



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jim Sperring, 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.

