ 923,218

CAPITAL FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Capital Fund Request

Article	Purpose	PUC §	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 8	Capital	99400 (e)	\$ 60,000	Vacaville
Total TDA Capital				\$ 60,000

STA Capital Fund Request

STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
Total STA Capital				\$ -

Other Capital Funds Requested

AB 1107 Total	\$ -
Feeder Bus Total	\$ -
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST	\$ 60,000

TDA Article 8 Streets and Roads Funds Requested

	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

MTC Claim Application - Document A(b)

Claim Summary

FY 2011-12

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Submittal Date: May 2, 2011

This form must be signed and dated

Operator: SolTrans

OPERATING FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Operating Fund Request				
Article	Purpose	PUC§	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 5,544,541	Vallejo
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 902,600	Benicia
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	County of Solano
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	Dixon
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	Fairfield
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	Suisun City
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	Vacaville
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 131,421	Vallejo
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 21,394	Benicia
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Benicia
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	County of Solano
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Dixon
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Fairfield
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Rio Vista
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Suisun City
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Vacaville
TDA 4	Planning & Admin	99275 (a)	\$ -	Vallejo
			Total TDA Operating \$	6,599,956

STA Operating Fund Request				
STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
Revenue Based	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ -	Benicia
Revenue Based	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ 609,616	Vallejo
Pop Small Operator	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ -	Vallejo
Pop Regn'l Paratransit	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ -	County of Solano
Pop Small Op/Northern County	Transit Operating	#N/A	\$ -	County of Solano
Pop Lifeline	Transit Operating	#N/A	\$ -	County of Solano
Pop Northern County	Transit Operating	#N/A	\$ -	County of Solano
			Total STA Operating \$	609,616

Other Operating Funds Requested				
			Feeder Bus Funds \$	-
			AB 1107 Total \$	-
			Regional Measure 2 \$	1,223,840
			TOTAL OPERATING REQUEST \$	8,433,412

CAPITAL FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Capital Fund Request				
Article	Purpose	PUC §	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 4	Capital	99260 (a)	\$ -	Vallejo
			Total TDA Capital \$	-

STA Capital Fund Request				
STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
			Total STA Capital \$	-

Other Capital Funds Requested				
			AB 1107 Total \$	-
			Feeder Bus Total \$	-
			TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST \$	-

TDA Article 8 Streets and Roads Funds Requested				
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	

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PCC

DATE: May 10, 2011
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities
Status Update

Background:

The STA's initial Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Transit Element, which was adopted by the STA Board May 2002, recommended further study to focus on new or updated seniors and people with disabilities transportation services. The purpose of the study was to develop a vision for future senior and people with disabilities service through extensive public outreach, data collection, projected service demand, and projected funding needed for service providers. The current Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities was completed and approved by the STA Board in June 2004.

The CTP is currently being updated. Transportation services for seniors and the people with disabilities have changed, and will continue to evolve, since the completion of the last Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities seven years ago. The large public response to the two Senior Summits held in 2009 further indicates it is an increasingly important transportation mobility issue and the STA Board authorized initiating an update to the plan in 2010. .

The update to the Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities will provide implementation recommendations that may be incorporated into or provide direction to:

1. The update of the Transit Element of the CTP;
2. Solano County transit providers' short- and long-range transit plans;
3. Identifying new funding revenues for transit and transportation services and programs for seniors and people with disabilities and setting priorities for service once these funding sources are identified; and
4. Provide direction to the STA, the County Board of Supervisors, and others for coordinating transportation services and programs for seniors and people with disabilities in the county.

Public input and involvement during this study effort is a key component. The input collected from the June and October 2009 Senior Summits was reviewed for this study. These events also identified an extensive list of stakeholders including public, private and non-profit organizations that have been invited to participate in identifying the needs and prioritizing solutions as they relate to Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation. The momentum of the Senior Summits was maintained with the

establishment of a new STA Committee: Solano Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee which began meeting in May 2010.

Discussion:

Nelson/Nygaard was retained to conduct this study. This study was introduced to the PCC in September 2010. Initial comments were received from the PCC. The consultant also attended the November PCC meeting and provided an update and gathered additional comments on transportation gaps and potential strategies.

The consultant has also attended two Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee meetings as well as a subcommittee of this group. During October, November, and December of 2010, the consultant team conducted 25 focus groups to gather input on transportation issues for seniors and people with disabilities in Solano. The groups varied widely in nature from small groups of seniors at senior housing centers to larger groups with standing meetings. A survey was developed and distributed in hard copy as well as electronically (see Attachment A). Nearly 1,000 surveys have been tabulated and analyzed. Input from the surveys and comments from the multiple outreach meetings countywide have been compiled along with other information received to identify mobility gaps and potential strategies to address the gaps. The findings were presented at the March 2011 PCC meeting.

Preliminary strategies to address identified service gaps are being developed. While transit, paratransit and taxi services are expected to be among the strategies, non-transit strategies are also expected to be identified. Preliminary strategies were presented for discussion and comment at the March 2011 PCC meeting.

The findings and potential strategies are also being reviewed by the stakeholders including the Senior Coalition, transit operators, and Solano Transportation Advisory Committee for Seniors and People with Disabilities. A draft report will be prepared for circulation and review in June.

The study is due to be completed by in the summer of 2011.

Recommendation:

Informational.

PCC

DATE: May 5, 2011
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC Membership Update

Background/Discussion:

The Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC) By-Laws stipulates that there are eleven members on the PCC. Many of the positions are to be filled by specific types of organizations or transit riders. At the March's meeting, there was one (1) vacancy for Transit User.

The STA staff will also continue to recruit for the additional PCC member and input from the committee is welcomed.

Recommendation:

Informational

Attachments:

- A. PCC Membership Status (May 2011)

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**Solano County
Paratransit Coordinating Council**

Membership Status
May-11

Voting Members	Category	Agency	Appointed	Chair/Vice-Chair
Richard Burnett - Chair	MTC/PAC Representative		1/13/2010	7/16/2010
Jim Williams -Vice Chair	Member-at-Large		1/13/2010	1/13/2010
George Bartolome	Social Service Provider	Vallejo Transitions	1/13/2010	1/18/2008
Rachel Ford	Public Agency, Solano County Health and Social Services	Solano County Mental Health	6/9/2010	
Judy Nash	Public Agency, Education-related Services	Solano Community College	4/14/2010	
Shannon Nelson	Member-at-Large	ADA Coordinator - City of Vacaville	9/8/2010	
Ted Newton	Social Service Provider	Vallejo Unified School District	6/9/2010	
Alicia Roundtree	Social Service Provider	Independent Living Resource	10/13/2010	
Shirley Stacy	Transit User		1/18/2011	
Kurt Wellner	Transit User		10/14/2009	
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Transit User			

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PCC

DATE: May 6, 2011
TO: Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 Update

Background:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4/8 funds are distributed to cities and counties based upon a population formula and are primarily intended for transit purposes. However, TDA funds may be used for streets and roads purposes in counties with a population of less than 500,000, if it is annually determined by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) that all reasonable unmet transit needs have been met.

Solano County is the only county in the Bay Area that has local jurisdictions using TDA funds for streets and roads. For FY 2010-11, County of Solano was the only jurisdiction that used TDA funds for streets and roads.

When MTC took final action on the FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs process and concluded that there were no reasonable unmet transit needs, they also took action that directed Rio Vista and the County of Solano to develop a TDA phase out plan. Since MTC took this action, MTC and STA have met with both Rio Vista and County of Solano to discuss the TDA phase out plan. As a result of this, in February 2010 Rio Vista City Council took action directing that Rio Vista no longer use TDA funds for streets and roads beginning FY 2010-11. A strategy to phase the County of Solano out of the Unmet Needs process was approved by the STA Board April 14, 2010. The County of Solano will no longer be claiming funding for streets and roads after FY 2011-12. Therefore, the Unmet Transit Needs process was still required to allow Solano County to claim TDA for streets and roads in FY 2011-12.

The Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Solano County Administration Center (SCAC) in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Based on comments raised at the hearing and the received written comments, MTC staff then selected pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions for response. The STA coordinates with the transit operators who must prepare responses specific to their operation.

Once STA staff has collected all the responses from Solano County's transit operators, a coordinated response is forwarded to MTC. In evaluating Solano County's responses, MTC staff determines whether or not there are any potential comments that need further analysis. If there are comments that need further analysis, MTC presents them to MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) to seek their concurrence on those issues that the STA or the specified transit operator would need to further analyze as part of the Unmet Transit Needs Plan.

Discussion:

MTC has summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to the STA (Attachment A). The STA staff forwarded a worksheet to each transit operators that identified the issues specific to their operators for a response. The STA staff will work with the transit operators to address the issues and coordinate a response to MTC. Staff will report back the PCC with the response to the issues.

If the transit operators, the STA and Solano County can thoroughly and adequately address the issues as part of the preliminary response letter, MTC staff can move to make the finding that there are no unreasonable transit needs in the county. Making a positive finding of no reasonable transit needs will allow MTC to process the streets and road element of the TDA claims from the County of Solano. For FY 2012, the County’s TDA claim for local streets and roads will be held by MTC until this process is completed.

As FY 2011-12 will be the last year the County of Solano uses TDA for streets and roads, the Unmet Needs process will no longer be required in Solano County since no jurisdiction will be using TDA funds for streets and roads.

The following is the draft schedule to timely submit the response to MTC.

Schedule to Submit Response to MTC	
April 18, 2011	Assign the questions to the Transit Operators.
May 9, 2011	Deadline for Transit Operators to provide responses to STA allowing time to preparation of the staff report and production of the agenda for the Consortium and TAC to review and approval.
May 19, 2011	Present issues to the PCC
May 25, 2011	Consortium and TAC review and approve responses.
June 8, 2011	STA Board review and approval.
June 9, 2011	Submit responses to MTC.
July 13, 2011	Responses are submitted for approval to the Programming and Allocations Committee at MTC.
July 21, 2011	Present response to issues to the PCC

The streets and roads portion of the County of Solano TDA claim will be processed once the Unmet Needs process is complete.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. MTC March 31, 2011 letter summarizing FY 2011-12 Unmet Transit Needs



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Dear Mr. Halls:

I have reviewed the transcript of the comments received at the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs public hearing held on December 2, 2010, and also reviewed comments contained in correspondence received by MTC during the public comment period. As you know, the recently concluded unmet transit needs public participation process pertains to FY 2011-12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund allocations for streets and roads purposes.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the transcript of the public hearing, and copies of all correspondence received by MTC as a result of the public participation in the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs process. These materials encompass all comments received by MTC.

Unmet transit needs pertain to the levels and locations of service, fare and transfer policies, and matters related to transit facilities (e.g. bike racks, bus stops) and transit safety. In addition, unmet transit needs include requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provision of welfare-to-work public transit. The purpose of this hearing, set forth by statutes, is to ascertain those reasonable transit needs not being met by current service in Solano County. Several of the comments made at the hearing or received by MTC are deemed to be minor or are not relevant to specific transit service and the use of TDA funding.

Listed below are the preliminary issues that were raised as part of this year's Solano County Unmet Transit Needs process.

Vallejo

Service Design

- Lack of Glen Cove service;
- Run bus on Hwy. 37 from Vallejo to San Rafael;
- Keep current schedule and lines for the 78 and 76 buses; and
- Route 5 is important for students to get to the Vallejo campus.

Operational and Scheduling Issues

- Better coordination between drivers and dispatchers;
- Scheduling trips, especially timing, is confusing;
- Shorten paratransit transfers;
- Problem with canceled paratransit trip;
- Driver not wanting to tie wheelchair down;
- General issues with driver's treatment of passengers;
- Drivers drive a little rough for some passengers; and
- Make transit more senior friendly e.g. with the use of 'transit ambassadors' and transit training.

Fairfield

Service Design

- Routing issues of DART service;
- Route 20 could run later to match route 90;
- Would like to see one pass in use not multiple passes;
- Extra bus stop needed at business center in Cordelia;
- Cordelia underserved by transit;
- Improve Red Top Road Park and Ride;
- Direct bus to San Francisco;
- Concerns about transit for seniors in Green Valley;
- Keep Fairfield Taxi program;
- Expand Capitol Corridor schedule;
- Extend hours of current FAST schedule extended to at least 10:00 PM;
- Need for Sunday service;
- Lack of good transportation for elderly;
- Lack of bus stops on bus lines;
- Bus stops too far apart; and
- Need to create a regional code of bus etiquette.

Operational and Scheduling Issues

- Reduction from 7 to 5 buses makes reservations more difficult (DART);
- Some dispatchers are not customer friendly;
- Lack of professionalism on phone by dispatchers;
- Drivers need more training to be sensitive to needs of passengers; and
- Travel times and transfers make service inconvenient.

Capital Improvements

- Need more bus stations (shelters);
- Better signage for bus system;
- Need for bus shelters;
- More curb cuts at stops/stations;
- Increased capacity for bikes on buses; and
- More conveniently located and more easily accessible bus stops.

Vacaville

Service Design

- Keep bus line #3; needed to get to work;
- Need local buses after 6:30 p.m. to Solano College; and
- Needs bus service on Sundays to go to church.

Operational and Scheduling Issues

- Buses need to run later and connect better with #20 and #30.

Capital Improvements

- More bus stations (shelters);
- Repair Vacaville bus shelters, some stops have no shelters;
- Include public restrooms in any new transit plaza planning;
- Build bus shelters and benches; and
- Need directional bus stop signs.

Benicia

Service Design

- Need for direct bus between Benicia and Glen Cove Shopping Center.

The list above summarizes all *relevant* comments made through this year's unmet transit needs process without regard to the merit or reasonableness of the comment or request. However comments deemed to be minor or not relevant to specific transit service and the use of TDA funding were not included. These would include the following types of comments:

- Comments regional in nature and not germane to the use of TDA funds for streets and

roads purposes (e.g., extending BART to Vallejo)

- Comments already identified in last year's unmet transit needs process and addressed satisfactorily by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) response.
- Incidents (e.g., tardiness of a bus or paratransit van; behavior of a particular driver) do not rise to the level of an unmet transit need; unless, public comment reveals a pattern to such incidents that might warrant policy or operational changes. Other "minor" issues include better distribution of transit information, better information on the location of late paratransit vehicles, minor delays in picking up passengers etc. While these comments are important to the comfort and convenience of the transit systems' patrons, they are not unmet transit needs. MTC is confident that the STA, working with the transit operators, can address these issues.
- Finally, general transportation issues such as the economics of automobile use, the transportation impacts of land-use decisions, and the priorities of federal gas tax revenues, etc. which are not directly germane to specific transit services in Solano County are not considered to be relevant to the unmet transit needs process.

The next step in the unmet transit needs process is for a review of the preliminary issues by Solano Transportation Authority staff, in cooperation with staff members of the city and county jurisdictions in Solano County. Please provide us with an evaluation of each of the issues. Your response, as well as a description of the approach the cities and County intend to take in addressing these issues, will help us develop recommendations in a complete and fair manner. Authority staff should provide MTC with substantive information supporting one of the following for each issue:

1. that an issue has been addressed through recent changes in service; or
2. that an issue will be addressed by changes in service planned to take place between now and the end of fiscal year 2010-11; or
3. that the service changes required to address an issue have been recently studied and determined not reasonable based on locally established standards; or
4. that the evaluation of the issue resulted in the identification of an alternative means of addressing it; or that an issue has not been addressed through recent or planned service changes, nor recently studied.

"Substantive information" supporting categories (1), (2) or (3) above could include reports to the Solano Transportation Authority Board describing recent or planned changes in service; citation to a recently completed study such as a Short Range Transit Plan or a Countywide Transportation Plan; or, a short narrative describing how the issue was or will be addressed. Any issues which fall into category (4) will be considered by MTC staff for recommendation to the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) as an unmet transit need.

Pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 2380, we will present our staff recommendation to MTC's PAC identifying those issues that the cities and County must address prior to MTC's

consideration of FY 2011-12 TDA fund requests for streets and roads purposes. Receipt of your responses are requested one month prior to our PAC meeting date (second Wednesday of the month) to include this item on the PAC agenda. Please contact me or Bob Bates of my staff at (510) 817-5733 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alix A. Bockelman
Director, Programming and Allocations Section

Enclosures

cc (without enclosures):

Jim Spering, MTC Commissioner
Gene Cortright, City of Fairfield
Gary Leach, City of Vallejo
Rod Moresco, City of Vacaville
Robert Sousa, City of Benicia
Jeff Matheson, City of Dixon
Morrie Barr, City of Rio Vista
Dan Kasperson, City of Suisun City
Paul Weise, County of Solano
Jamie Johnson, Chair, Solano County PCC (c/o Elizabeth Richards, STA)

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PCC

Date: May 6, 2011
To: Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
Re: FTA Section 5310 Update

Background:

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) provides capital grants for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where mass public transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. Caltrans is the designated recipient of the funds.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the regional transportation planning organization for the nine Bay Area counties, requires that each county's Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) score FTA Section 5310 applications from their respective county before MTC formally reviews the applications. To fulfill this obligation, the Solano PCC establishes a three-person subcommittee each year to review and score Solano County FTA Section 5310 applications and recommends its findings for MTC to review before submittal to Caltrans.

Applicants submit their applications to the appropriate County Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). The PCC Scoring Subcommittee evaluates and scores the applications, and then forwards both the applications and scores to MTC. MTC compiles the County PCC scores and develops draft regional scores and rankings for review by the PCCs, and hears applicant appeals if necessary. MTC then transmits the applications and final regional rankings to Caltrans. When all applications throughout the state have been submitted to Caltrans, a statewide review committee develops a draft statewide prioritized list based on the scores provided by each region, and determines the minimum score for projects to be recommended for funding. The statewide review committee holds a staff level hearing for all stakeholders to discuss the statewide-prioritized list and hear any appeals on technical issues. The statewide evaluation committee submits a final statewide-prioritized list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC holds a public hearing to discuss the prioritized list, overall program policy and adopts the prioritized list.

Discussion:

The Call for Projects for FTA Section 5310 Program was announced January 4, 2011 (Attachment A). The Call for Project information has been posted on Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>. Caltrans anticipates that there will be approximately \$25 million in funding available statewide in the FY10 cycle.

The PCC appointed three (3) PCC members to participate in the 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee. The PCC appointments were Richard Burnett, Rachel Ford, Shirley Stacy, and Jim Williams as the alternate.

The STA staff invited the subcommittee to attend a webinar on the 5310 application process on January 24 at the STA. Two subcommittee members and two interested applicants attended. An additional webinar on the scoring of the application was held on March 3 and two subcommittee members attended. The 5310 applications were due to MTC and STA on March 4. STA received one application from Pace Solano. The 5310 Scoring Subcommittee interviewed the applicant and scored the projects on March 11. The STA staff submitted the scores to MTC and MTC scored the application as well.

MTC adopted the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Section 5310 Regional Scores and Rankings at their meeting on April 27, 2011 (Attachment A). PACE Solano scored 93 on both of their bus replacement projects.

MTC inserted the Coordinated Plan Certification Letter in each of the applications and mailed the packet to Caltrans May 2, 2011. The statewide scores and rankings will be distributed in late summer and workshops for successful applicants will be held in fall 2011.

A special thanks for all the Scoring Sub- Committee members hard work!

Recommendation:

Informational

Attachment:

- A. Metropolitan Transportation Commission Recommendation for FTA 5310 funding

Date: April 27, 2011
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4005

This resolution adopts program priorities for the FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310), as listed in Attachment B, and directs that the recommendations be submitted to Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) with the request that the projects be considered for funding and incorporated in the statewide Program of Projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Summary dated April 13, 2011.

Date: April 27, 2011
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

Re: FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 FTA Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program Recommendations for the San Francisco Bay Area Region

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4005

WHEREAS, Title 49 U.S.C. 5310 authorizes grants to private non-profit organizations and certain public entities for public transportation capital projects to meet the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) must consider all project applications received within the state prior to submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding approval; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code sections 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for objectively reviewing and scoring projects submitted by applicants in the MTC region and for making recommendations concerning their suitability for funding; these recommendations are to be considered by the CTC in its preparation of the statewide Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS, MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for establishing a public participation plan and a Local Level Appeals Process for the applicants; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 468 states that “MTC shall not endorse a federal or state transportation grant request by private non-profit, or paratransit operators, including claimants under the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, unless the claimant shows to the satisfaction of the MTC evidence of willingness to participate in a countywide Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC has followed the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Application Evaluation Process set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC has notified and involved interested members of the public in the selection and ranking of FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, based on the outcome of such process, MTC endorses the project priorities and conditions as listed on Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC or his designee shall transmit these recommendations to the CTC, with the request that they be fully considered and incorporated by the CTC in its preparation of the statewide program of projects to be submitted to FTA for funding under the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall also be transmitted to each county PCC which has participated in the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Project Review Process, and to other organizations as shall be appropriate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will amend its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) when appropriate to incorporate those projects approved at the state level.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Adrienne J. Tissier, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on April 27, 2011.

Date: April 27, 2011
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

Attachment A
Resolution No. 4005
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**FTA Section 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program
MTC's FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 Application Evaluation Process**

1. MTC notified prospective applicants of the statewide Call for Projects. Outreach activities included: 1) an email to prospective applicants, 2) a postcard to prospective applicants, 3) an announcement on the MTC website, 4) a presentation to the Partnership Accessibility Committee, and 5) local outreach conducted by the nine county Paratransit Coordinating Councils (PCCs).
2. Each eligible project request received was evaluated using the statewide criteria, which were developed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The evaluation criteria are divided into the following categories: 1) ability of applicant, 2) coordination planning, 3) utilization of existing or proposed equipment, and 4) service effectiveness.
3. MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, convened the nine county Paratransit Coordinating Councils (PCCs) to lead each county-wide evaluation process. Each county PCC assembled a Local Review Committee (LRC) to evaluate and score the applications submitted for funding under the FTA Section 5310 program. The composition of the county teams was determined entirely by each PCC. Applicants for projects that were deemed ineligible by the LRC were notified by the county PCC.
4. MTC staff reviewed each application to determine that the proposed project was derived from MTC's Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan: Elderly and Disabled Component, and also independently evaluated the applications to make sure that the same standards were applied throughout the region in areas where some discretion was allowed.
5. The LRC's scores were transmitted to MTC staff. Discrepancies between the LRC's and MTC staff's scores were discussed and resolved. MTC staff notified each applicant and the PCCs of the scores and the local appeal process.
6. MTC staff with representatives from county PCCs met in an open forum format to hear and resolve applicant appeals (if any).
7. MTC staff compiled all scores for the region and developed a regional priority listing. MTC staff will present the final recommendations to the Commission for adoption. Once adopted, the final list will be transmitted to Caltrans and CTC for funding consideration.

**FTA SECTION 5310 TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
FY 2009-10 & FY 2010-11 PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGION**

NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE ¹	VIN ²	QTY ³	PROJECT SCORE	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL PORTION ⁴	COUNTY
1	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	48002		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
2	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	45165		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
3	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	37826		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
4	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	33707		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
5	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	36347		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
6	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	35820		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
7	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	40330		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
8	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	34176		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
9	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	28027		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
10	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	43652		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
11	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	43899		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
12	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	48342		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
13	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Minivan	R	40883		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
14	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Radios	OE	-	13	98	\$13,000	\$11,509	Santa Clara
15	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2010)	Base Station	OE	-	1	98	\$2,500	\$2,213	Santa Clara
16	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	47186		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
17	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	44024		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
18	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	43076		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
19	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	43853		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
20	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	33814		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
21	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	35866		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
22	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	34235		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
23	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	34031		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
24	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	28549		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
25	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	27379		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
26	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	28855		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
27	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	29911		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
28	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Minivan	R	27186		98	\$44,000	\$38,953	Santa Clara
29	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Radios	OE	-	13	98	\$13,000	\$11,509	Santa Clara
30	Outreach & Escort, Inc. (2011)	Base Station	OE	-	1	98	\$2,500	\$2,213	Santa Clara
31	Whistlestop (Application #1)	Small Bus	R	80500		96	\$65,000	\$57,545	Marin

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NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE ¹	VIN ²	QTY ³	PROJECT SCORE	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL PORTION ⁴	COUNTY
32	Whistlestop (Application #1)	Small Bus	R	80378		96	\$65,000	\$57,545	Marin
33	Whistlestop (Application #1)	Small Bus	R	80540		96	\$65,001	\$57,545	Marin
34	Whistlestop (Application #1)	Small Bus	R	67352		96	\$65,002	\$57,546	Marin
35	Whistlestop (Application #1)	Small Bus	R	67836		96	\$65,003	\$57,547	Marin
36	PACE Solano	Large Bus	R	61297		93	\$75,000	\$66,398	Solano
37	PACE Solano	Large Bus	R	64970		93	\$75,000	\$66,398	Solano
38	Casa Allegra	Minivan	R	00145		89	\$44,000	\$38,953	Marin
39	Casa Allegra	Minivan	R	41232		89	\$44,000	\$38,953	Marin
40	SamTrans	Medium Bus	SE	-		89	\$69,000	\$61,086	San Mateo
41	SamTrans	Medium Bus	SE	-		89	\$69,000	\$61,086	San Mateo
42	Whistlestop (Application #2)	Medium Bus, Gas Hybrid	SE	-		88	\$116,000	\$102,695	Marin
43	Whistlestop (Application #2)	Medium Bus, Gas Hybrid	SE	-		88	\$116,000	\$102,695	Marin
44	Whistlestop (Application #2)	Medium Bus, Gas Hybrid	SE	-		88	\$116,000	\$102,695	Marin
45	Whistlestop (Application #2)	Medium Bus, Gas Hybrid	SE	-		88	\$116,000	\$102,695	Marin
46	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		86	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
47	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Base Station	OE	-	1	86	\$2,500	\$2,213	Alameda
48	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Mobile Radio	OE	-	5	86	\$2,500	\$2,213	Alameda
49	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	GPS Network Module	OE	-	34	86	\$14,450	\$12,793	Alameda
50	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		86	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
51	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		86	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
52	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		86	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
53	Center for Elders' Independence (Ashland application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		86	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
54	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Computer	OE	-	1	86	\$1,573	\$1,393	SF
55	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	09680		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
56	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	12460		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
57	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	12459		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
58	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	26085		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
59	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	35415		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
60	Becoming Independent	Minivan	R	29397		85	\$44,000	\$38,953	Sonoma
61	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	09573		85	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
62	Becoming Independent	Base Station	OE	-	3	85	\$7,500	\$6,640	Sonoma
63	Becoming Independent	Mobile Radios	OE	-	25	85	\$25,000	\$22,133	Sonoma
64	Casa Allegra	Minivan	R	16819		84	\$44,000	\$38,953	Marin
65	Kimochi	Medium Bus	R	50207		84	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
66	Kimochi	Medium Bus	R	50208		84	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
67	Life Steps Foundation	Medium Bus	R	16846		84	\$69,000	\$61,086	San Mateo
68	Hope Services	Small Bus	R	13453		83	\$65,000	\$57,545	Santa Clara
69	Hope Services	Small Bus	R	87231		83	\$65,000	\$57,545	Santa Clara
70	Novato Human Needs Center	Medium Bus	SE	-		83	\$69,000	\$61,086	Marin
71	Novato Human Needs Center	Small Bus	SE	-		82	\$65,000	\$57,545	Marin

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72	On Lok (SF County application)	Small Bus	R	01369		82	\$65,000	\$57,545	SF
73	On Lok (SF County application)	Small Bus	R	31759		82	\$65,000	\$57,545	SF
74	Veteran's Home of Yountville	Large Bus	R	03345		82	\$75,000	\$66,398	Napa
75	Veteran's Home of Yountville	Large Bus	R	03346		82	\$75,000	\$66,398	Napa
76	Veteran's Home of Yountville	Large Bus	R	47009		82	\$75,000	\$66,398	Napa
77	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	64469		80	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
78	Becoming Independent	Small Bus	R	64898		80	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
79	Satellite Housing (Alameda County application)	Medium Bus	R	20640		80	\$116,000	\$102,695	Alameda
80	Life Steps Foundation	Small Bus	R	59336		79	\$65,000	\$57,545	San Mateo
81	City of Santa Rosa	Small Bus	R	88038		78	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
82	City of Santa Rosa	Small Bus	R	88039		78	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
83	On Lok (Santa Clara County application)	Small Bus	SE	-		78	\$65,000	\$57,545	Santa Clara
84	On Lok (Santa Clara County application)	Small Bus	SE	-		78	\$65,000	\$57,545	Santa Clara
85	Self Help for the Elderly	Medium Bus	SE	-		78	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
86	Self Help for the Elderly	Large Bus	SE	-		78	\$75,000	\$66,398	SF
87	Edgewood Center	Minivan	R	89286		77	\$44,000	\$38,953	SF
88	Edgewood Center	Minivan	R	77722		77	\$44,000	\$38,953	SF
89	On Lok (Alameda County application)	Small Bus	SE	-		77	\$65,000	\$57,545	Alameda
90	On Lok (Alameda County application)	Small Bus	SE	-		77	\$65,000	\$57,545	Alameda
91	City of San Ramon	Large Bus	R	25037		76	\$75,000	\$66,398	Contra Costa
92	City of San Ramon	Small Bus	R	45838		76	\$65,000	\$57,545	Contra Costa
93	Satellite Housing (Alameda County application)	Small Bus	R	33125		75	\$65,000	\$57,545	Alameda
94	Casa Allegra	Minivan	R	38009		74	\$44,000	\$38,953	Marin
95	Lamorinda Spirit Van	Minivan	SE	-		74	\$44,000	\$38,953	Contra Costa
96	Life Steps Foundation	Small Bus	SE	-		73	\$65,000	\$57,545	San Mateo
97	Life Steps Foundation	Small Bus	SE	-		73	\$65,000	\$57,545	San Mateo
98	Life Steps Foundation	Small Bus	SE	-		73	\$65,000	\$57,545	San Mateo
99	St. Mary's ADHC	Medium Bus	R	77985		72	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
100	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14962		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
101	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14963		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
102	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14964		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
103	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14965		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
104	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14966		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
105	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Medium Bus	R	14967		71	\$69,000	\$61,086	SF
106	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Minivan	SE	-		71	\$44,000	\$38,953	SF
107	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Base Station	OE	-	1	71	\$2,500	\$2,213	SF
108	Jewish Family and Children's Services	Radio	OE	-	1	71	\$1,000	\$885	SF
109	Old Adobe Developmental Services	Small Bus	SE	-		71	\$65,000	\$57,545	Sonoma
110	Old Adobe Developmental Services	Minivan	SE	-		70	\$44,000	\$38,953	Sonoma
111	Old Adobe Developmental Services	Minivan	SE	-		68	\$44,000	\$38,953	Sonoma

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112	Satellite Housing (Contra Costa County application)	Large Bus	SE	-		67	\$75,000	\$66,398	Contra Costa
113	East Bay Services to the Developmentally Disabled	Minivan	SE	-		66	\$44,000	\$38,953	Alameda
114	East Bay Services to the Developmentally Disabled	Minivan	SE	-		65	\$44,000	\$38,953	Alameda
115	East Bay Services to the Developmentally Disabled	Minivan	SE	-		63	\$44,000	\$38,953	Alameda

Ineligible projects:

*	Aldea Children and Family Services	Small Bus	R	05267		-	\$65,000	\$57,545	Napa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		-	\$116,000	\$102,695	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		-	\$116,000	\$102,695	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		-	\$116,000	\$102,695	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		-	\$116,000	\$102,695	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Medium Bus (Hybrid)	SE	-		-	\$116,000	\$102,695	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Base Station	OE	-	1	-	\$2,500	\$2,213	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Mobile Radios	OE	-	5	-	\$2,500	\$2,213	Contra Costa
**	Center for Elders' Independence (Richmond application)	Network GPS Module	OE	-	5	-	\$2,125	\$1,881	Contra Costa
***	Veteran's Home of Yountville	Large Bus	R	75861		-	\$69,000	\$61,086	Napa
***	Veteran's Home of Yountville	Large Bus	R	75860		-	\$69,000	\$61,086	Napa
TOTAL							\$7,379,154	\$6,532,765	

* Ineligible because application was received after 3/4/11 deadline.

** Ineligible (per Caltrans' determination) because the requested vehicles and equipment would serve a facility that does not have a finalized site location and is not planned to open until 2013, after the scheduled vehicle delivery.

*** Ineligible because vehicle proposed for replacement is not in active service.

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