



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Suisun City Hall Council Chambers
701 Civic Center Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585**

Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation system projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality.

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ITEM	BOARD/STAFF PERSON
I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (6:00 – 6:05 p.m.)	Chair Spering
II. CONFIRM QUORUM/ STATEMENT OF CONFLICT <i>An official who has a conflict must, prior to consideration of the decision; (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made. Cal. Gov't Code § 87200.</i>	Chair Spering

STA BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Spering Chair County of Solano	Pete Sanchez Vice-Chair City of Suisun City	Elizabeth Patterson City of Benicia	Jack Batchelor, Jr. City of Dixon	Harry Price City of Fairfield	Jan Vick City of Rio Vista	Len Augustine City of Vacaville	Osby Davis City of Vallejo
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STA BOARD ALTERNATES

Mike Reagan	Mike Hudson	Alan Schwartzman	Rick Fuller	Chuck Timm	Ron Jones	Curtis Hunt	Tom Bartee
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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(6:05 – 6:10 p.m.)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:10 – 6:15 p.m.)

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daryl K. Halls

(6:15 – 6:20 p.m.)

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VI. COMMENTS FROM CALTRANS, THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), AND STA

(6:20 – 6:25 p.m.)

A. MTC Report

B. Caltrans Report

C. STA Reports:

1. State Legislative Update

Gus Khouri, Shaw/Yoder, Inc.

2. STA Highlights of 2009

Daryl K. Halls

3. Directors Reports:

a. Planning

Robert Macaulay

b. Projects

Janet Adams

c. Transit and Rideshare

Elizabeth Richards

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendation:

Approve the following consent items in one motion.

(Note: Items under consent calendar may be removed for separate discussion.)

(6:25 – 6:30 p.m.)

A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009

Johanna Masiclat

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009.

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B. Review Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Draft Minutes for the Meeting of December 16, 2009

Johanna Masiclat

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

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C. Support for Federal Urban Circulator and Livability Initiative Program Funds

Liz Niedziela

Recommendation:

Support the City of Vallejo's \$1.7 million grant submittal of the Vallejo Station Intermodal Facility Project for the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program.

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VIII. ACTION FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision

Daryl K. Halls
Susan Furtado

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Adopt FY 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision as shown in Attachment A; and
2. Approve modification of the job classification of Financial Analyst/Accountant to Accounting and Administrative Services Manager as specified in Attachment B.

(6:30 – 6:35 p.m.)

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IX. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Selection of 2010 STA Chair and Vice Chair

Daryl K. Halls

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Selection of the STA Chair for 2010 Commencing with the STA Board Meeting of February 10, 2010;
2. Selection of the STA Vice Chair for 2010 Commencing with the STA Board Meeting of February 10, 2010; and
3. Request the new Chair to designate the STA Executive Committee for 2010.

(6:35 – 6:40 p.m.)

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X. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Status of Proposed American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Intercity Subsidized Taxi Program

Elizabeth Richards
Brian McLean,
Vacaville City Coach

Informational

(6:40 – 6:45 p.m.)

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B. SolanoExpress Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Annual Ridership Report

Liz Niedziela

Informational

6:45 – 6:50 p.m.)

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C. Summary of Transit Passenger Comment Cards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09

Liz Niedziela

Informational

(6:50 – 6:55 p.m.)

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- D. Priority Federal Economic Stimulus Projects in Solano County**
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(6:55 – 7:00 p.m.)
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Janet Adams

NO DISCUSSION

- E. STA Strategic Plan for MTC Cycle-1 Block Grants**
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Robert Macaulay

- F. Funding Opportunities Summary**
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Sara Woo

- G. STA Board Meeting Schedule for 2010**
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Johanna Masielat

XI. WORKSHOP

- A. Solano County Coordinated Funding Strategy**
(7:00 – 7:15 p.m.)
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Daryl K. Halls

XII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the STA Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Suisun City Hall Council Chambers.**



DATE: January 5, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Daryl K. Halls
RE: Executive Director's Report –January 2010

The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by the STA. An asterisk (*) notes items included in this month's Board agenda.

STA and 10th Congressional District Cities Brief New Congressman Garamendi

On January 6, 2010, the STA Board hosted a transportation briefing for recently elected Congressman John Garamendi representing the 10th Congressional District. This briefing was co-hosted by the Cities of Dixon, Fairfield and Suisun City that are represented by the 10th Congressional District. Also participating was the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the County of Solano. Congressman Garamendi has been appointed to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, a key appointment for Solano County.

Vacaville Celebrates Groundbreaking for New Vacaville Transportation Center

Also on January 6, 2010, the STA joined the City of Vacaville in celebrating their groundbreaking for the first phase of the new Vacaville Transportation Center. This \$12 million project is slated to open for the public in August 2010 and will provide 200 parking spaces, 16 vanpool spaces and 10 bus bays providing improved connections for carpools, vanpools, 5 local Vacaville City Coach routes, Solano Express Routes 20 and 30, and Yolobus Route 220.

Selection of New STA Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010 *

The STA is scheduled to appoint its 2010 Chair and Vice-Chair at this meeting. Based on the Board policy of rotating the Chairs between the member agencies, Suisun City Mayor Peter Sanchez is scheduled to serve as Chair and Fairfield Mayor Harry Price as Vice-Chair. The new Chair is then tasked to select the STA's 2010 Executive Committee.

FY 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Amendment *

Susan Furtado, STA's Finance Analyst/Accountant, has prepared a revised amendment to STA's Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget. This revision includes thirteen adjustments to projected revenues and five modifications to projected expenditures which collectively total a \$3.92 million increase from previous budget total of \$36.98 million to a new total of \$40.9 million.

Board Discussion of Updated Funding Strategy for Priority Projects *

In December 2009, STA staff began informational discussions with the Board regarding the status of current priority projects and the projected availability of federal, state and regional transportation funds over the next few years. At that meeting, staff noted the potential impact that the continuing State fiscal crisis will likely have on transportation funding in California in general and in Solano County in particular with Solano County's reliance on over 60% of State funding to fund its priority projects. This is coupled with no new Federal Authorization bill. At this Board meeting, staff will provide in a workshop format the status of and funding options for the STA's current priority projects. The focus this month will be on larger capital projects such as highways, roadways and transit centers.

Attachment:

- A. STA Acronyms List of Transportation Terms (Updated April 2009)

A		J	
ABAG	Association of Bay Area Governments	JARC	Jobs Access Reverse Commute Program
ACCMA	Alameda County CMA	JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
ADA	American Disabilities Act	L	
AVA	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	LEV	Low Emission Vehicle
APDE	Advanced Project Development Element (STIP)	LIFT	Low Income Flexible Transportation Program
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	LOS	Level of Service
AQMD	Air Quality Management District	LS&R	Local Streets & Roads
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	M	
B		MIS	Major Investment Study
BAAQMD	Bay Area Air Quality Management District	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
BABC	Bay Area Bicycle Coalition	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
BAC	Bicycle Advisory committee	MTC	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
BART	Bay Area Rapid Transit	MTS	Metropolitan Transportation System
BATA	Bay Area Toll Authority	N	
BCDC	Bay Conservation & Development Commission	NCT&PA	Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency
BT&H	Business, Transportation & Housing Agency	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
C		NHS	National Highway System
CAF	Clean Air Funds	O	
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation	OTS	Office of Traffic Safety
CARB	California Air Resources Board	P	
CCCC (4'Cs)	City County Coordinating Council	PAC	Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CCCTA (3CTA)	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	PCC	Paratransit Coordinating Council
CCJPA	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority	PCRPP	Planning & Congestion Relief Program
CCTA	Contra Costa Transportation Authority	PDS	Project Development Support
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	PDT	Project Delivery Team
CHP	California Highway Patrol	PDWGW	Project Delivery Working Group
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	PMP	Pavement Management Program
CMA	Congestion Management Agency	PMS	Pavement Management System
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program	PNR	Park & Ride
CMP	Congestion Management Plan	PPM	Planning, Programming & Monitoring
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas	PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Estimate
CTC	California Transportation Commission	PSR	Project Study Report
D		PTA	Public Transportation Account
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	PTAC	Partnership Technical Advisory Committee (MTC)
DOT	Department of Transportation	R	
E		RABA	Revenue Alignment Budget Authority
ECMAQ	Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program	RBWG	Regional Bicycle Working Group
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	RFP	Request for Proposal
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	RFQ	Request for Qualification
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	RM 2	Regional Measure 2
EV	Electric Vehicle	RPC	Regional Pedestrian Committee
F		RRP	Regional Rideshare Program
FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report	RTEP	Regional Transit Expansion Policy
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	RTIF	Regional Transportation Impact Fee
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
G		RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
GIS	Geographic Information System	RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
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HIP	Housing Incentive Program	SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
HOT	High Occupancy Toll	SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equality Act-a Legacy for Users
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle	Sonoma County Transportation Authority	
I		SCTA	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	SCVTA	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program	SFCTA	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System	SHOPP	State Highway Operations & Protection Program
		SMAQMD	Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
		SMCCAG	San Mateo City-County Association of Governments

SNCI	Solano Napa Commuter Information
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
SP&R	State Planning & Research
SR2S	Safe Routes to School
SR2T	Safe Routes to Transit
STA	Solano Transportation Authority
STAF	State Transit Assistance Fund
STIA	Solano Transportation Improvement Authority
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program
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TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAM	Transportation Authority of Marin
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone
TCI	Transportation Capital Improvement
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TE	Transportation Enhancement Program
TEA-21	Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21 st Century
TFCA	Transportation Funds for Clean Air Program
TIF	Transportation Investment Fund
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TLC	Transportation for Livable Communities
TMA	Transportation Management Association
TMP	Transportation Management Plan
TOS	Traffic Operation System
TRAC	Trails Advisory Committee
TSM	Transportation System Management
U, V, W, Y, & Z	
UZA	Urbanized Area
VTA	Valley Transportation Authority (Santa Clara)
W2W	Welfare to Work
WCCTAC	West Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee
WETA	Water Emergency Transportation Authority
YSAQMD	Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Board Minutes for Meeting of
December 9, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spering called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jim Spering, Chair	County of Solano
Pete Sanchez, Vice-Chair	City of Suisun City
Alan Schwartzman (Alternate Board Member)	City of Benicia
Jack Batchelor, Jr.	City of Dixon
Harry Price	City of Fairfield
Jan Vick	City of Rio Vista
Len Augustine	City of Vacaville
Osby Davis	City of Vallejo

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Elizabeth Patterson	City of Benicia
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STAFF

PRESENT:

Daryl K. Halls	Executive Director
Charles Lamoree	Deputy Legal Counsel
Johanna Masiclat	Clerk of the Board
Janet Adams	Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
Robert Macaulay	Director of Planning
Elizabeth Richards	Director of Transit and Rideshare Svcs.
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager
Susan Furtado	Financial Analyst/Accountant
Judy Leaks	Program Manager
Robert Guerrero	Senior Planner
Sam Shelton	Project Manager
Kenny Wan	Assistant Project Manager

ALSO

PRESENT:

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:

Danny Bernardini	The Reporter
Birgitta Corsello	County of Solano
Raymond Demos	Resident, City of Fairfield
George Gwynn, Jr.	Resident, City of Suisun City
Mike Hudson	Councilmember and Alternate Board Member, City of Suisun City
Curtis Hunt	Vice Mayor and Alternate Board Member, City of Vacaville
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Alyssa Majer	City of Suisun City
Brian McLean	City of Vacaville
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Mike Roberts	City of Benicia
Mike Scott	PB Americas
Roger Straw	County of Solano
Paul Wiese	County of Solano
Catherine Yuen	Maze & Associates

II. CONFIRM QUORUM/STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A quorum was confirmed by the Clerk of the Board. There was no Statement of Conflict declared at this time.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Board Member Batchelor, the STA Board approved the agenda.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

George Gwynn asked the STA Board to consider having the STA Board meetings available via webcasting.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- New Congressman Garamendi Appointed to Transportation and Infrastructure
- Approval of 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Board Discussion of Updated Funding Strategy for Priority Projects
- Formation of Countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to Follow Up to Summit II
- Discussion of Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy for Solano County per SB 375
- Annual Audit Completed for STA for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09
- Departures and Arrivals

VI. COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), CALTRANS, AND STAFF:

A. MTC Report:

Andrew Fremier, Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), addressed the STA Board on the proposed Bridge Toll Increase for the seven Bay Area Toll Bridges. He stated a proposed increase is to primarily fund the retrofits of the Antioch & Dumbarton Bridges.

B. Caltrans Report:

None presented.

C. STA Reports:

1. Planning – Robert Macaulay reported that the Board established Memorandum of Understanding for the Model Technical Advisory Committee and Model Land Use Committee has been approved by all the cities and county. He added that STA staff will be working with the city managers/CAO to have committee members appointed in time for January meetings.
2. Projects – Janet Adams reported on Caltrans Draft 2010 SHOPP projects for Solano County.
3. Transit and Rideshare – Judy Leaks reported on the Solano Commute Challenge winners for 2009.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar Items A thru K.

A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009.

B. Review Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Draft Minutes for the Meeting of November 18, 2009

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

C. STA Employee 2010 Benefit Summary Update

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

D. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 First Quarter Budget Report

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

E. Solano Project Delivery Working Group (PDWG) Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the Solano Project Delivery Working Group FY 2009-10 Work Plan as shown in Attachment A.

F. Proposal for Allocation of Project Cost Savings for Federal Stimulus Funded Projects

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Retaining cost savings for Federal Stimulus funded projects as listed in Attachment A; and
2. Forward a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) supporting this action.

G. 3-Year Project Initiation Document (PID) Priorities for Caltrans

Recommendation:

Approve Solano County's 3-Year prioritized Project Initiation Document (PID) Work Plan (FY 2009-10 through FY 2011-12) for submittal to Caltrans as specified in Attachment C.

H. Contract Amendment for Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) Americas Construction Management (CM) Services for the I-80/I-680/State Route (SR) 12 Interchange Complex Projects

Recommendation:

Approve a contract amendment for PB Americas in the amount of \$1,309,704 for additional Construction Management Services required for the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Complex projects.

I. Contract Amendment for the Mark Thomas & Company/Nolte Joint Venture (JV) to Prepare a Re-Validation for the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Environmental Document

Recommendation:

Approve a contract amendment for MTCo/Nolte JV in the amount of \$35,000 for additional services required for CEQA/NEPA Re-validation for the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales project.

J. Contract Amendment for the Mark Thomas/Nolte Joint Venture (JV) for the Gordon Waterline Relocation

Recommendation:

Approve a contract amendment for MTCo/Nolte JV in the amount of \$275,000 for additional services required for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Gordon Waterline Relocation Project.

K. Commute Profile 2010 Study

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Valerie Brock Consulting in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,000 to fund a Commute Profile 2010 Study for Solano and Napa counties.

VIII. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. STA’s Annual Audit Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09

Susan Furtado reported that the STA’s Basic Financial Statements and Single Audit for FY 2008-09 was prepared by the auditing firm of Maze and Associates. The audit reflects an overall financial position with no reportable deficiencies or material weakness that will adversely affect STA’s primary missions and functions.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Batchelor, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

B. 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Sam Shelton presented the new 2010 STIP funding, prior commitments, the fund estimate impact on 2008 STIP projects, and project recommendations.

Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

There being no speakers, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. and referred the matter to the Board for comments and action.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following:

1. Reprogram \$30.457M for the Jepson Parkway project construction phase from FY 2011-12 to FY 2012-13;
2. Program \$400,000 in Transportation Enhancements funds for the City of Fairfield’s Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station project in FY 2012-13;
3. Credit the City of Vacaville with \$1.5M towards the City of Vacaville’s local commitment of Phase 2 of the Jepson Parkway Project (Leisure Town Road from Vanden to Orange), as required by the STA’s 50/50 Funding policy;
4. Program \$412,000 of Transportation Enhancements funds for the City of Vallejo’s Downtown Streetscape Pedestrian Links Project;
5. Reprogram \$230,000 of construction funding from FY 2009-10 to FY 2010-11 for the Jepson Parkway Gateway Enhancement project; and
6. Program \$192,000 in FY 2013-14 and \$191,000 in FY 2014-15 for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring.

On a motion by Alternate Board Member Schwartzman, and a second by Board Member Vick, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

IX. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. **Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Project List**

Robert Macaulay reviewed the draft CTP Project List consisting of 286 individual projects submitted by the seven cities and the county. He indicated that the project list has been pared down by excluding duplicate entries and projects identified by the STA staff to be local rather than regional. He stated that the projects and programs contained in the 2009 CTP project list will serve as the mechanism for identifying steps to fill in the gaps between the existing transportation network.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Release the 2009 Draft CTP Projects list for public comment, including review by the CTP Committees.

On a motion by Board Member Batchelor, and a second by Board Member Harry Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

B. **Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Complete Streets Concept / Priority Development Areas (PDAs)**

Robert Guerrero reviewed the development of the Solano County TLC program. He noted that it was consistent with the Regional TLC criteria developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). He stated that the STA's proposed criteria is consistent with the Alternative Modes Element's goals and policies of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. He added that staff will coordinate with PDA project sponsors, STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the STA Board Alternative Modes Committee to develop the criteria and recommend a priority list of Solano PDA projects over the next several months.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve STA's Transportation for Livable Communities/Priority Development Area Work Plan as shown in Attachment B.

On a motion by Board Member Harry Price, and a second by Alternate Board Member Schwartzman, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

C. Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Richards reported on the outcome of the recent Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II held on October 30, 2009. She stated that one recommendation from the Summit was to have a Committee formed to guide the STA and County on Senior and Disabled mobility issues.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

Chair Spering noted the broad representation on the Committee. He specified that the committee does not necessarily have to be seniors or the disabled but for members who can provide feedback. He cited the three (3) most important things that came out of the Summit which are the taxi script, transit guide, and participation.

Board Member Augustine thanked staff for their hard work in putting together two successful Senior and Disabled Transportation Summits.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. The formation of an Advisory Committee to address senior and disabled transportation issues in Solano County; and
2. Committee membership and purpose as outlined in Attachment E.

On a motion by Board Member Augustine,, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

D. Toll Increase Options for the State-owned Bay Area Bridges

Elizabeth Richards listed the major reasons cited by the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) for the need for a toll increase. She summarized several Toll Revenue Options being considered by BATA aimed to generate \$165 million annually. She continued by stating that staff is recommending to submit priority projects should net revenues become available in the future.

Public Comments:

George Gwynn, Jr. discussed his concern that the decrease in ridership will impact the toll increase.

Board Comments:

After discussion, the STA Board modified the recommendation to read as follows:

Recommendation.

Approve the following:

1. Support a toll increase option that sets a carpool toll at 50% or less of the auto toll rate;
2. Support maintaining the current 24-hour toll-free status for large Commuter Vanpools;
3. ***Support phasing in the toll increase for trucks over three years.***
4. Toll Bridge Revenue Priority Projects for Solano County as listed in Attachment C; and
5. Authorize the STA Chair to submit a comment letter to MTC on the proposed toll increase.



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes for the meeting of
December 16, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority's Conference Room.

Present:

TAC Members Present:

Charlie Knox	City of Benicia
Royce Cunningham	City of Dixon
Gene Cortright	City of Fairfield
Morrie Barr	City of Rio Vista
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Paul Wiese	County of Solano

STA Staff Present:

Daryl Halls	STA
Janet Adams	STA
Robert Macaulay	STA
Elizabeth Richards	STA
Jayne Bauer	STA
Liz Niedziela	STA
Robert Guerrero	STA
Sam Shelton	STA
Kenny Wan	STA
Sara Woo	STA
Johanna Masielat	STA

Others Present: *(In Alphabetical Order by Last Name)*

Ed Huestis	City of Vacaville
Jeff Knowles	City of Vacaville
Alyssa Majer	City of Suisun City
Mike Roberts	City of Benicia
Matt Tuggle	County of Solano

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Royce Cunningham, and a second by Dan Kasperson, the STA TAC approved the agenda.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

IV. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC AND STA STAFF

Caltrans: None presented.

MTC: None presented.

STA: Jayne Bauer distributed CDs of the Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide video.

Liz Niedziela distributed and provided information on the SolanoExpress Annual Ridership and Transit Passenger Comment Cards for FY 2008-09.

Janet Adams reminded the TAC members to submit projects for a potential round of Federal Stimulus.

Daryl Halls noted that Ed Huestis, City of Vacaville, has announced his retirement and he thanked him for his efforts to promote alternative fuel vehicles and his collaboration with the STA on behalf of Vacaville.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Gary Leach, and a second by Gene Cortright, the STA TAC approved Consent Calendar Items A thru C.

A. Minutes of the TAC Meeting of November 18, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve TAC Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009.

B. 2010 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Overall Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the 2010 BAC Overall Work Plan as shown in Attachment A.

C. 2010 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Overall Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the 2010 PAC Overall Work Plan as shown in Attachment A.

VI. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) – Alternative Modes Goals Amendment

Robert Macaulay reviewed the draft revised Alternative Modes Purpose Statement and Goals which includes language to reflect the development of the new Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, and recognizes the importance of the Complete Street policies. He added that the most significant change is Bicycle and Pedestrian Goal 5. He stated that the goal calls for STA to develop a model ordinance that local agencies can adopt to provide for the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities at the initial project development phase.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the amended CTP Alternative Modes Goals as shown in Attachment A.

On a motion by Gary Leach, and a second by Charlie Knox, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

B. Solano Highways Operations Study

Sam Shelton cited the concerns raised by the Arterials, Highways, and Freeways Committee. He listed them as follows: 1.) the level of “feasibility analysis” that was conducted for the “operation study” and 2.) the potential for some High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-680 to become reversible HOV Lanes. He noted that staff recommends adding language to the study stating that the feasibility of reversible HOV Lanes will be reviewed as part of specific Project Study Reports (PSR) for HOV Lane projects, with references to case studies. He added the STA Committee is scheduled to review STA staff recommendations for adoption in January 2010 and the STA Board will consider the item in February 2010.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the following:

1. Add language to the Solano Highways and Operations Study recommending that Project Study Reports (PSR) drafted for recommended high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane projects review the feasibility of reversible HOV lanes for projects identified in the Solano Highways Operations Study; and
2. Adopt the Solano Highways Operations Study.

On a motion by Royce Cunningham, and a second by Gene Cortright, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. STA Strategic Plan for MTC Cycle-1 Block Grants

Robert Macaulay noted that MTC has initiated a new Congestion Management Agency (CMA) block grant program. He reviewed the first 3-year funding cycle recommended by MTC as a follow-up to the newly-adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in which MTC has consolidated funding into three categories (Local Streets and Roads Rehabilitation, County Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC), and Regional Bicycle Program).

B. Toll Increase Options for the Seven State-owned Bay Area Bridges

Elizabeth Richards listed the major reasons cited by the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) for the need for a toll increase. She summarized several toll revenue options being considered by BATA aimed to generate \$165 million annually. She continued by stating that staff is recommending to identify priority projects for Solano County should net revenues become available.

C. Regional Disaster Planning - Mass Transportation and Evacuation

Robert Macaulay reviewed the development of the Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) emergency plan and the October table top exercise regarding the countywide coordination of transit services during a major disaster. He indicated that the STA plans to meet with staff from the Solano Office of Emergency Services (OES) to discuss specific needs and responsibilities prior to bringing this issue back to the Consortium, TAC and Solano City Managers for further review and discussion prior

D. Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan Update

Sara Woo reviewed the status of the development of the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. She identified the short-term and long-term projects needed to complete a countywide bikeway network. She noted that the Bicycle Advisory Committee has met several times to develop the Goals and Objectives, Planning Criteria for projects to be included in the updated Bicycle Plan, and Prioritization Criteria to prioritize bicycle projects included in the Bicycle Plan.

E. Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update

Sara Woo reviewed the status of the development of the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan. She identified the short-term and long-term projects needed to complete a countywide bikeway network. She noted that the Pedestrian Advisory Committee has met several times to develop the Goals and Objectives, Planning Criteria for projects to be included in the updated Pedestrian Plan, and Prioritization Criteria to prioritize bicycle projects included in the Pedestrian Plan.

NO DISCUSSION

F. Funding Opportunities Summary

G. STA Board Special Meeting Highlights of November 18, 2009

H. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2010

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting of the STA TAC is scheduled at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.**



DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Support for Federal Urban Circulator and Livability Initiative Programs Funds

Background:

Two Federal Register notices announcing the availability of \$280 million in Federal Transit Administration funds for the Urban Circulator and Livability Initiative programs were released last month by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) sent out a notice soliciting statements of interest so they can evaluate whether the Commission may want to endorse a regional list of priorities for this funding opportunity. An initial statement of interest was due December 21st, 2009 to MTC staff.

Discussion:

The federal guidelines lay out specific scoring criteria that FTA will use when considering applications. The STA staff reviewed the scoring criteria and considered all the potential projects in Solano County. The Vallejo Station Intermodal Facility project was identified as the best match for the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program funding criteria and should compete well nationwide for the limited \$150 million available. The program's six livability principles are:

1. Provide more transportation choices
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing
3. Enhance economic
4. Support existing communities
5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment
6. Value communities and neighborhoods

The STA staff worked with Vallejo Station project manager to submit a statement of interest to MTC by the deadline (Attachment A). Should MTC move forward to endorse a regional list, there will be a second opportunity to submit a more complete application. The Federal deadline for submitting applications is February 8, 2010.

Due to the limited amount of funding in this program nationwide (\$150million) STA staff recommends endorsing one project from Solano County to be submitted to MTC for their regional list of priorities for this funding.

Recommendation:

Support the City of Vallejo's \$1.7 million grant submittal of the Vallejo Station Intermodal Facility Project for the FTA Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program.

Attachment:

- A. State of Interest for Vallejo Station

Project Name: VALLEJO STATION INTERMODAL FACILITY

Project Purpose: To promote mobility into a sustainable community; Provide opportunities for economic development and job creation; Create a centralized hub for transportation in the North Bay and Capital Corridor

Project Sponsor: City of Vallejo

Total Cost: \$92 million

Federal Request: \$1.7 Million

Other Project Fund Sources: FTA, STIP, RM2, and City/Local Funding

NEPA Status: Categorical Exclusion 12/14/2005

Which Program Applying for and Why:

5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program; The Vallejo Station Project includes a Bus Transit Center that consolidates both local and regional bus lines into a centralized location with Paseo access to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal serving the Bay Area.

Project Description:

Vallejo Station is a compact, transit-oriented mixed-use project in the City of Vallejo that includes residential and commercial development in close proximity to downtown. The project includes two major elements – a bus transfer facility that will consolidate local, regional and commuter bus services and a 1200 space joint use parking garage. The proposed garage will consolidate surface parking that is now on various redevelopment parcels in the downtown area and provide parking for patrons of the Vallejo Ferry System.

Phase Description:

The phase of the project that the city is interested in funding through the 5309 program is the street improvements along Mare Island Way on the west side of the parking garage. This phase will include a widening of Mare Island Way to accommodate commuter bus turnouts near the Ferry Terminal as well as the creation of a bike lane. The total cost of this portion is estimated at \$2.1 Million. Design is 100% complete and will be ready for bid as soon as funding is approved. Local Match will be available through the use of Regional Measure 2 funds or City of Vallejo Bridge Funds.



DATE: December 30, 2009
TO: STA Board
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director
Susan Furtado, Financial Analyst/Accountant
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has an adopted budget policy requiring a two-year annual fiscal year budget plan for its proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing them. This budget is usually revised mid-year and finalized at the end of the fiscal year. In July 2009, the STA Board adopted the FY 2009-10 Budget Revision and the FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. Attachment A is the mid-year budget revision for FY 2009-10. This budget provides STA the basis for appropriate budgetary control of its financial operations for the fiscal year and for multi-year funded projects.

Discussion:

The proposed FY 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision is balanced, with changes to the approved budget from \$36.98 million to \$40.90 million, an increase of \$3.92 million. This project is ahead of schedule primarily due to the advanced schedule of the I-80 East Bound Truck Scales Relocation Project. Budget changes are summarized as follows:

FY 2009-10 Revenue Changes

1. The Members Contribution is also known as the Gas Tax Fund. This revenue funds a percentage of the STA's core operations, Strategic Planning, and Project Development not covered by other planning grants and project revenues. These operations include administrative management and operation cost, including the Contingency and Insurance Reserve Policy approved by the STA Board in July 2007. The FY 2009-10 Approved Budget did not fully program this fund due to the anticipated economic uncertainty with city's gas tax revenues. The STA has received all the Member Agencies' Contributions for FY 2009-10. Subsequently, the amount of \$37,355 has been programmed in the mid-year budget and a carryover fund of \$307,820 has been included for FY 2010-11.
2. The FY 2009-10 local Transportation Development Act (TDA) previously anticipated a reduction of \$42,222 (10%), this assumption has not occurred, therefore, these funds are added to the mid-year budget to reconcile with the actual funding allocation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
3. The State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF) carryover funds of \$127,641 from the previously approved budget is programmed for transit activities on a short-term basis, and to support STA Board approval transportation planning efforts on programs, such as the Commute Profile, Solano Senior and Disabled Transit Plan Update, and the Countywide Transit Ridership Study. With the previous State budget cuts, this fund was suspended continuing into FY 2009-10; however with recent court rulings this fund is expected to be reinstated by the State.

4. The STA has received funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Federal Section 5311 for the Paratransit Vehicle Replacement Program to replace three (3) old Paratransit buses for the City of Dixon and one (1) additional bus for the City of Vallejo.
5. The Surface Transportation Program (STP) fund is reduced by \$230,425 from the original anticipated funds due to the MTC's accounting error in the carryover funding amendment from the prior fiscal year. Effective October 1, 2009, the STP allocations were increased to the different Congestion Management Agencies (CMA) including STA. Consequently, the FY 2009-10 overall STP funding is increased \$47,000 (9%).
6. The State Planning and Research (SP&R) funding for the I-80 /I-680/I-780 Operation and Implementation Plan carryover fund from FY 2008-09 is reduced \$12,671 to reflect the actual funding available with the final annual audit ending June 30, 2009.
7. The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) budget for FY 2009-10 is increased \$80,072 from the originally approved budget. This increase is due to the continuation of the Project Study Report (PSR) for the State Route (SR) 12/Church Road and the I-80 /I-680/I-780 Operation and Implementation Plan projects.
8. The Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) fund is increased by \$65,907 to reflect the carryover funds from FY 2008-09 for the anticipated completion of the City of Fairfield project. The TFCA funding for the Transit Rideshare Services/Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) and the Safe Route to School Program is reduced \$16,027 to reflect the actual carryover funds from FY 2008-09.
9. The Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (ECMAQ) funding is increased by \$27,616 to reflect the carryover fund from FY 2008-09 with the final audit ending June 30, 2009.
10. The Jepson Parkway Project has an approved budget amount of STIP funds of \$2.4 million. This fund is not available until the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocates the funding, which is delayed due to the State budget crisis. With the adoption and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project, the consultant work and staff activities are using the remaining funds from the project's Federal Earmark and STIP/PPM funds. However, without the allocation of the \$2.4 million or some additional funds, this project will be delayed in the design phase of the project.
11. The I-80 East Bound (EB) Truck Scales Relocation Project funding allocation from the Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) for this project is increased by \$4.0 million for the continued project activities, including the right-of-way activities and construction for this project. The project is ahead of schedule by nearly one year with construction planning to begin in 2011.
12. The North Connector East Construction funding allocation from RM 2 is increased by \$1.0 million to reflect the current construction schedule and the change in the funding share from County of Solano from \$2.0 million to \$1.0 million.

13. The I-80 HOV Lanes conversion to an Express Lanes or High Occupancy Toll (HOT) between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway, and a new I-80 HOT Lanes between Air Base Parkway and I-505 is reduced to reflect the anticipated delay in the start of these projects. This initial work is funded by the I-80 RM 2 funds and not by the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) as previously anticipated.

Other minor revenue changes are made due to the finalized annual audit and carryover funds from FY 2008-09 for the continuation of projects.

FY 2009-10 Expenditure Changes

Changes to the approved budget are reflective of funds carryover and revenue changes as described above. The budget expenditure revisions are as follows:

1. ***The Operation and Management*** total budget has no change. With the reduction of the above revenue sources, expenditures for operation and management are impacted. STA staff has taken action to reduce expenditures. Savings on the employee benefits cost were offset by employee dependent status changes and the proposed reclassification of the Financial Analyst/Accountant position to an Accounting and Administrative Service Manager position. Other operational costs are reallocated to other expense cost activities directly associated with activities, such as the update of the STA's website format and design, and reduction in printing and copying cost for the STA's Annual Reports and Newsletters.
2. ***The Transit and Rideshare Services/Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI)*** total budget is increased by \$397,357. The carryover fund from the State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF) is programmed for transit activities and transportation planning efforts on programs, such as the Commute Profile, Solano Senior and Disabled Transit Plan Update, and the Countywide Transit Ridership Study. The Solano Senior and Disabled Transit Plan Update, previously grouped under the Strategic Planning activities, is now included in the Transit and Rideshare Services/SNCI Budget. The Commute Profile (\$26,000) and the Paratransit Vehicle Replacement Program (\$300,000) are both new to the Transit and Rideshare Services/SNCI budget.
3. ***The Project Development*** total budget is increased by \$3.51 million. The budget is changed primarily due to the \$4.0 million in additional RM 2 allocation from MTC for the right of way activities and the initial construction activities of the I-80 EB Truck Scales Project. The Project Study Report (PSR) for the SR 12/Church Road is added to reflect the ongoing project study. The I-80 HOV Lanes conversion to an Express Lanes or High Occupancy Toll (HOT) between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway, and a new I-80/I-505 HOT Lanes between I-80 and Air Base Parkway is reduced in half (\$550,000) to reflect the anticipated delay in the start of these projects.
4. ***The Strategic Planning*** total budget is increased by \$15,691. The Solano Senior and Disabled Transit Plan Update is now grouped under the Transit and Rideshare Service/SNCI Department for the transit activity side of the study. With the State Budget reduction to the STAF and TDA funds, the SR 29 Major Investment Study (MIS)/Corridor study is temporarily on hold until a funding revenue can be identified. The Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) fund is increased by \$65,907 to reflect the carryover funds from FY 2008-09 for the City of Fairfield project anticipated to be completed in FY 2009-10.

As part of the mid-year budget approval, it is recommended to adjust an employee position to reflect current duties and responsibilities. The Financial Analyst/Accountant duties have expanded over the last 5 years since this position was originally established and hired. Based on recommendation from an independent analysis, it is recommended to approve the new duty statement, salary schedule and position title of Accounting and Administrative Services Manager. This proposed change is an overall increase of \$2,048 for FY 2009-10. This additional expenditure can be covered as part of the revised budget.

To ensure conformance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 (Cost Principles of State, Local, and Indian Tribal Government) and the STA's Accounting Policies and Procedures, the approved budget for FY 2009-10 is revised to reflect changes in the budget revenue and expenditures.

Fiscal Impact:

The total FY 2009-10 budget is increased by \$3.92 million to reflect funding changes, new and ongoing project studies and activities. Modification of the Financial Analyst/Accountant position to Accounting and Administration Services Manager will result in an increased cost of \$2,048 in FY 2009-10.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Adopt FY 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision as shown in Attachment A; and
2. Approve modification of the job classification of Financial Analyst/Accountant to Accounting and Administrative Services Manager as specified in Attachment B.

Attachments:

- A. STA FY 2009-10 Mid-Year Budget Revision dated December 30, 2009.
- B. Salary Range Schedule



FY 2009-10 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISION

January 13, 2010

REVENUES			EXPENDITURES		
STA Fund	Adopted FY 09-10	Proposed FY 09-10	Operations & Administration	Adopted FY 09-10	Proposed FY 09-10
Members Contribution/Gas Tax (Reserve Accounts)	108,000	108,000	Operations Management	1,454,639	1,454,639
Members Contribution/Gas Tax	-	37,355	STA Board of Directors/Administration	45,000	45,000
Transportation Dev. Act (TDA) Art. 4/8	380,003	422,225	Expenditure Plan	-	-
TDA Art. 3	125,000	125,000	Contributions to STA Reserve Account	108,000	108,000
State Transit Assistance Fund (STAF)	302,981	430,622	Subtotal	\$ 1,607,639	\$ 1,607,639
Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) 5311	-	300,000	Transit and Rideshare Services/SNCI		
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	664,908	572,000	Transit/SNCI Management/Administration	480,560	477,421
STP swap	241,517	151,000	Employer Van Pool Outreach	10,000	10,000
SP&R - Operation/Implementation Plan	50,000	37,329	SNCI General Marketing	40,000	45,000
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM)	380,924	460,996	Commute Challenge	16,000	26,000
STIP	37,858	-	Bike to Work Campaign	20,000	20,000
Federal Earmark	-	37,858	Bike Links	-	6,500
Regional Measure (RM) 2 - North Connector - Design	32,492	32,492	Incentives	15,000	15,000
RM 2 - I-80 HOV Lanes	7,839	7,839	Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program	5,000	5,000
RM 2 - I-80 Interchange Project	31,394	31,394	Solano Express	50,000	50,000
RM 2 - I-80 East Bound (EB) Truck Scales Relocation	27,735	27,735	Transit Management Administration	212,100	213,196
Transportation for Clean Air (TFCa)	449,799	433,772	Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP)	60,000	60,000
TFCa Regional Grant	291,000	291,000	Lifeline Program	16,000	16,000
Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (ECMAQ)	100,000	127,616	Countywide Transit Ridership Study	50,000	80,000
Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD)	190,000	190,000	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	45,000	56,650
Regional Rideshare Program (RRP)	240,000	240,000	Paratransit Vehicle Replacement Program	-	300,000
Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP)	60,000	60,000	Commute Profile	-	26,000
City of Vacaville (swap) TDA	725,000	725,000	Solano Senior & Disable Transit Plan Update	59,750	70,000
Capital Corridor	10,000	10,000	Transit Consolidation Implementation Phase 3	15,000	15,000
Bay Area Ridge Trails	55,000	55,000	Subtotal	\$ 1,094,410	\$ 1,491,767
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program/DMV	10,052	10,052	Project Development		
Local Funds - Cities/County Sponsors	98,600	98,600	Project Management/Administration	100,924	96,131
	18,000	18,000	Safe Route to School Program	681,500	674,728
Subtotal	\$ 4,638,102	\$ 5,040,885	I-80/I-680/I-780 Operation/Implementation Plan	50,000	57,207
TFCa Program			Project Study Report (PSR) SR 12/Church	-	60,000
Transportation for Clean Air (TFCa)	126,583	192,490	Regional Impact Fee (Feasibility Study/AB 1600)	205,000	205,000
Subtotal	\$ 126,583	\$ 192,490	SR 12 Median Barrier Study (MBS)/PSR	-	-
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program			Jepson Parkway	2,973,574	2,973,574
Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV)	325,000	325,000	Jameson Canyon Project	4,200,000	4,200,000
Subtotal	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange PA/ED	5,542,380	5,542,380
Jepson Parkway Project			North Connector-East (Chadbourne Rd/Right of Way)	11,045,796	11,045,796
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	2,343,574	2,400,000	I-80 East Bound (EB) Truck Scales Relocation	4,974,468	8,974,468
STIP/PPM	100,000	81,169	I-80/HOV Lanes/Ramp Metering	992,160	992,160
Federal Earmark	530,000	492,405	I-80 HOT Lanes Conversion	500,000	250,000
Subtotal	\$ 2,973,574	\$ 2,973,574	I-80/I-505 HOT Lanes	600,000	300,000
I-80 East Bound (EB) Truck Scales Relocation			I-80 HOV Lanes/Vallejo Fairgrounds	750,000	750,000
RM 2 Funds	4,974,468	8,974,468	SR 12 Bridge Realignment Study	308,529	308,529
Subtotal	\$ 4,974,468	\$ 8,974,468	DMV Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program	325,000	325,000
Jameson Canyon Project			Subtotal	\$ 33,249,331	\$ 36,754,973
STIP/TCRP	4,200,000	4,200,000	Strategic Planning		
Subtotal	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	Planning Management/Administration	93,290	91,903
I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane/Ramp Metering			Events	10,000	15,000
PA/ED Design RM-2	992,160	992,160	Model Development/Maintenance	24,000	24,000
Subtotal	\$ 992,160	\$ 992,160	Solano County TLC Program	214,908	216,252
North Connector East (Chadbourne Rd/Right of Way)			Bike/Ped Master Plan Update	85,000	85,000
Preliminary Engineering/Right of Way - RM-2 Funds	7,320,796	8,320,796	SR 12 MIS/Corridor Study	75,000	79,987
County of Solano	2,000,000	1,000,000	SR 29 MIS/Corridor Study	5,000	-
City of Fairfield	1,725,000	1,725,000	Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)/EIR	180,381	135,221
Subtotal	\$ 11,045,796	\$ 11,045,796	Safe Route to Transit	40,000	30,000
I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange EIR/EIS			Solano Rail Crossing Inventory & Improvement Plan	66,050	66,050
RM 2 Funds	5,542,380	5,542,380	SR 12 Jameson Canyon Ridge Trail Study	55,000	55,000
Subtotal	\$ 5,542,380	\$ 5,542,380	Climate Change Strategy	50,000	50,000
I-80 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Conversion			TFCa Programs	126,583	192,490
RM 2 Funds	500,000	250,000	Subtotal	\$ 1,025,212	\$ 1,040,903
Subtotal	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	TOTAL, ALL EXPENDITURES		
I-80/I-505 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes					
RM 2 Funds	600,000	300,000			
Subtotal	\$ 600,000	\$ 300,000			
SR 12 Bridge Realignment					
Federal Earmark	246,829	246,829			
City of Rio Vista	61,700	61,700			
Subtotal	\$ 308,529	\$ 308,529			
I-80 HOV/Vallejo Fairgrounds					
Federal Earmark	600,000	600,000			
Local Match Funds-STA	70,000	50,000			
Local Match Funds-Solano County/City of Vallejo	80,000	100,000			
Subtotal	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000			
TOTAL, ALL REVENUE					
	\$ 36,976,592	\$ 40,895,282		\$ 36,976,592	\$ 40,895,282

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SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE - Revised
FY 2009-10

Effective January 1, 2009 (No COLA)

TITLE	Exempt Status	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
<i>Financial Analyst/ Accountant</i>	Yes	\$5,583	\$5,862	\$6,155	\$6,463	\$6,786
Accounting & Administrative Service Manager	Yes	\$6,765	\$7,103	\$7,458	\$7,831	\$8,222

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DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Daryl K. Halls, Executive Director
RE: Selection of 2010 STA Chair and Vice Chair

Background:

The STA policy for selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair is identified in the STA's Joint Powers Agreement and stipulates that, "the members of the Transportation Authority shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for the Transportation Authority, each of whom shall serve one year terms." Historically, the selection of the STA's Chair and Vice-Chair has taken place at the discretion of the STA Board. In February 2000, the STA Board established a policy to rotate the annual selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair among the STA's eight member agencies. As part of the action, the Board reserved the flexibility to juggle the rotation if the prospective incoming Chair was a recently appointed member of the STA Board. The intent being to provide the new Board Member with the opportunity to accumulate at least one year of experience on the STA Board before assuming the role and expanded responsibilities of STA Board Chair.

When the policy was adopted, the rotation was scheduled to begin in calendar year 2003 after the current two Board Members on the 2001 Executive Committee had served their term as STA Chair (former Mayor of Rio Vista Marci Coglianese and Solano County Supervisor John Silva). Beginning in 2003, the next Chair in the rotation would then come from the member agency whose representative had last served as STA Chair.

In 2000, then STA Chair Dan Donahue, former Council Member from the City of Vallejo, modified the membership of the STA's Executive Committee by inviting the outgoing Chair to remain on the Executive Committee with the new Chair, Vice-Chair and a fourth Board member scheduled to serve as Chair following the new Vice-Chair. In recent years, the STA Chair has opted to include Solano County's representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Supervisor Jim Spering, on the Committee. In order to comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act, a total of four members of the STA Board, one less than a quorum, are allowed to serve on the Executive Committee. This complement of past, current and prospective STA Chairs on the Executive Committee serves to provide a continuity of leadership and policy direction from the STA Board. The selection of the STA's Executive Committee remains at the discretion of the new STA Chair. With the completion of Marci Coglianese's term as Chair in 2001, all eight STA member agencies had had the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the STA since 1991.

On September 12, 2007, the STA Board approved modifying the schedule for the rotation of the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2008 based on the departure of STA's current Chair and Vice-Chair two months prior to the completion of their terms.

Discussion:

The current STA Chair is Supervisor Jim Spering and the current Vice-Chair is Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez. Listed below is the revised schedule for rotation of STA Chair based on STA Board policy:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Agency</u>
2009	Solano County
2010	Suisun City
2011	Fairfield
2012	Dixon
2013	Vacaville
2014	Vallejo
2015	Benicia
2016	Rio Vista

Following the Board Selection of 2010 Chair and Vice-Chair, the new Chair then is responsible for designating the Executive Committee for 2010.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Selection of the STA Chair for 2010 Commencing with the STA Board Meeting of February 10, 2010;
2. Selection of the STA Vice-Chair for 2010 Commencing with the STA Board Meeting of February 10, 2010; and
3. Request the new Chair Designate the STA Executive Committee for 2010.



DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
Brian McLean, Transit Manager Vacaville City Coach
RE: Status of Proposed American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Intercity
Subsidized Taxi Program

Background:

Two Solano Senior and Disabled Transportation Summits were held in 2009. The first Summit in June focused on determining key senior and disabled transportation issues as identified by transit users and the public and private and non-profit organizations working with seniors and the disabled. The October Summit II created a forum to explore solutions to the challenges identified at the first Summit.

Solano County's transit operators heard the issues presented at the first summit and immediately starting meeting on a regular basis and collaboratively working together to address some of the issues and concerns raised at the first summit. The transit operators have been working to develop a unified countywide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit application and a unified Paratransit ADA card to provide more consistency. The most sweeping future service change proposed was to develop an intercity subsidized taxi program for ADA paratransit customers.

Discussion:

Currently, several transit operators offer subsidized taxi programs for trips *within* their cities. Eligibility for these programs vary: some are for seniors, others for ADA disabled, or some for both. The transit operators have been working together to develop a new *intercity* taxi scrip program for ADA certified Solano residents. The transit operators have met with taxi companies in Solano County who are willing to partner with the transit agencies to offer this type of service. The intercity taxi service as proposed could eliminate the need to transfer between local public paratransit providers and increases flexibility by providing additional hours and days of service. The program plans to be rolled out in phases with the first phase being implemented in early 2010.

Phase I: Intercity Taxi Scrip, Ambulatory¹ ADA Certified

Currently, there are not a sufficient number of mobility device accessible taxi vehicles within the county that will meet the needs of all persons with disabilities. Phase I would deliver a subsidized intercity taxi service for Solano residents who are ADA certified and ambulatory. Nearly half of the existing intercity paratransit users are ambulatory. These individuals will be able to request and receive a taxi ride anywhere with Solano County at a subsidized cost of only 15% of the total taxi ride fare. The subsidized 85% of the taxi fare will be paid for by the transit agency that serves rider's residence. The operators project that this service model will be a cost-effective method of delivering intercity ADA paratransit service.

¹ Ambulatory def: able to walk

Phase II: Intercity Taxi Scrip, Non-Ambulatory ADA Certified

To offer this service to non-ambulatory ADA-certified riders, Solano taxi fleets need to acquire more accessible vehicles. Non-ambulatory riders who use scooters or wheelchairs cannot independently transfer themselves to the current standard sedan seats. Accessible taxi programs currently operate successfully in locations such as San Francisco, Oakland, and Long Beach. Phase II will require additional funding to secure equipment to be used by Solano taxi operators so that they may serve non-ambulatory ADA certified riders.

New Freedom grant applications were submitted to support this new service which the STA Board supported. Phase I is scheduled to be implemented in February 2010 and initially funded with existing funds through June 2010. There is not a set timeframe for the implementation of Phase 2 as it is contingent upon new funding and the securing of accessible vehicles.

At the Board meeting, Brian McLean, Vacaville City Coach, will provide a brief overview of the program and answer questions.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: SolanoExpress Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Annual Ridership Report

Background

Funding for Intercity Transit Routes 20, 30, 40, 78, 80, 85, and 90 is provided by the Intercity Transit Funding agreement among six cities, the County of Solano and STA (Attachment A). Collectively, these seven routes have been marketed as SolanoExpress. Fairfield and Suisun Transit's (FAST) Route 30 and 90 and Vallejo Transit's new Route 78 comprise three of the seven SolanoExpress Routes funded through this agreement and through operating agreements with FAST and Vallejo Transit policy oversight is provided by the STA Board.

The seven SolanoExpress routes deliver varying levels of service ranging from weekday peak period only to all day, seven days/week service. As a result, ridership on these routes rang from approximately 50,000 annual passenger trips for Routes 20, 30, 40 to over 400,000 for Route 80. The other three routes (Rt. 78, 85 and 90) carry between 100,000 to over 200,000 passengers trips annually (Attachment B).

Discussion:

In FY 2008-09, the overall ridership for SolanoExpress intercity routes exceeded one million riders with an increased ridership of **1.7%** from the previous fiscal year. The first six months of the year had a significant increase in ridership. The mid-year ridership statistics (July –December 2008) had an overall increase of 14% in comparison to the same time period from the previous year. The intercity routes were able to retain the new passengers that began taking transit during the fuel spike earlier in the year and also attracted more passengers. In the following six months, the unstable economy with the unemployment rate rising, gas prices declining and stabilizing, and the increase of fares started to negatively impact the intercity ridership. The ridership for the intercity routes for January – June 2009 declined 5% compared to the same time period from the previous year.

The significant ridership increase during the first six months of FY 2008-09 strongly contributed to the overall annual SolanoExpress intercity ridership increase as compared to the prior year. Vallejo Transit's Routes 80 and 85 both maintained their ridership with a 0.4% and 3% increase respectively and FAST's intercity routes' ridership increased between 5% and 23% (Attachment C).

The transit operators have finalized the year end numbers needed to determine farebox ratio. All the intercity routes exceeded the 20% farebox recovery ratio: Routes 20, 30 40, and 85 had a fare box recovery ratio of 28-31% (Attachment D). Route 30 which travels

from Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, Davis, to Sacramento is the only route showing a lower farebox recovery rate from the previous year. The reason the farebox ratio went down even though ridership increased by a strong 23% was due to the additional service initiated on Saturday, that was identified as a priority project in the Dixon Community Based Transportation Plan, and the additional morning and afternoon weekday peak trip. The peak trips provided more flexibility to Sacramento commuters, and eliminated the over-capacity problems that Route 30 was experiencing.

The strongest farebox performers are Vallejo Transit's Route 80 and FAST's Route 90 with 48% and 49% respectively. Route 90 increased by 5% while Route 80 increased by 12%. While ridership for Route 80 increased by only 1%, Vallejo Transit was successful in making this route more cost efficient by reducing service during non-peak time from every 15 minutes to 30 minutes while still maintaining ridership.

Vallejo Transit new SolanoExpress Route 78 that travels from Vallejo, Benicia, to Pleasant Hill BART and Walnut Creek BART stations had a good initial year making the RM 2 required farebox ratio of 20%. RM 2 regulations require that a new RM 2 service makes the farebox ratio of 20% by the third year and Route 78 achieved this requirement in its first year. Based on its initial year of service, Route 78 ranked 4th of 7 SolanoExpress routes in total ridership. Attachment E shows Rt. 78's ridership during FY 2008-09 during which it operated nine months (Oct thru June).

Fiscal Impact:

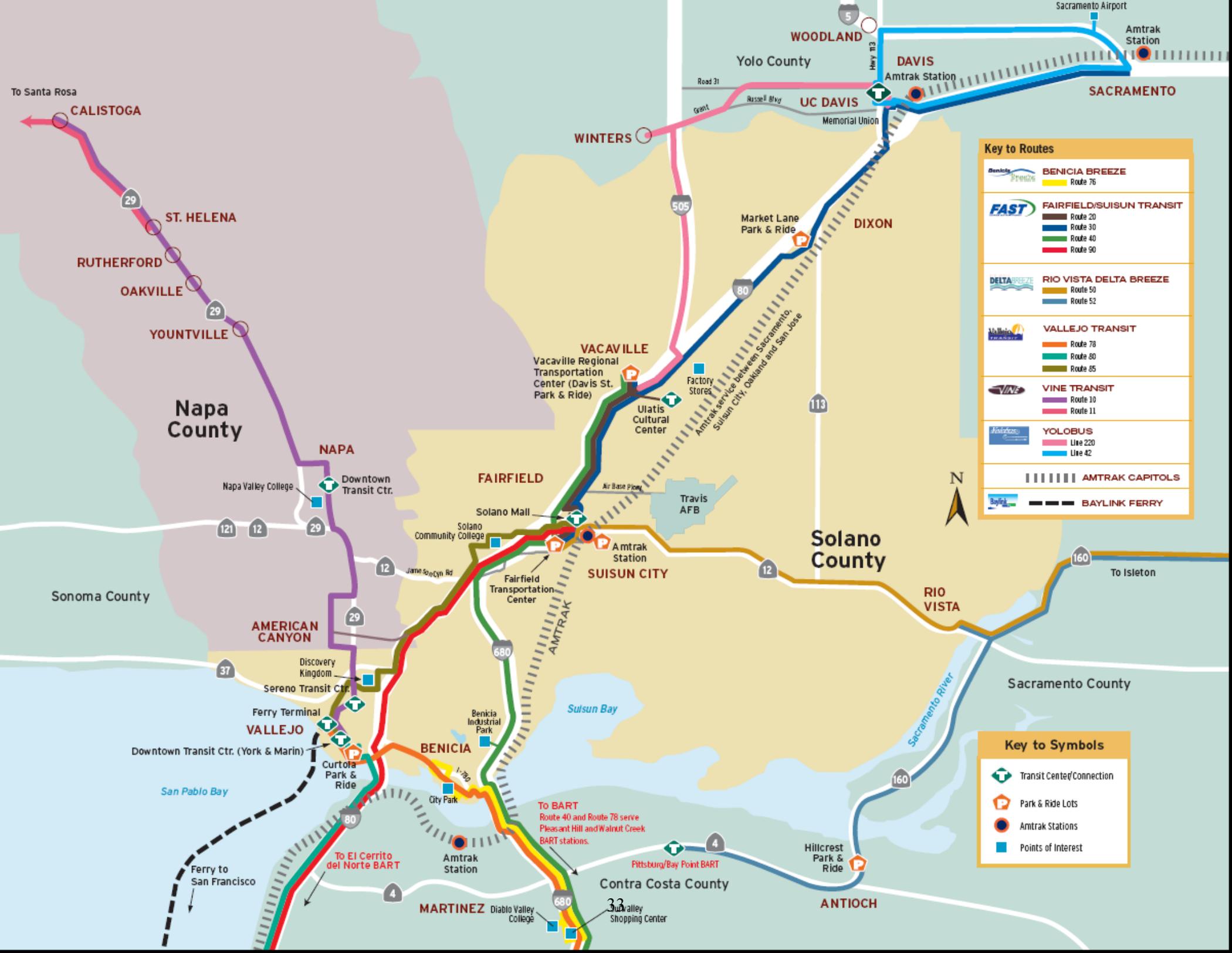
None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. SolanoExpress Bus Routes
- B. SolanoExpress Ridership FY 2008-09 (July-June)
- C. SolanoExpress Ridership Three Year Comparison
- D. SolanoExpress Farebox Ratio Comparison for FY 2007-08 to 2008-09
- E. Route 78 Ridership by Month
- F. Chronology of SolanoExpress Route Changes in FY 2008-09



Key to Routes

	BENICIA BREEZE
	Route 76
	FAIRFIELD/SUISUN TRANSIT
	Route 20
	Route 30
	Route 40
	Route 50
	RIO VISTA DELTA BREEZE
	Route 50
	Route 52
	VALLEJO TRANSIT
	Route 78
	Route 80
	Route 85
	VINE TRANSIT
	Route 10
	Route 11
	YOLOBUS
	Line 220
	Line 42
	AMTRAK CAPITOLS
	BAYLINK FERRY

Key to Symbols

	Transit Center/Connection
	Park & Ride Lots
	Amtrak Stations
	Points of Interest

To BART
Route 40 and Route 78 serve
Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek
BART stations.

To El Cerrito
del Norte BART

Ferry to
San Francisco

Pittsburg/Bay Point BART

Diablo Valley College
Walley Shopping Center

Downtown Transit Ctr. (York & Marin)

Ferry Terminal
VALLEJO

Sereno Transit Ctr.

Discovery Kingdom

AMERICAN CANYON

NAPA

Downtown Transit Ctr.

Napa Valley College

NAPA

YOUNTVILLE

OAKVILLE

RUTHERFORD

ST. HELENA

CALISTOGA

To Santa Rosa

Fairfield Transportation Center

Solano Mall

Solano Community College

AMTRAK

AMTRAK Station

SUISUN CITY

VACAVILLE

Vacaville Regional Transportation Center (Davis St. Park & Ride)

WINTERS

UC DAVIS

Memorial Union

WOODLAND

Yolo County

DAVIS

Amtrak Station

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento Airport

AMTRAK

AMTRAK Station

SUISUN CITY

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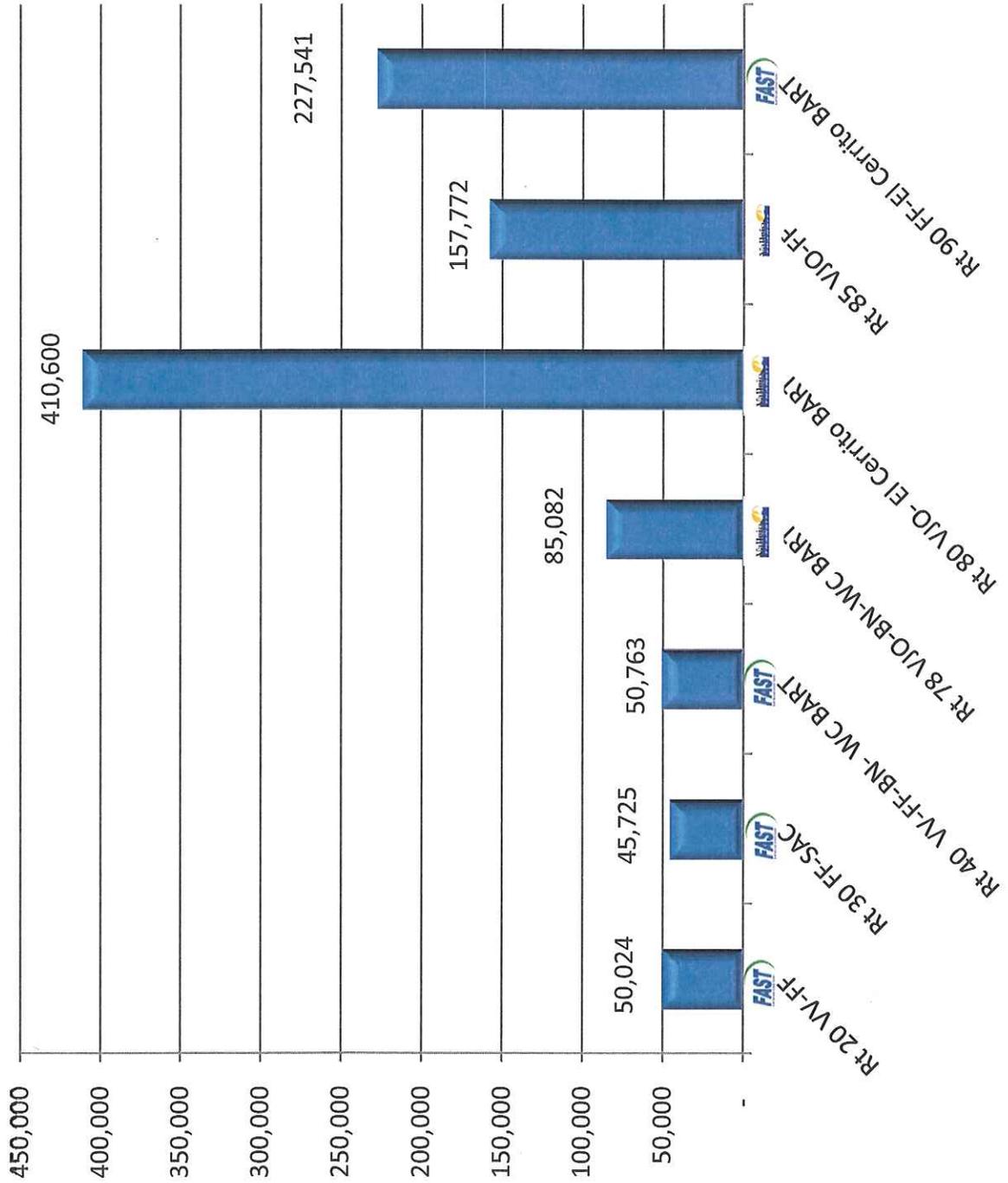
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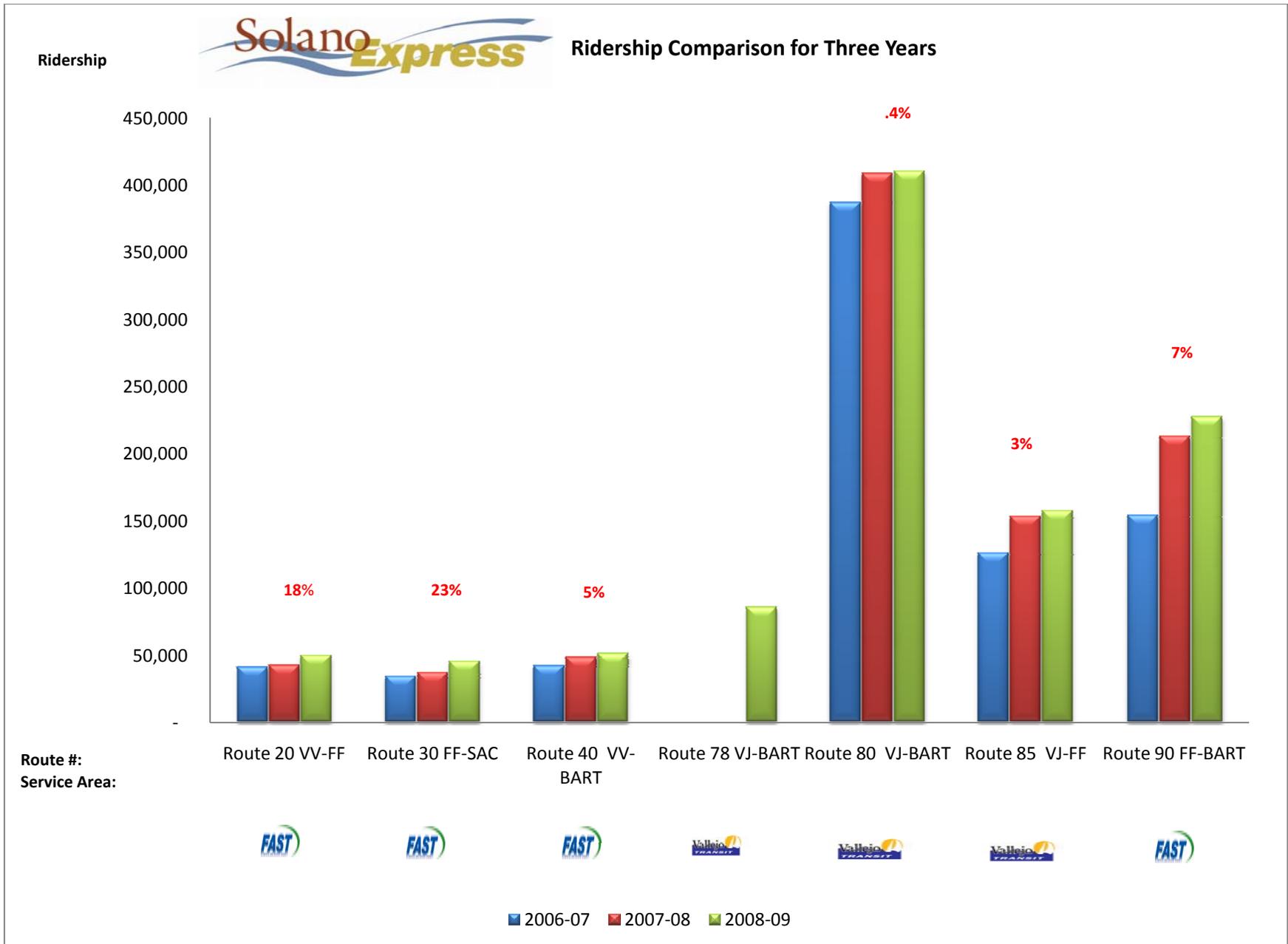
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FY 2008-09 Ridership

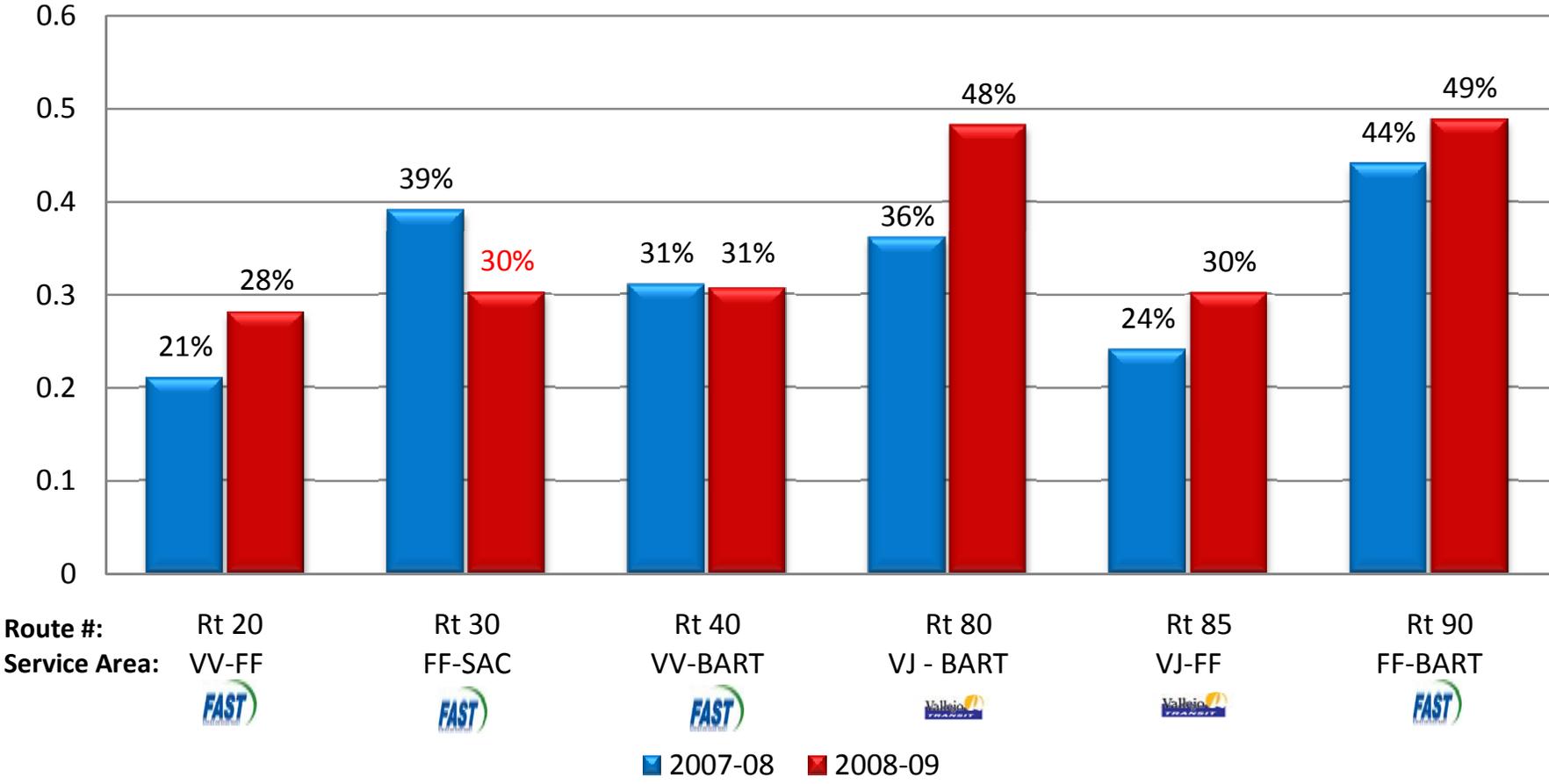


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Farebox Ratio Comparison for FY 2007-08 and 2008-09

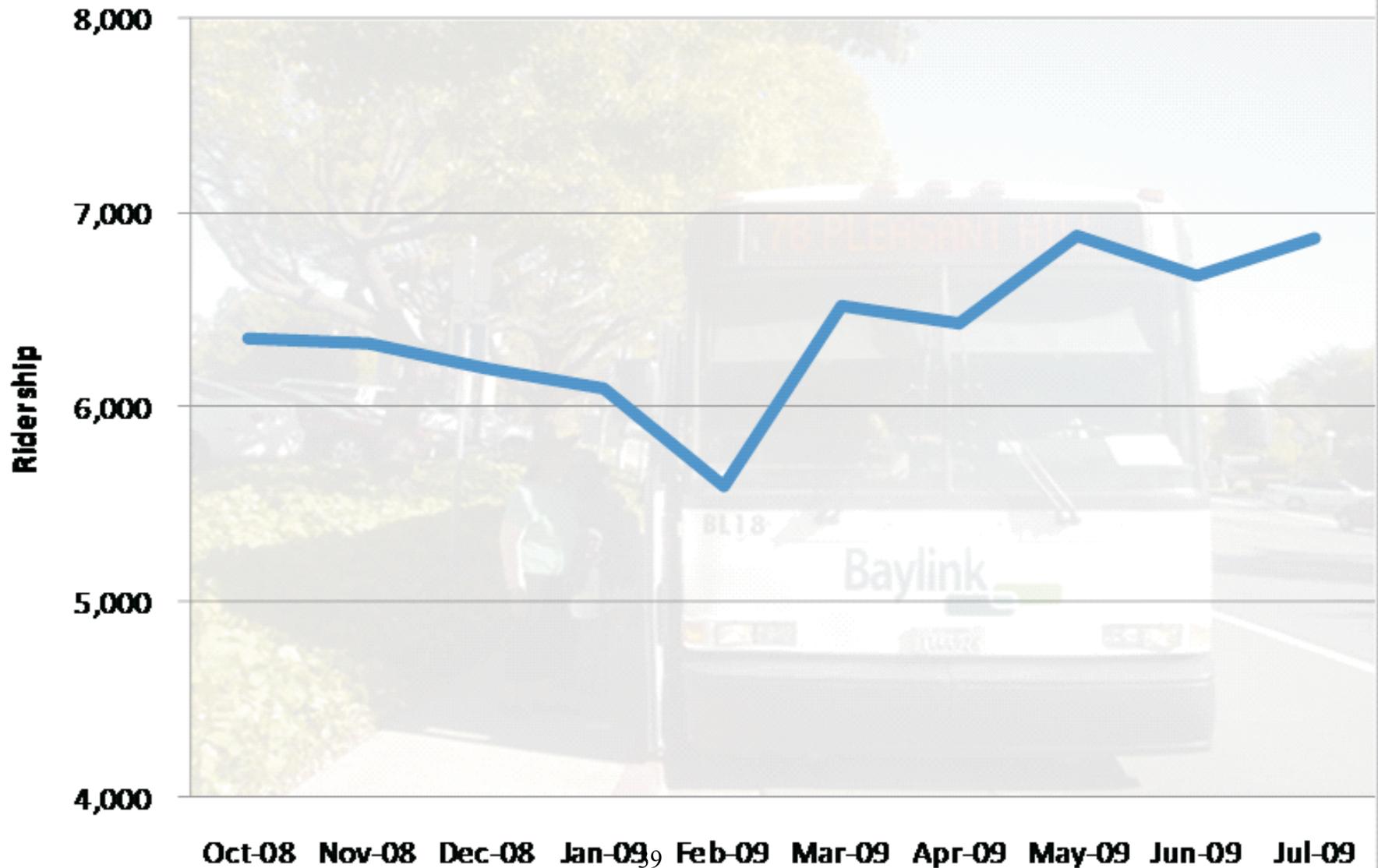




Route 78 Vallejo - Benicia - BART



ATTACHMENT E



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Chronology of SolanoExpress Route Changes in FY 2008-09

- In the past 12 months, there have been some adjustments and enhancements to the intercity routes to improve service and efficiency. Below is a brief timeline of the changes that took place last fiscal year.
- On July 1, 2008, FAST added an additional morning and afternoon peak trip on Route 30 to serve Sacramento commuters. These trips provide more flexibility to Sacramento commuters, but also eliminated the over-capacity problems that Route 30 had experienced for several months in the morning peak.
- On August 3, 2008, Vallejo Transit reduced the frequency of service on Route 80 that serves El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The reduction of service frequency was during non-peak hours from every 15 minutes to 30 minutes starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. This reduction of service was implemented to address the increasing financial impact of fuel and other costs.
- On September 6, 2008, FAST added Saturday service to Route 30 for the first time. This new service started with three roundtrips between Fairfield and Davis with stops in Vacaville and Dixon. At UC Davis, riders will be able to connect with YoloBus to travel to Sacramento International Airport or downtown Sacramento. The need for Saturday service for Dixon residents was identified as a transportation gap in the Dixon Community Based Transportation Plan. The funding to cover the cost of this service for 2 years was secured from the first cycle of Lifeline funding.
- On October 5, 2008, Vallejo Transit made additional changes to Route 80 that serves El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The route began running every 30 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. The schedule was also been adjusted for the route to run on the quarter or half hours departing from York and Marin and El Cerrito Del Norte BART for the majority of the runs.
- On October 6, 2008 Vallejo Transit started the new express service Route 78. Route 78 is an express bus service in the I-780 corridor connecting Vallejo and Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART stations.
- On November 1, 2008 FAST implemented a service change to Route 90. Route 90 added an additional 5:00 p.m. trip departing from El Cerrito del Norte BART station to accommodate peak ridership demands and eliminated a low performing trip in the non-peak to offset cost.
- On January 19, 2009, Vallejo Transit adjusted the departure time by two minutes from Walnut Creek BART on Route 78 to improve the connectivity to BART.
- On April 1, 2009, FAST increased fares on four intercity routes due to increased operating costs and to help maintain a 20% fare box ratio. The daily fare increased by 25 cents and the monthly passes increased between 13% - 36% depending on the particular zone pass.

- The STA, through a RM 2 marketing grant, offered a buy one monthly pass and get the next month free to promote Route 78 in October 2008 and June 2009. Campaign advertising promoted Benicia to BART in 22 minutes.



DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Summary of Transit Passenger Comment Cards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09

Background:

The STA staff started supplying transit operators and the public with SolanoExpress passenger comment cards in Fall 2006. By displaying these comment cards on buses, transit passengers are given a convenient tool to make comments on their transit experience. The cards are pre-addressed to the STA and postage paid making it simpler for the passenger to write down their comments and then drop it in the mail. Passengers' feedback provides the transit operators and the STA another avenue to monitor their transit system.

The passenger comment cards (Attachment A) seek information about the transit service, both positive and negative. The SolanoExpress comment cards ask the passenger to identify transit operator, route, date, and time. This information assists the transit agency in researching the issue or incident and implementing corrective actions if needed. The comments card also invites passengers to make suggestions to improve the service. These suggestions assist transit operator in noting what improvements may be needed from the passengers' perspective. Lastly, the comment cards allow the passenger to provide compliments. It is important for transit operator to receive feedback on what the passengers perceive as good service. When comments are received, they are categorized by the following:

1. Concerns
2. Suggestions
3. Exceptional Service

One comment card may have more than one category of comments.

Discussion:

For the time period of July 2008 – June 2009, STA received comments from **305** Solano County transit riders/passengers which resulted in **351** distinct comments. Passengers' comments received by mail, e-mail or phone were also tracked and included in this analysis. The summary of these comments were categorized by transit agency, service and type of comment (Attachment B).

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments

- A. SolanoExpress Comment Card (sample)
- B. Summary of Comments for July 2008 – June 2009
- C. Summary of Comments Chart

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**Passenger
Comment Card**



www.solanoexpress.com

Date _____

Time _____

Operator *(circle one)*

Benicia Breeze Dixon Read-Ride Fairfield/Suisun Transit
Rio Vista Delta Breeze Vacaville City Coach Vallejo Transit

Route _____ **I ride this bus**

(circle one) daily weekly occasionally

Tell us what you thought about this transit service today!

What was exceptional about your transit trip today?

Is there anything we could improve upon?

Name, address, phone and/or email *(optional)*

Would you like to be contacted? *(circle one)* yes no

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FAST Route 20				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	3	3
Suggestion	Service	More frequent service	2	2
Exceptional Service				0
			Grand Total	5

FAST Route 30				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	6	10
	Signage/Information	No signage in SAC and UCD	2	
	Safety	Driver speeding, driving erratic	2	
Suggestion	Service	Earlier and later service	1	1
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver compliment	2	2
			Grand Total	13

FAST Route 40				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Transfer difficulties	1	1
Suggestion	Service	More frequent service in evenings & weekends	2	2
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver compliment	1	1
			Grand Total	4

FAST Route 90				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	Driver speeding	2	22
	Schedule	Getting to Suisun difficult	4	
		Early/Late Bus	4	
	Cleanliness	Bus dirty	1	
	Service	Transfer difficulties	3	
Information	No bus schedules/no comment cards	8		
Suggestion	Service	Another bus leaving BART after 5:00 pm	4	24
		Weekend & later service	5	
		More stops at Suisun Amtrak	1	
		Do not use small buses on route	3	
	Fare Media	Lower fares, single fare media, more outlets	3	
		Do not raise fares	3	
Information	Provide more information/incentives/newsletter	3		
Bike Racks	Need bike racks	2		
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Good service	21	31
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	10	
			Grand Total	77

FAST Local Service				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Bus do not run often after school	1	10
		New Base Route a mess	2	
		Early/Late Bus	2	
		No one answers information line	1	
		Transfer Difficulties	1	
	Amenities	No parking available/no shelter	2	
Cleanliness	Bus dirty	1		
Suggestion	Service	More service	3	3
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	No stress, comfort, ease	1	5
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	4	
			Grand Total	18

Vallejo Transit Route 78				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Customer Service	Driver Issues	4	13
	Schedule	Transfer difficulties	4	
	Service	Early/Late Bus	3	
	Signage	Confusing signs at PH BART	2	
Suggestion	Service	Southampton Stop	2	3
		Stop at Kohl's	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver Compliment	2	2
Grand Total				18

Vallejo Transit Route 80				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	Driver speeding	2	48
	Schedule	Early/Late Bus	31	
	Customer Service	Driver Issues	5	
		Bus Wrap -Can't see out	4	
	Service	Crowded Bus	6	
Suggestion	Customer Service	Add WI-Fi	1	7
		Prohibit Cell Use	2	
	Fare Media	Lower fares, single fare media	2	
	Information	Update Website & Schedules	2	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Good Service	10	18
	Exceptional Driver	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	8	
Grand Total				73

Vallejo Transit Route 85				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	12	16
	Customer Service	Rude Driver	2	
	Information	No bus schedules/Bad information	2	
Suggestion	Schedule	Weekends run every hour	2	4
	Customer Service	Need bench at Cordelia	2	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Great service to Six Flags	2	3
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	1	
Grand Total				23

Vallejo Transit Local Service				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	WC restraint tie improperly	1	14
	Service	Early/Late Bus	12	
		Takes too long	1	
Suggestion	Customer Service	Need more benches	1	8
	Service	Sunday Service	6	
		Plan & organize routes better	1	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Great Service	4	8
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	4	
Grand Total				30

Benicia				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Dial-a-Ride	Dial-a -Ride does not operate all day	1	4
	Service	Early/Late Bus	1	
	Customer Service	Transfers for Route 78	2	
Suggestion	Local -Route 21 & 22	More frequent service	3	5
	Local	Add a stop on H Street	1	
	Route 75/78	Don't eliminate Southampton stop to BART	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver was friendly and helpful	5	5
			Grand Total	14

RM2 Marketing Campaign				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Marketing	Remove ads from buses	1	1
Suggestion	Customer Service	More promotions	5	5
Exceptional Service	Marketing	Ferry Duo	19	42
		10-Ride Promotion	23	
			Grand Total	48

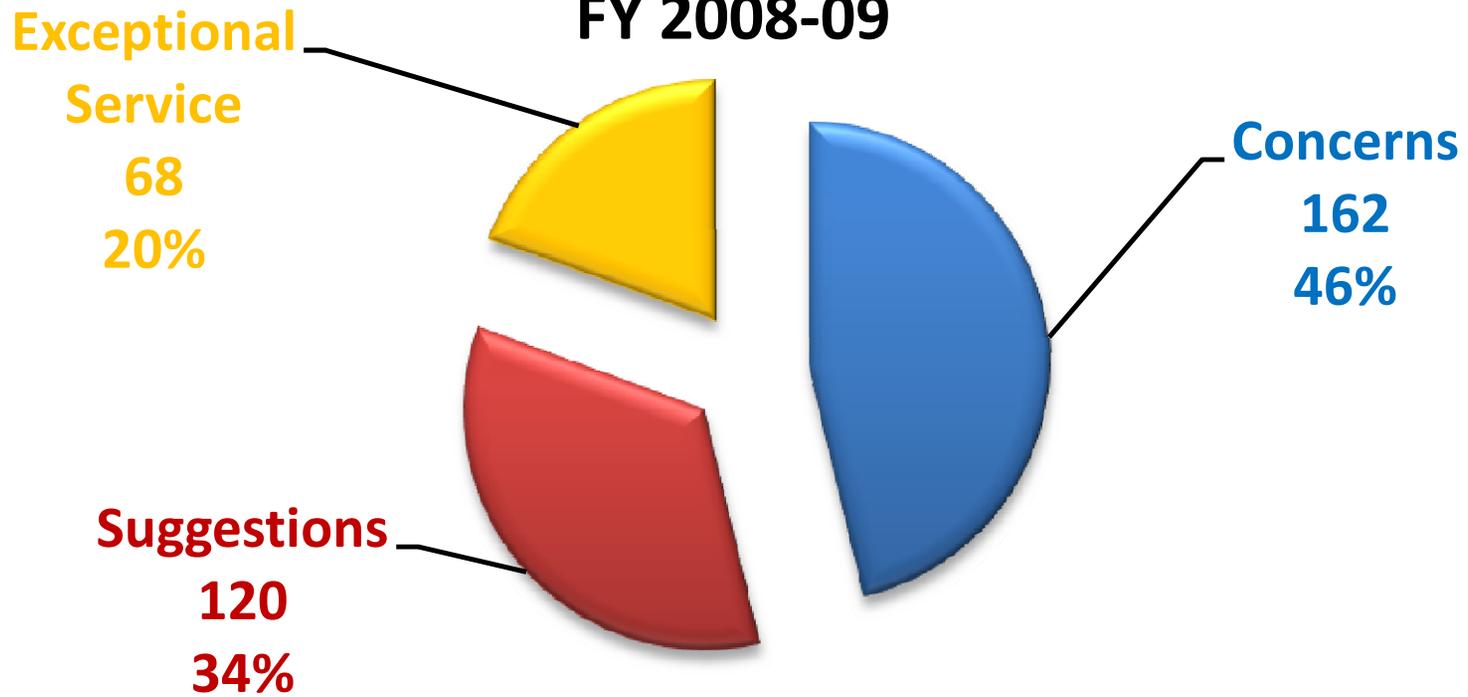
Solano Paratransit				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Scheduling problems	9	19
	Service	Excessive Ride	2	
		Stranded	2	
		Early/Late Bus	1	
	Mechanical	Lift not working	2	
Customer Service	Long phone wait, driver, no returned calls	3		
Suggestion	Service	Drop off location	1	2
	Customer Service	More Information from Drivers	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver	1	1
			Grand Total	22

Vacaville City Coach				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Route 4	1	1
Suggestion	Bus Stops	More benches	1	2
	Fare Media	Lower fare	1	
Exceptional Service	Service	Dependable service	3	8
	Customer Service	Drivers are great, friendly, helpful	5	
			Grand Total	11

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351 Comments FY 2008-09



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DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Janet Adams, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
RE: Priority Federal Economic Stimulus Projects in Solano County

Background:

The economy across the country has declined over the last year. In reaction to this decline, the federal government provided funds to local governments, state, and regional transportation agencies for projects that would stimulate the economy by producing jobs. One of the sectors that received a federal investment was infrastructure, specifically transportation, including transit capital projects. The original federal economic stimulus funded projects are either completed or in process of completion. Attachment A provides details for the transportation projects for Solano County that have already received federal stimulus funding.

Discussion:

There has been discussion in Washington D.C. regarding the provision of additional stimulus funds for transportation. Once a more defined framework of this federal bill exists, the STA will need to quickly adopt and program priority projects. Should this occur, it is expected the process to again require quick turnaround for programming to specific projects. In response to this potential, the STA staff requested each jurisdiction to provide a priority list of projects eligible for federal funding and ready to be obligated in the next 120 days. Attachment B is the compilation of this request. This attached list will be the basis of programming funds to projects should the timelines for programming be condensed. Staff will keep the Technical Advisory Committee and the STA Board informed on this issue.

Fiscal Impact:

None, as this action does not affect any expenditure of funds by the STA. However, should the STA be successful in being the lead for a new project funded by this pending federal economic stimulus bill, it would add an additional project to STA's Overall Work Program.

Recommendation:

Adopt the Federal Economic Stimulus Solano County project list for transportation as shown on Attachment B.

Attachments:

- A. Existing Solano County Federal Economic Stimulus Projects
- B. Priority Solano County Federal Economic Stimulus Projects – January 2010

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Existing ARRA Local Street & Road Projects

Tier	Local Agency	Project Title/Description/Location	ARRA \$	Status as of January
T1	City of Benicia	Benicia - East 2nd Street Overlay	\$400,000	In Construction
T1	City of Dixon	Dixon - Various Streets and Roads Rehabilitation	\$300,000	Complete
T1	City of Fairfield	Fairfield - Gateway Boulevard Resurfacing	\$900,000	Awarded
T1	City of Fairfield	Fairfield - East Tabor Ave Resurfacing	\$900,000	In Construction
T1	County of Solano	Solano County - Various Streets Overlay	\$2,000,000	Complete
T1	City of Suisun City	Suisun City - Sunset Avenue Road Rehabilitation	\$700,000	In Construction
T1	City of Vacaville	Vacaville - Peabody Road/Marshall Rd Pedestrian Safety Imps	\$260,000	Complete
T1, T2	City of Vacaville	Vacaville - Various Streets Overlay	\$1,330,000 + \$46,000	In Construction
T1	City of Vacaville	Vacaville - GPS EVP System project	\$320,000	In Construction
T1, T2	City of Vallejo	Vallejo - Downtown Vallejo Streetscape	\$1,600,000 + \$538,000	Awarded
T1	City of Vallejo	Vallejo - Various Streets Overlay	\$1,020,000	In Construction
Tier	Local Agency	Project Title/Description/Location	ARRA \$	Status as of January
T2	City of Dixon	Stratford Avenue Rehabilitation	\$218,000	Advertised
T2	City of Fairfield	Suisun Valley Rehabilitation	\$538,000	Pending Environmental Clearance
T2	County of Solano	Stimulus Overlay Project Phase 2	\$360,000	Advertised
T2	City of Suisun City	Main Street Rehabilitation	\$170,000	Received E-76

Existing ARRA Local Street & Road Projects

Tier	Local Agency	Project Title/Description/Location	ARRA \$	Status as of January
TE	City of Benicia	State Park Bridge Overcrossing	\$320,000	Awarded
Safety	City of Fairfield	McGary Road Safety Improvement	\$1,000,000	Received E-76
TE	City of Fairfield	McGary Road Enhancement	\$640,000	Received E-76
TE	County of Solano	Old Town Cordelia Enhancement Phase 2	\$800,000	Open Bid on Nov.

Existing ARRA Transit Tier 1 Projects

Agency	Project	Amount	Contract Award Date	Anticipated Award Date
Fairfield	FAST Preventive Maintenance	\$550,000	Existing	
Fairfield	MCI bus repower (9)	\$1,150,000		*11/30/2009
Fairfield	Bus Purchase/replacements (3)	\$417,747		*11/30/2009
Fairfield	GFI Fareboxes	\$1,017,238		*11/30/2009
Vacaville	Fixed Route bus replacement	\$1,734,372	3/31/2009	
Vacaville	Vacaville Intermodal Station	\$482,702		11/11/2009
Vallejo	Rehab/Preventative Maintenance	\$4,000,000	Existing	
Vallejo	Ferry Terminal ADA, Rehab	\$800,000		10/27/2009
Vallejo	Bus Maintenance Facility	\$812,324		10/27/2009
Vallejo	Repower Ferry Engines	\$2,000,000		10/27/2009
Benicia	Fueling Station Upgrade	\$60,000		9/30/2009
Benicia	Replace 12 Bus Shelters	\$72,000		9/30/2009

*Reviewing several piggyback options

Existing ARRA Transit Tier 2

ARRA Tier 2 Contingency Projects may be funded if any region projects in Tier 1 experience delivery obstacles.

Agency	Project	Amount
Fairfield	Bus Replacement (6)	\$ 788,484
Vacaville	Vacaville Intermodal	\$ 527,655
Vallejo	Vallejo Station	\$2,009,466

ARRA Supplemental Funding

Agency	Project	Amount	TEAM Grant Started	FTA Transfer Requested	Obligated in Grant Deadline
Fairfield	GFI Fareboxes	\$172,340	Yes	In progress	11/30/09
Vacaville	Electronic Fareboxes	\$115,330	Yes	Yes	11/30/09
Vallejo	Vallejo Transit Center	\$439,212	Yes	Yes	11/30/09

ARRA FTA Section 5311

Agency	Projects	Amount	Anticipated Contract Award Date
Dixon	Preventative Maintenance	\$48,000	Existing
Dixon	Municipal Service Center	\$381,676	11/30/2009
Rio Vista	Preventative Maintenance	\$75,000	Existing
STA	Paratransit Buses	\$300,000	*11/30/2009

*Waiting for State contract for buses to be awarded by Caltrans

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Sponsor	Project Name	Type of Project	Amount Request for Future Stimulus Fund
City of Fairfield			
	UNION AVE (From Ohio Street to 815ft S/O West Texas Boulevard)	Rehab	\$ 137,856
	DAHLIA ST (From Heath Drive to Heather Drive)	Rehab	\$ 86,400
	E PACIFIC AVE (From North Texas Street to Dover Avenue)	Rehab	\$ 86,400
	PITTMAN RD (From 1000ft North of Redwood Mdw Ln to Link Road)	Rehab	\$ 144,000
	CHADBOURNE RD (From city limits to Cordelia Road)	Rehab	\$ 370,120
	WALTERS PL (From Walters Court to the end)	Rehab	\$ 44,280
City of Suisun City			
	Main Street Rehabilitation Phase 2 (From Solano Street to Lotz Way)	Rehab	\$ 650,000
City of Vacaville			
	Traffic Signal Controller	/	\$ 545,000
	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis Drive to Leisure Town Road)	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 700,000
City of Dixon			
	West A Street Pavement Rehab (Between Pitt School Road and Gateway Drive)	Rehab	\$ 625,000
City of Vallejo			
	DOWNTOWN STREETScape PHASE 1B	Bike/Pedestrian	\$ 4,500,000
	VARIOUS STREETS OVERLAY	Rehabilitation	\$ 2,500,000
	Ferry Terminal	Transit Improvements	\$ 600,000
	AVLS/GPS for Buses	Transit Security	\$ 1,200,000
	Vallejo Station Intermodal Facility	Transit Construction	\$ 50,000,000
	Base Radio Equipment (Bus)	Transit Improvement	\$ 500,000
	Upgrade Bus Fareboxes	Transit Improvements	\$ 1,500,000
	Bus Security Cameras	Transit Security	\$ 300,000
	Bus Stop Security	Transit Security	\$ 300,000
	Bus Maintenance Facility Furniture and Fixtures	Transit Improvements	\$ 150,000
	2 Hybrid Buses	Transit Vehicles	\$ 1,200,000
City of Benicia			
	Industrial Way Overlay (From 400' north of Teal Drive to South of Lake Herman Road)	Rehab	\$ 550,000
	Military West (From East of W-7th Street to West of Drolette Way)	Rehab	\$ 132,000
	Military West (From West of W-5th Street to East of W-7th Street)	Rehab	\$ 117,000
	Rose Drive (From East of Panorama Drive to west of E-2nd Street)	Rehab	\$ 199,800
Solano County			
	ARRA Stimulus Overlay Project Phase 2	Rehab	\$ 350,000

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DATE: December 21, 2009
TO: STA Board
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: STA Strategic Plan for MTC Cycle-1 Block Grants

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has provided funds to the Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) such as STA, to conduct planning and programming activities in a number of categories. The source of these funds is primarily the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ). MTC has lobbied for Federal transportation funding categories to be reduced in number and consolidated into block grants in order to simplify administration and maximize flexibility, and the CMAs have lobbied MTC to do the same. With adoption of the new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), MTC has initiated a new CMA block grant program.

Discussion:

For the first 3-year funding cycle Block Grants under the newly-adopted RTP, MTC has consolidated funding into three categories:

- Local Streets and Roads Rehabilitation (LS&R)
- County Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC)
- Regional Bicycle Program

It should be noted that MTC has not consolidated all of its programs into this CMA block grant approval. For example, MTC will still separately administer and allocate funds for the Freeway Performance Initiative, Climate Change, Safe Routes to School, Regional TLC and Transit Capital Rehabilitation. CMAs will have the option to administer the Safe Routes to School funding for their respective counties in addition to the CMA block grant process.

The allocation formulas for each of the three differ slightly, but all are based in general upon population and mileage data. For the 9 Bay Area counties, the total Cycle 1 block grant funds total \$126.8 million, or \$42.3 million per year. Sixty-two percent of the block grant money is in the Local Streets & Roads (LS&R) category. The total amount available to STA for the first cycle is estimated to be \$9,449,000 for all three categories.

In order to aid in their countywide planning efforts, MTC has authorized the CMAs to budget 4% of the block grant funds for planning. These funds can be used for a broad range of planning activities that relate to transportation. For STA, the 4% planning funds will amount to \$125,987 per year. Use of these funds for STA planning can free up other, less restricted fund sources that are currently used, can support other agency activities to move specific projects forward and will help offset the projected reduction in STIP PPM funds expected to occur with the expected reduction in STIP funds over the next few years. STA staff plans to recommend STA dedicate 4% for CMA planning. The following funds are available for distribution to the cities and county:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
LS&R	\$6,178,540	\$2,059,520
County TLC	\$1,597,440	\$ 532,480
Regional Bicycle	\$1,295,040	\$ 431,680

MTC proposes to allow CMAs to be flexible with the spending of the block grant funds. Each CMA can move up to 20% of the funds from one block grant category to another. If a CMA wishes to move more than 20% of the funds out of any one category, it can seek permission to do so from the MTC. STA will discuss the potential of flexing funds between categories with the TAC and the Board at a future meeting.

As a part of the block grant program, MTC is requiring each CMA to develop a strategic plan for use of the block grant funds within their county. Draft block grant strategic plans are due to MTC by April 1, 2010. A final list of projects for block grant funding is due to MTC by July 30, 2010. This means that the first fiscal year of the 3-year funding cycle will be done when the project list is submitted, so 50% of the cycle funds must be expended in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11, with the remainder in FY 2011-12. Projects programmed for FY 2010-11 will need to obligate funds by April 30, 2011; projects programmed in FY 2011-12 will need to obligate funds by April 30, 2012.

Aside from the three categories discussed above, the block grant strategic plan must also include the CMA's approach to the LS&R distribution formula if it differs from the standard formula (25% weight each given for a jurisdiction's population, lane mileage, arterial and collector shortfall and preventive maintenance performance), consideration may be given to smaller agencies for federal fund swaps or advancement of projects in Cycle 1. In addition, the block grant strategic plan must address the Complete Streets approach and, a plan for supporting Priority Development Areas. The STA has already adopted the Regional LS&R formula for allocation of streets and roads funds in Solano County.

In order to develop a block grant project list and strategic plan, STA staff proposes to use the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) project list, including the bicycle, pedestrian and TLC plan project lists, and the priority projects identified by each of the cities and the county. The resulting list can then be used by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees and the TAC to develop recommendations that are ultimately acted upon by the STA Board.

This item was present as an information item at the STA Technical Advisory Committee on December 16, 2009. Staff plans to further discuss with the TAC and the Board at a future meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The block grant strategic plan will guide the programming of \$9,449,000 in federal STP and CMAQ funds, to be allocated in FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
RE: Funding Opportunities Summary

The following funding opportunities will be available to STA member agencies during the next few months. Also attached are summary fact sheets for each program. Please distribute this information to appropriate departments within your jurisdiction.

Fund Source	Application Available From	Application Due
TIGER Grants for Surface Transportation	None available. All questions must be submitted in writing via email to: TigerTeam@dot.gov .	N/A ¹
Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program (for Sacramento Metropolitan Area)	Gary A. Bailey, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (916) 874-4893	None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (for San Francisco Bay Area)	Anthony Fournier, BAAQMD (415) 749-4961	None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) – Grants Made Easy*	Donna Black OTS Coordinator (916) 509-3015	January 31, 2010
California OTS – General OTS Grants*	Donna Black OTS Coordinator (916) 509-3015	January 31, 2010
Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Program*	N/A; Please feel free to contact Sara Woo for more information Solano Transportation Authority (STA) (707) 399-3214	Application Available (tentative) March 2010

* New funding opportunity

¹Note regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (also referred to as “Stimulus Bill”): The ARRA has some competitive grant programs, which are separate from ARRA funds available through Caltrans and MTC. Details and guidelines regarding the competitive ARRA grants are continuing to be developed. Please visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do> and browse by category for the most up-to-date information as it may change after the date of this report.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grants

Anticipated Application Deadline Not Available

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the ARRA TIGER Grants for Surface Transportation is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Public transportation agencies.

Program Description: This program will provide grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will assist in surface transportation infrastructure projects.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.5 billion is available nationwide through September 30, 2011 for the Secretary of Transportation to make grants on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects. \$20 million minimum; \$300 million maximum.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Further Details: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/>
The U.S. Department of Transportation is in the process of developing criteria for this program. Caltrans, MTC, and STA will work with the cities and County of Solano to allocate the funds when the criteria are available.

Program Contact Person: Mr. Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation Region 9 (415) 744-3133

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant, (707) 399-3214 swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program
For Sacramento Metropolitan Area
Application Due On First-Come, First-Served Basis

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Program Description: The Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ERP), an extension of the Carl Moyer Program, provides grant funds to replace Tier 0, high-polluting off-road equipment with the cleanest available emission level equipment.

Funding Available: Approximately \$10 million is available.

Eligible Projects: Examples:

- Install particulate traps
- Replace older heavy-duty engines with newer and cleaner engines and add a particulate trap
- Purchase new vehicles or equipment that is cleaner than the law requires
- Replace heavy-duty equipment with electric equipment
- Install electric idling-reduction equipment

Further Details: <http://www.airquality.org/mobile/moyererp/index.shtml>

Program Contact Person: Gary A. Bailey, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District,
(916) 874-4893
gbailey@airquality.org

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
(707) 399-3214
swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program

For San Francisco Bay Area

Application Due On First-Come, First-Served Basis

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Program Description: Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program provides incentive grants for cleaner-than-required engines, equipment and other sources of pollution providing early or extra emission reductions. Eligible projects include cleaner on-road, off-road, marine, locomotive and stationary agricultural pump engines.

Funding Available: Approximately \$20 million is available.

Eligible Projects: Examples:

- Install particulate traps
- Replace older heavy-duty engines with newer and cleaner engines and add a particulate trap
- Purchase new vehicles or equipment that is cleaner than the law requires
- Replace heavy-duty equipment with electric equipment
- Install electric idling-reduction equipment

Further Details: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Carl-Moyer-Program.aspx>

Program Contact Person: Anthony Fournier, Environmental Planner, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), (415) 749-4961, afournier@baaqmd.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant, (707) 399-3214, swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities
Planning Program**

Application Available (tentative) March 2010

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Grant is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities and Counties.

Program Description: The Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Program provides funds to assist entities in developing a master urban greening plan that will ultimately result in projects to help the State meet its environmental goals and the creation of healthy communities.

Funding Available: Requests for funding are limited to a maximum amount of \$250,000. Larger grant awards may be considered for organizations that work together to develop joint planning documents that cover all jurisdictions involved.

Eligible Projects:

- Development of an urban greening plan
- Development and coordination of urban greening plans

Further Details: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/>

Program Contact Person: N/A; please contact STA staff, Sara Woo for more information regarding this program.

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
(707) 399-3214
swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) –
Grants Made Easy
Application Due January 31, 2010

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the California OTS – Grants Made Easy is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

- Eligible Project Sponsors: Local law enforcement agencies.
- Program Description: OTS – Grants Made Easy provides funding for three programs: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), DUI enforcement and Awareness Program (DUI), and Vehicle Impound Program (VIP)
- Funding Available: Unspecified amount at this time. These grants are a one year grant period (October 1 through September 30).
- Eligible Projects:
- Full Time and Overtime Program
 - Overtime Only Program
- Further Details: http://www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/Apply/GME_2011.asp
- Program Contact Person: Donna Black, OTS Coordinator,
(916) 509-3015
dblack@ots.ca.gov
- STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
(707) 399-3214
swoo@sta-snci.com
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) –
General OTS Grants
Application Due January 31, 2010

TO: STA Board
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the California OTS – General OTS Grants is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Political subdivisions of the state are eligible to apply for and receive OTS grant funding. In addition to state governmental agencies, state colleges, and state universities, subdivisions of the state include local city and county government agencies, school districts, fire departments, and public emergency services providers.

Program Description: OTS – General OTS Grants

Funding Available: Unspecified amount at this time.

- Eligible Projects:
- Projects/programs to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies
 - Expand on-going activity (e.g., program maintenance, research, rehabilitation, construction)
 - Develop a new program

Further Details: http://www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/Apply/Proposals_2011.asp

Program Contact Person: Donna Black, OTS Coordinator,
(916) 509-3015
dblack@ots.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
(707) 399-3214
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DATE: January 4, 2009
TO: STA Board
FROM: Johanna Masiclat, Clerk of the Board
RE: STA Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2010

Discussion:

Below is the STA Board meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2010.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STATUS
Jan. 13, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Feb. 10, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
March 10, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
April 14, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
May 12, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
June 9, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
July 14, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
No Meeting in August			
Sept. 8, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
October 13, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Nov. 10, 2010, 13th STA Annual Awards Ceremony	6:00 p.m.	TBD, Suisun City	Confirmed
Dec. 8, 2010	6:00 p.m.	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed

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DATE: December 31, 2009
TO: STA Board
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director
Janet Adams, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
Sam Shelton, Project Manager
RE: Solano County Coordinated Funding Strategy – STA Board Workshop

Background/Discussion:

STA staff is recommending the creation of a coordinated funding strategy consistent with the priorities identified in the Board's adopted overall work plan and the vision defined through the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) process. It is proposed this strategy consider the projects that are currently moving forward with existing funding, opportunities to leverage grant funds, and the next programming cycle of federal and state funding. The overall amount of funds that is projected to come from the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), the Eastern Solano County Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (ECMAQ), federal annual appropriations, and future federal earmarks is estimated to be \$20 million over the next 3 years. In addition, the County has nearly \$100 million of currency programmed Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funds dedicated to transit intermodal facilities and \$79.4 million in STIP funds programmed for eight (8) projects.

This coordinated funding strategy would consider how to make these limited transportation funds work together to implement the goals outlined in the CTP in the long term and in the short term allow for the full funding and construction of priority projects. In addition, staff is recommending these investments should consider prioritizing the improved access to existing and planned intermodal facilities and prioritizing projects that partially, but not fully funded prior to starting new commitments.

Several federal, state, regional, and local funding sources will be programmed this fiscal year. It is estimated that the combined amount of funding between the first cycle of federal funding and the STIP and other local fund sources could add up to \$20 million for the next 3 years. Due to the limited amount of funding and the amount of funding needed for priority projects, staff is concerned if these funds are split between too many projects or priorities, priority projects will not get fully funded and implemented in a timely manner and the overall benefit for the county would be watered down.

Therefore, staff is proposing to develop a funding strategy to program these funds based on an overall strategy that will, complete the Board's priority projects contained in the overall work plan initially. Specifically, these resources would be combined and coordinated so they mutually benefit from each other and result in projects being fully funded and implemented faster and providing more "complete" projects. This is similar to what the STA's 10-year STIP strategy created.

This strategy is proposed to help guide the allocation of limited funding in the short term towards creating benefits around STA's current investments while deferring other priorities to later years, but still maintaining a potential commitment for future funding.

Over the past three months, the STA staff has met with each staff from local agency and collected information on current local priority projects status and refined CTP propose projects (see STA Board Item IX. A "Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Project List"). This information has helped STA staff begin developing coordinated funding strategy scenarios to address the project development needs of the entire county.

The projects submitted by local agencies to the STA mostly exceed the projected available revenue. STA staff is projecting a current project shortfall estimate of \$2.3 billion for STA and local priority projects. Despite STA and local agency staffs best efforts in coordinating and leveraging regional and federal funds, this shortfall cannot be addressed within existing and projected revenue sources. State funding is currently funding 60% (\$502M) of the funding of regional transportation projects in Solano County. As the State becomes a smaller funding partner in the projected lean State budget years to come, the STA will need to determine a narrower list of priority projects that we collectively will be able to fund and deliver. The STA Board will be presented with a summary of current projected funding revenues, and potential options to consider prior to the development of a coordinated funding strategy.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

(Note: An enlarged version of these attachments was provided to the STA Board Members under separate enclosure. To obtain a copy, you may contact the STA at (707) 424-6075.)

- A. Status of STA Priority Projects and Funding Sources, 12-31-09
- B. Overview of Funding Sources

Understanding STA Priority Projects and Funding Sources

Daryl Halls, Executive Director, (707) 424-6075, www.solanolinks.com



Five different STA strategies attempt to cover the funding shortfalls of over 20 projects in the STA's Overall Work Plan (OWP). Most strategies rely on lobbying for unpredictable Federal and State funding sources.

OWP #	Project Description	In millions		Federal 6-Year Bills & Annual Appropriations	State State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	Regional Bridge Tolls	Local 50/50 policy on regional projects	RTIF Reg Trans Impact Fee	Other Local
		Total Cost	Short	Proposed Federal Earmark Requests	10-Year Plan, Tier 1, 5 yrs Tier 2, 10 yrs Tier 3, +10 yrs	Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Listed projects	Potential 50/50 agreement projects		
Projects with Funded Phases									
Highway Projects									
7	I-80 Cordelia Truck Scales, East Bound (environmental cleared, in design)	\$ 100	\$ 0		\$50, 1B Bond	\$50			
28	SR 12 West, Jameson Canyon (Design & ROW underway)	\$ 139	\$ 0		\$74, 1B Bond \$64, STIP/other				
Highway Reliever Routes/ Local Arterials									
2	North Connector, Central/East (under construction)	\$ 30	\$ 0			\$30			
5	Jepson Parkway, Vanden Segment (Environmentally Cleared, in design)	\$ 36	\$ 0		\$36, Tier 1		\$18		
27	Travis Air Force Base South Gate Access (environmental to begin)	\$ 2.3	\$ 0	\$ 2.3	Tier 1				
Transit Projects									
31	Benicia Park-n-Ride lots / Intermodal (concept)	\$ 3	\$ 0		Tier 2	\$3			
32	Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station, Ph 1 (in design)	\$ 41	\$ 0		\$ 4, Tier 1	\$21			
32	Vacaville Intermodal Facility, Ph 1 (in construction)	\$ 11.5	\$ 0	\$ 2, 2011 + \$2, CMAQ	Tier 1	\$7.25			
32	Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility (Ph 1 & 2 fully funded)	\$ 11	\$ 0		\$ 4.3, Tier 1				
32	Vallejo Station (Ph 1 construction soon)	\$ 51	\$ 0	\$3, prior	\$14, Tier 1	\$26			
	TOTAL	\$ 425	\$ 0						
Projects with Funding Shortfalls									
Highway Projects									
1	I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Ph 1 (drafting environmental doc)	\$ 111	\$ 34	\$45, 2016	\$11, Tier 1	\$ 100 M	Partial, \$15-20		
1	I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Ph 2 (drafting environmental doc)	\$ 722	\$ 611						
3	I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), (Vallejo PSR Complete)	\$ 75	\$ 75						
4	I-80 HOV/HOT Express Lanes (concept)	\$ 232	\$ 232						
6	SR 12 East/Church Rd Interchange (concept)	\$ 4	\$ 4		Tier 3				
6	Rio Vista Bridge Replacement (study underway)	\$ 600 to 800	\$ 600 to 800						
7	I-80 Cordelia Truck Scales, West Bound (Concept)	\$ 125	\$ 125		Tier 2				
8	Highway Corridor Management (ramp metering, aux lanes, study updated)	\$ 755	\$ 755		Tier 1, Tier 2, aux lanes				
Highway Reliever Routes/ Local Arterials									
2	North Connector, West (environmentally cleared)	\$ 32	\$ 32	\$16, 2016	Tier 1		\$16		
5	Jepson Parkway, Leisure Town Segment (Environmentally Cleared)	\$ 66	\$ 66	\$TBD, 2016	\$10-15, Tier 1		\$33		
5	Jepson Parkway, Walters Extension (Environmentally Cleared)	\$ 91	\$ 91	\$TBD, 2016	\$10-15, Tier 1		\$46		
27	Travis Air Force Base North Gate Access (environmental to start soon)	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$1, FY 11, \$3, 2016	Tier 1				
41	Peabody Road (concept)	\$ 10	\$ 10				Potential \$5		
42	Dixon Parkway Blvd. Over Crossing (in design)	\$ 14	\$ 10	\$2, 2011-16	Tier 2		Potential \$7		
42	Dixon Multimodal Transit Center/Rail Station (in design)	\$ 25	\$ 25						
Transit Projects									
31	Curtola Park-n-Ride Lot (Ph 1 concept)	\$ 12	\$ 2-4		Tier 2	\$11.75			
32	Fairfield Transportation Center Ph 2 (concept)	\$ 24	\$ 8	\$4, 2011-16	Tier 2	\$7.75			
32	Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station, Ph 2 (concept)	\$ 30	\$ 30			RM2 savings from Ph 1			
32	Vacaville Intermodal Facility, Ph 2 (concept)	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 2, 2011	Tier 1				
32	Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility, Ph 3 (concept)	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.4		Tier 1				
32	Vallejo Station, Ph 2 (env cleared)	\$ 41	\$ 37	\$2, 2011-16	Tier 1	\$2			
	TOTAL	\$2,394	\$2,170	\$50-60 in next 6 years	\$0-36 in 10 yrs	No new projects	Depends on local funding		

Federal, State, Regional and Local funding sources can be either recurring funding programs or one-time windfalls that are distributed by formula or through competition. Some are more stable than others.

Federal Funds

Projects selected by U.S. Congress, FHWA, Caltrans or the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
Some earmarks will help priority projects.

Recurring Programs		One-Time Funds	
Formula	Competitive	Formula	Competitive
None	None	None	U.S. Congress earmarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual March lobbying trips. • Annual Appropriation bills (\$1-2M /yr) and new Federal Transportation Bill (TEA bill, Potential for \$15-30M in the next 6 years.) Caltrans offers many other grants through FHWA for specific projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Routes to School, Bridge Rehab, etc.

State Funds

Projects selected by State Legislators, Propositions or the California Transportation Commission (CTC).
If California loses its ability to bond for projects, all State transportation funding programs stop.

Recurring Programs		One-Time Funds	
Formula	Competitive	Formula	Competitive
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTC estimates “county target” of funding. State Highway Operation & Protection Program (SHOPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on need assessment formulas, accident statistics, pavement conditions • 10-year plan State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating funds by population 	STIP has competitive aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTC balances the STIP needs of the Bay Area and recommends projects to the CTC. • CTC makes “allocation plans” each year to prioritize programmed projects for funding, meaning even programmed projects may not receive funds (e.g., Prop 1B projects are priorities). 	Prop 1B created several programs that distribute funding directly to local agencies (e.g., State Controller to local agency). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-Local Partnership Program Account (requires 50% local match, such as a sales tax) 	Several state programs have distributed funding to specific projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation (TCRP), \$9 M for Solano County Projects. • Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), SR12 Jameson & I-80 HOV lanes. • Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF), Cordelia Truck Scales.

Regional Funds

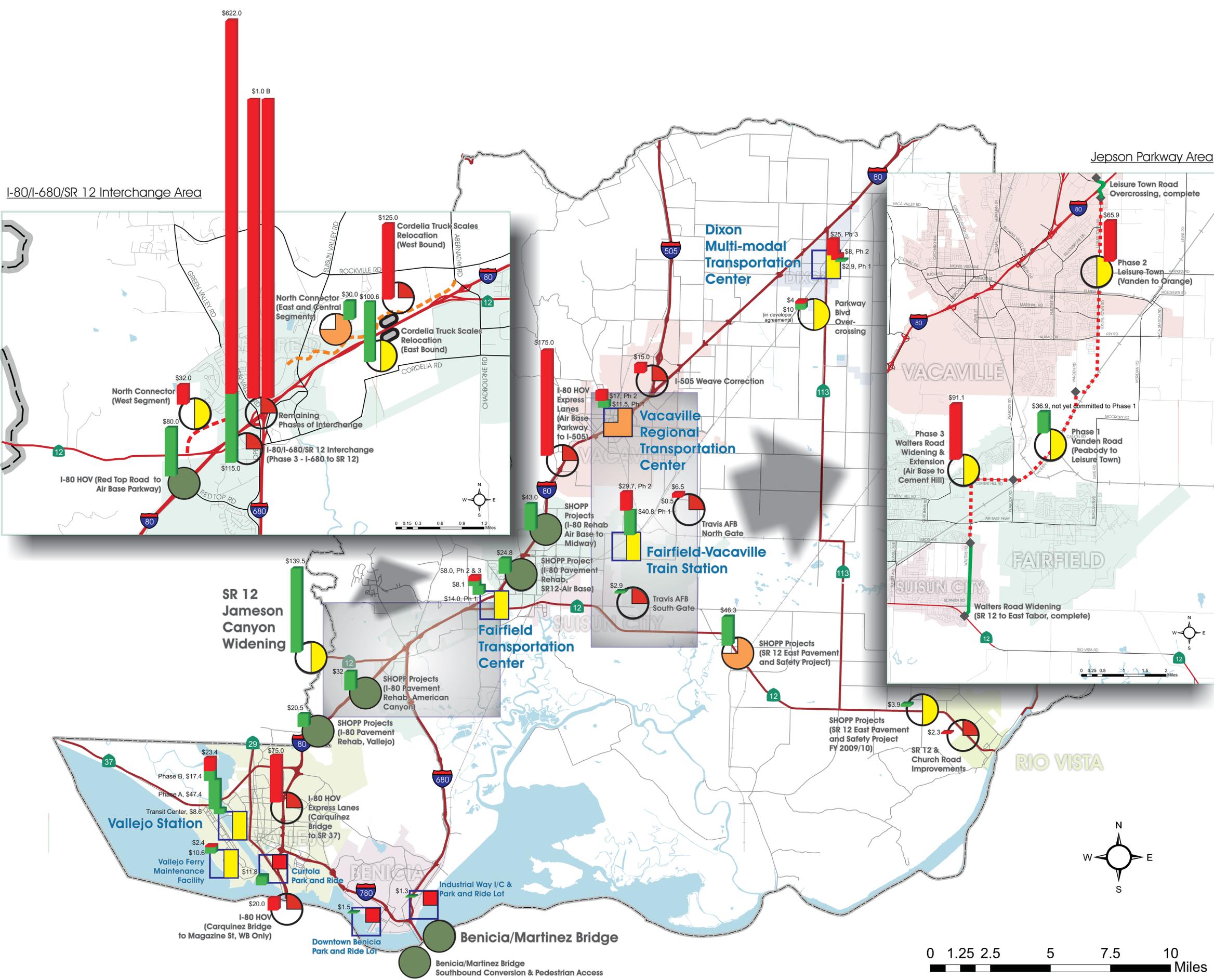
Projects selected by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
Most MTC funds will help local community projects or express lane projects.

Recurring Programs		One-Time Funds	
Formula	Competitive	Formula	Competitive
MTC’s Federal Cycle funding (TEA bills) now part of county “block grants”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Streets and Roads Rehabilitation (\$6.4 M for projects no less than \$0.25M) using 4-25%’s formula (25% shortfall, 25% population, 25% lane miles, 25% performance) Many transit operation funds are distributed through fare box recovery, population, and ridership formulas.	MTC’s Federal Cycle funding in regional grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation for Livable Communities (\$52M, \$3.6M potential for Solano) • Safe Routes to School (\$2M, \$0.14 potential for Solano) STA “Block grant” funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation for Livable Communities (\$1.6 M) • Bicycle Network (\$1.3 M) • Safe Routes to School (\$0.9 M) Climate Initiatives Program (\$6M in 6 years) Net funds from bridge tolls can be used for specific projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jameson Canyon • I-80 Interchange MTC offers limited grant funds for specific uses (e.g., engineering assistance on projects).	None.	Next Bridge Toll increase will have a specific list of funded projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solano County rail, transit centers, and HOV/HOT projects.

Local Funds

Projects selected by STA, Air Districts, local agencies.
Most funds will complement MTC local community projects while 50/50 funds will deliver priority local arterial projects.

Recurring Programs		One-Time Funds	
Formula	Competitive	Formula	Competitive
Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) Funds & Prop 42 funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are revenues paid monthly or quarterly to cities and counties from the per-gallon motor vehicle fuel tax and gas sales tax. 	Bay Area and Yolo Solano Air Districts fund clean air grant programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STA manages programs for some grant funds with Air District staff. Transportation Development Funds (TDA Art 3, 4, and 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 3 for bike/ped, (\$5-6M with clean air funds). • Article 4 & 8 for transit. 	STA 50/50 policy requires local agencies to pay 50% of the cost of regional projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Connector • Jepson Parkway Potential 50/50 projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peabody Road • Parkway Blvd 	None.

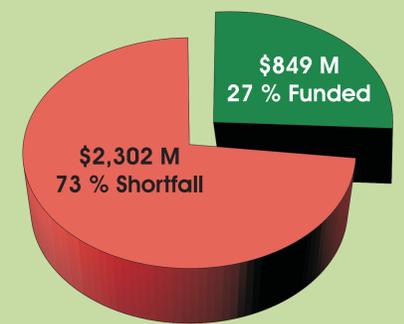


Legend

- Project Locations**
- Highway Projects
 - Transit Projects

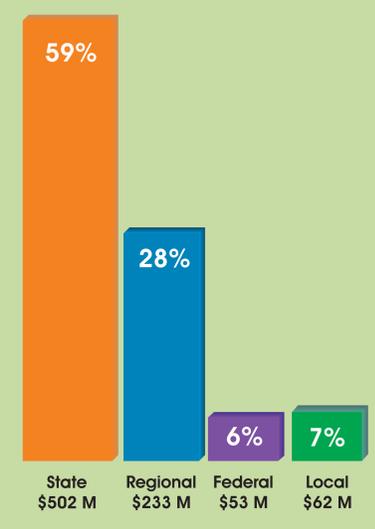
- Project Status**
- ◐ Preliminary Engineering / Environmental Analysis
 - ◑ Approved Project / Final Design / Right-of-Way
 - ◒ Under Construction
 - Project Complete

Project Funds and Shortfalls



\$ 3,151 M
Total Cost of Priority Projects

Project Funding Sources



Total Funding for Projects \$ 850 M



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