



DATE: June 27, 2011
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: FY 2011-12 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Schedule

Background:

In June 2006, the Solano Transportation Authority Board authorized the development of an Intercity Transit Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07. This agreement was the result of the work of the Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Working Group comprised of representatives from STA, Solano County, and each city in Solano County.

Initially the ITF Working Group focused on development of a uniform methodology for shared funding of intercity transit services. However, rising costs and potential service changes broadened the scope of the ITF Working Group to include service coordination and streamlining services along parallel routes. Service changes to the intercity route structure and operation were agreed upon and implemented in early FY 2006-07. In the FY 2007-08 ITF agreement, further service changes were proposed and the implementation of these changes were completed in FY 2008-09. The FY 2007-08, FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, and FY 2010-11 ITF agreements addressed funding for seven major intercity routes.

In 2006 the first countywide ridership survey was conducted primarily to collect data to support the Intercity Transit Funding agreement. The ITF cost-sharing formula includes a factor based on the residence of the riders on each intercity route. To determine this, a ridership survey is to be conducted every three years. In the Fall of 2009 a ridership survey was conducted and the results were used in the FY 2010-11 cost-sharing formula and will be used in the FY 2011-12 formula as well.

Discussion:

There were several steps in developing the FY 2011-12 agreement. The performance of the seven routes in the FY 2010-11 ITF agreement were reviewed as required by the intercity agreement. The mid-year data provided the first glimpse of how the current array of intercity services is performing and how their actual costs are tracking. The data did not suggest major modifications were needed.

The ITF agreement also includes a reconciliation process for last completed fiscal year. For FY 2011-12, FY 2009-10 is the fiscal year to be reconciled. The actual costs and revenues of FY 2009-10 intercity routes were received from the two intercity route operators and the reconciliation has been prepared.

The FY 2011-12 Cost Allocation Models (CAM) were prepared by the two intercity transit operators. The information from the CAM was combined with the population and ridership data as defined in the ITF to calculate the base cost-sharing for FY2011-12. The FY 2009-10

reconciliation was combined with the FY 2011-12 cost-sharing to determine the net cost-sharing amounts for FY 2011-12. The full worksheets were distributed for review to the ITF partners on June 24. If there is concurrence at the June Consortium meeting it will be reported at the TAC and the recommendation to the Board will remain. Otherwise, this item will be withdrawn until there is concurrence.

Fiscal Impact:

The Intercity Transit Funding agreement will identify funding for major intercity services in FY 2011-12. With the cost-sharing for intercity transit routes agreed to, intercity transit funding partners will have the information needed to submit their FY 2011-12 TDA claims.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the FY 2011-12 cost-sharing Intercity Transit Funding Agreement amounts.

Attachments:

- A. STA Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Core Concepts
- B. ITF Agreement Cost Sharing

Intercity Transit Funding

Core Concepts

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Principle 1:

To provide certainty to intercity transit operators and funding partners, and to establish a consistent method and an agreement for sharing subsidies for all intercity transit routes by Solano intercity transit operators beginning in FY 2006-07 and continuing in future years based on a consensus of the participating jurisdictions.

Principle 2:

To focus limited financial resources and deliver productive intercity transit service as soon as possible, and to develop a cost effective and affordable revised intercity route structure that will: 1) be implemented with the new subsidy sharing agreement; 2) meet the policy/coverage requirements agreed upon; 3) be marketed jointly.

Principle 3:

To focus limited financial resources and deliver productive intercity transit services on an on-going basis while meeting the policy/coverage requirements agreed upon, and to develop strategies to consistently evaluate, modify, and market intercity transit services after this Agreement is implemented.

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SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
 SOLANO EXPRESS COST SHARING
 RECONCILIATION OF FY 09-10 SUBSIDIES BY JURISDICTION PLUS AMOUNT OWED FOR 11-12
 SUMMARY

	Amount Owed to FAST					Amount Owed to Vallejo Transit			
	for Rt 20	for Rt 30	for Rt 40	for Rt 90	TOTAL	for Rt 78	for Rt 80	for Rt 85	TOTAL
Benicia	\$ 2,874	\$ 4,604	\$ 7,891	\$ 7,195	\$ 22,565	\$ 144,935	\$ 35,977	\$ 15,881	\$ 196,793
Dixon	\$ 1,802	\$ 49,649	\$ 9,384	\$ 7,620	\$ 68,455	\$ 3,299	\$ 8,682	\$ 5,713	\$ 17,693
Fairfield	\$ 75,372	\$ 96,867	\$ 140,386	\$ 238,469	\$ 551,094	\$ 25,553	\$ 88,759	\$ 206,266	\$ 320,579
Rio Vista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Suisun City	\$ 15,870	\$ 21,115	\$ 66,209	\$ 78,377	\$ 181,571	\$ 9,702	\$ 23,133	\$ 32,406	\$ 65,241
Vacaville	\$ 91,694	\$ 109,478	\$ 80,779	\$ 86,267	\$ 368,217	\$ 21,082	\$ 59,048	\$ 49,170	\$ 129,300
Vallejo	\$ 16,729	\$ 45,627	\$ 26,610	\$ 28,044	\$ 117,011	\$ 169,551	\$ 769,055	\$ 338,511	\$ 1,277,117
Balance of County	\$ 9,287	\$ 12,625	\$ 15,876	\$ 19,952	\$ 57,740	\$ 13,183	\$ 37,575	\$ 25,403	\$ 76,160
TOTAL	\$ 213,627	\$ 339,966	\$ 347,135	\$ 465,924	\$ 1,366,652	\$ 387,305	\$ 1,022,228	\$ 673,350	\$ 2,082,883

		Summary Due		
		Total	FAST	Vallejo/SolTrans
Benicia		\$ 219,358	\$ 22,565	\$ 196,793
Dixon		\$ 86,148	\$ 68,455	\$ 17,693
Fairfield		\$ 871,673	\$ 551,094	\$ 320,579
Rio Vista		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Suisun City		\$ 246,812	\$ 181,571	\$ 65,241
Vacaville		\$ 497,517	\$ 368,217	\$ 129,300
Vallejo		\$ 1,394,128	\$ 117,011	\$ 1,277,117
Balance of County		\$ 133,900	\$ 57,740	\$ 76,160
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TOTAL		\$ 3,449,535	\$ 1,366,652	\$ 2,082,883

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