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Joint BAC and PAC
**JOINT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, June 1, 2009
 Start at 7:00 at Suisun City Hall**

**Suisun City Council Chambers
 701 Civic Center Blvd
 Suisun City, CA 94585**

The STA Bicycle Advisory Committee and Pedestrian Advisory Committee are citizen’s advisory committees made up of bicyclist and pedestrian advocates and supporters that help recommend funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Solano County.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>
I.	CALL TO ORDER—SELF INTRODUCTIONS (6:00 p.m.)	Lynne Williams, Chair
II.	OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT	Lynne Williams, Chair
III.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA: JUNE 1, 2009	Lynne Williams, Chair
IV.	ACTION ITEMS	
A.	TDA Article 3 Fund Allocation FY 2009-10 Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt resolutions approving the following for FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funding:	Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$270,017 for the County of Solano’s Vacaville Dixon Bike Route (this includes a transfer of \$110,000 in TDA Article 3 from the Suisun Valley Bridge Project); 2. \$85,000 for the 2009 Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update; 3. \$40,000 for the Solano Safe Routes to School Program 	
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V.	COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (7:25 p.m.)	
VI.	ADJOURNMENT-7:30 p.m.	

Questions? Please contact STA Staff, Sara Woo at (707) 399-3214, swoo@sta-snci.com



Solano Transportation Authority

STA ACRONYMS LIST OF TRANSPORTATION TERMS

Table with 4 columns: Acronym, Description, Acronym, Description. Rows are grouped by letter (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, R, S, T, U, V, W, Y, & Z).

Helpful Definitions for Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members

Below is a list of terms and acronyms that you may encounter in technical reports, plans, data, informational materials, or conversations when working with STA staff.

<u>Acronyms</u>	(Note: These acronyms have not yet been added to the “STA Acronyms List of Transportation Terms”)
ARB:	Air Resources Board
PDA:	Priority Development Area
RBPP:	Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
RBWG:	Regional Bicycle Working Group
RPC:	Regional Pedestrian Committee
SBPP:	Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Planning Agencies

MTC (MPO):	The transportation planning, coordinating, and financing agency for the nine-county Bay Area
STA (CMA):	The transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the seven-city County of Solano
MPO:	Metropolitan Planning Agency; regional planning agency
CMA:	Congestion Management Agency; local countywide planning agency

Committees

BAC:	Advisory committee to STA for implementing the Countywide Bicycle Plan
RBWG:	Ad hoc advisory committee to MTC for implementing the Regional Bicycle Plan
PAC:	Advisory committee to STA for implementing the Countywide Pedestrian Plan
RPC:	Ad hoc advisory committee to MTC for addressing pedestrian-related issues in the Bay Area



DATE : May 18, 2009
TO: STA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Allocation

Background:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding is generated by a 1/4 cent tax on retail sales collected in California's 58 counties. Two percent of the TDA funding generated, called TDA Article 3, is returned to each county from which it was generated for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers this funding for each of the nine Bay Area counties with assistance from each of the county Congestion Management Agencies (e.g. Solano Transportation Authority).

Over the last 3 years, Solano County received an average of \$391,000 annually from TDA Article 3. As part of the funding approval process, the STA works with the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees to review and recommend eligible projects for TDA Article 3 funds. In FY 2006-07, FY 2007-09 and FY 2008-09, TDA Article 3 funds were combined with MTC's Regional Bicycle Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds to create a larger pool of funding. This pool was used to fund the Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) for countywide priority bike and pedestrian projects. The Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian committees recommended approval of \$3.2 million in SBPP funds during this time period. Attachment A includes the SBPP 3-year Plan list of funded bike and pedestrian projects with a brief status summary.

MTC is currently completing the Regional Transportation Plan which includes commitments to the Regional Bicycle Program for bike projects and Regional Transportation for Livable Communities for pedestrian projects. STA staff is waiting on MTC for estimates on potential discretionary funding for each program. In the next 3 years, the only secure SBPP funding source available for allocation is TDA Article 3 funds.

Sales tax revenue has decreased dramatically due to the recent economic downturn. MTC estimates \$316,685 in TDA Article 3 will be available to allocate in FY 2009-10; however, MTC staff advised STA staff to allocate 10% less than what is estimated. Therefore, the total amount recommended for the FY 2009-10 allocation is \$285,017. The actual amount of TDA funds will be reported in July/August timeframe and any funds exceeding or decreasing the total estimated amount will be adjusted in next year's allocation.

This year's TDA Article 3 approval process was delayed due to the uncertainty of the McGary Road Bike Project. Over the last 6 months, STA staff worked to develop a funding plan for the project in coordination with the City of Fairfield, the County of Solano and the Solano Land Trust. The McGary Road Project had federal grants and earmarks which would be lost if the project wasn't identified as fully funded by March 30, 2009 (MTC obligation deadline for

federally funded projects). On December 10, 2008, the STA Board committed up to 3 years of TDA Article 3 funding to provide local match and assist in the completion of the project. On March 3, 2009, MTC approved \$1 million for the McGary Road project as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Stimulus funds. The approved funding allowed the STA flexibility to not use all three years of TDA funding. The remaining commitment of TDA Article 3 funds to the project is \$400,000 for a local match. The \$400,000 is anticipated for use in FY 2010-11 and/or FY 2011-12. This allows the STA an opportunity to allocate the estimated \$285,017 of FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funds at this time.

Discussions:

STA has \$285,017 of TDA Article 3 funds to program. The programming recommendations are explained below.

System Gap Closure

The past few years, the STA and the BAC and PAC have focused on funding four major gap closure projects identified in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan and Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan. Three of these major gap closure projects have been funded over the last 3 years by TDA, recent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and other fund sources:

1. **Central County Bikeway**
Suisun City's Class I Multi-use Path paralleling SR 12 is 99% complete. The project connects the bike and pedestrian network along the Jepson Parkway Corridor to the Capitol Corridor Train Station in Downtown Suisun City and to the bike and pedestrian railroad overcrossing which links Downtown Suisun City and Downtown Fairfield. The placement of a bike/ped bridge just north of Main Street near the SR 12 off-ramp to Downtown Suisun City is under construction.

2. **Solano Bikeway Phase II: McGary Road**
This project is a long standing priority project since McGary Road was closed in 1998. Upon completion, the project will address a major gap between the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo. This gap is regionally significant since it would provide critical access to northern and southern Solano County and beyond. The City of Fairfield, in coordination with the STA and the County of Solano, is working with Caltrans to begin the construction of a Class II bike route by summer 2009.

3. **Benicia State Park Road/I-780 Overcrossing**
This project provides a Class I Multi-use bridge connected to State Park Road over I-780, and will link east Benicia to west Benicia and beyond to the City of Vallejo. The project will address bike and pedestrian safety. The project fills a critical gap for the San Francisco Bay and Ridge Trail network. The City of Benicia is currently working with Caltrans to begin construction by summer 2009.

The last major gap closure project is underway between Vacaville and Dixon. Solano County continues to make progress by completing segments of the route as funding becomes available. Upon completion, the Vacaville-Dixon Bike Route will provide a continuous Class II bike route linking Vacaville, Dixon and Davis. The Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) recently had a call for Clean Air projects. The County of Solano submitted an application requesting \$200,000 to complete Phase 4 of the Vacaville-Dixon Bike Route. The

project would construct a 0.4 mile Class II bike route north of Weber Road towards Midway Road.

The project was recommended for \$23,000 in YSAQMD Clean Air funding. STA staff is recommending \$160,017 from available FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funds to fully fund this segment.

In addition, the County has \$110,000 of TDA Article 3 funds currently programmed for a bridge project on Suisun Valley Road that has been delayed. The County is expecting funds from the Federal Highway Bridge Program; however, this funding is delayed and could potentially delay another 6-12 months. The County technically has another year to complete the project before the TDA funds expire. The TDA Article 3 funds are currently idle while the County waits for the program to continue. County staff has indicated their interest in moving the TDA Article 3 funds to the Vacaville Dixon Bike Route. The incentive for taking this action is that the total combined TDA Article 3 funds would be \$270,017 (\$160,017 + \$110,000). This would fully construct the North-South segment on Pitt School Road, approximately 4.8 miles long. The remaining portion of the bike route is the East-West segment on Hawkins Road, approximately 5 miles.

STA staff recommends the Vacaville Dixon Bikeway Project Phase 4 for funding for the following reasons:

1. This is the last Countywide Priority Bike Project to be completed from the current list of priority bike projects.
2. This project is shovel ready and environmentally cleared; and
3. This bike route is currently included in the Solano Bike Pedestrian Program list of projects that were reviewed and approved by the BAC and PAC.

Attachment B is a letter from the County of Solano highlighting the request for TDA Article 3. The letter also outlines their proposal to transfer the \$110,000 TDA Article 3 funds from the Suisun Valley Road Bridge Project to the Vacaville Dixon Bike Route.

STA staff is recommending \$270,017 from TDA Article 3 funds to assist in funding Phase 4.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

With all four priority bicycle projects fully funded and underway, STA staff is also recommending a comprehensive update for the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. The timing for this effort is appropriate since the STA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan and its three corresponding elements are being updated. The last update for each plan was completed in 2005.

An up-to-date Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan are necessary for the County of Solano and the seven cities to obtain state and federal grants. By updating the bicycle and pedestrian plan, the STA will be in a position to utilize future discretionary funding provided by MTC through the Regional Bicycle Grant Program and Regional TLC Program when the funding becomes available. Previous efforts to update the Countywide Bicycle Plan and Countywide Pedestrian Plan cost \$50,000 each for a total of \$100,000.

STA staff is recommending \$85,000 in TDA Article 3 to create updated plans for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Safe Routes to School Matching Fund

Another priority for the BAC and PAC is the STA's Safe Routes to School Program. In the fall of 2008, the STA was awarded \$400,000 Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) Regional Grant to implement projects identified in the Solano Safe Routes to School Plan. The STA Board approved \$40,000 of Transportation Enhancements (TE) funding to assist in the Plan's implementation and to provide the necessary local match. STA Staff was notified after the fact that the TE funds cannot be used for the activities proposed as part of the TFCA grant funding. The \$400,000 TFCA grant is in jeopardy without the \$40,000 TE funding as a funding match.

Therefore, STA Staff is recommending that \$40,000 in FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funds replace the TE local match to save the TFCA grant at this time. Future TE allocations of up to \$40,000 would backfill the TDA Article 3 funds if approved by the STA Board. The Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee unanimously supported STA staff's recommendation at their April 9, 2009 meeting.

BAC and PAC Review of Recommendations

STA staff discussed these recommendations at the May 7th BAC meeting. The BAC's general consensus was that the Vacaville-Dixon bikeway project is a leading candidate for the remaining funds. However, the BAC wanted to provide an opportunity for additional projects from the SBPP 3-year Plan to be reviewed at a follow up joint meeting with the PAC. At this time, STA staff is working to schedule a joint-BAC/PAC meeting during the first week of June. Interested agencies are encouraged to attend. Any recommendations made by the joint BAC/PAC members will be reported directly to the STA Board at their June meeting.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt resolutions approving the following for FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funding:

4. \$270,017 for the County of Solano's Vacaville Dixon Bike Route (this includes a transfer of \$110,000 in TDA Article 3 from the Suisun Valley Bridge Project);
5. \$85,000 for the 2009 Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update;
6. \$40,000 for the Solano Safe Routes to School Program

Attachment:

- A. Solano Bike Pedestrian 3-Year Plan Projects List
- B. Solano County request for FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funds

ATTACHMENT A

Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) 3-Year Implementation Plan (FY 2006-07 to FY 2008-09)

Mode Application	BAC	PAC	Sponsor	Project	Request	TDA	Funding Sources MTC CMAQ	ECMAQ	TOTAL SBPP	Status
FY 2006/07					\$275,000.00	\$302,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$02,000.00	
Ped		2.3	Fairfield	Union Avenue Corridor, Phase II	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	Underway
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00	Design complete
Bike	2.5		Solano County	Abernathy Road Bridge	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00	Complete
Bike	1.1	1.6	Solano County	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	Underway
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I	\$300,000.00	\$152,000.00			\$152,000.00	Complete
Bike	2.4		Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I	\$60,000.00				\$0.00	Not Funded
Remaining						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FY 2007/08					\$4,235,000.00	\$415,458.00	\$0.00	\$464,640.00	\$880,098.00	
Both	1.3	1.1	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$900,000				\$0.00	Underway
Ped		1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$400,000				\$0.00	Not Funded
Bike	1.1	1.6	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$175,000				\$0.00	Underway
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$250,000				\$0	Funded in FY08/09
Bike	2.3		Solano County	Suisun Valley Road Bridge	\$110,000	\$110,000			\$110,000	Funding requested to be transferred to Vaca Dixon Bikeway
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II	\$1,000,000	\$215,458		\$127,542	\$343,000	Complete
Bike	2.4		Suisun City	Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II	\$90,000				\$0.00	Not Funded
Ped		2.2	Suisun City	Marina Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure	\$110,000				\$0.00	Not Funded
Both	1.2	1.5	Vacaville	Nob Hill Bike Path	\$300,000			\$300,000	\$300,000	Complete
Both	2.1	2.4	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis to Leisure Town)	\$1,000,000	\$90,000		\$37,098	\$127,098	Complete
Remaining						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FY 2008/09					\$5,700,000.00	\$456,000.00	\$1,396,000.00	\$506,000.00	\$2,358,000.00	
Both	1.3	1.1	Benicia	State Park Road Bridge Project	\$1,000,000.00	\$271,000.00	\$671,000.00		\$942,000.00	Underway
Ped	1.6	1.7	Fairfield	Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)	\$50,000.00				\$0.00	Not Funded
Bike	1.1	1.6	Fairfield	McGary Road Regional Bike Path	\$650,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$640,000.00		\$825,000.00	Underway
Ped		1.2	Fairfield	West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II	\$300,000.00		\$85,000.00		\$85,000.00	Project Not Underway-Funding may need to be transferred
Both	1.5	1.4	Solano County	Old Town Cordelia Improvements	\$500,000.00				\$0.00	Funded w/ TE funds
Bike	1.4		Solano County	Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III	\$1,000,000.00			\$337,000.00	\$337,000.00	Underway
Both	1.7	2.1	Suisun City	McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II	\$200,000.00				\$0.00	Not Funded-First phase complete
Both	2.1	2.4	Vacaville	Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)	\$1,200,000.00			\$169,000.00	\$169,000.00	Project underway
Both	2.2	1.3	Vallejo	Vallejo Station Pedestrian & Bicycle Links	\$800,000.00				\$0.00	Not Funded
Remaining						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	



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May 13, 2009

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RE: Vacaville - Dixon Bicycle Route Phase 4

Dear Robert:

As you know, the Vacaville – Dixon Bike Route is one of the STA’s priority bicycle projects in Solano County. Solano County has now completed construction of the first two phases of the bike route and is nearing completion of Phase 3. The work consisted of adding Class 2 bike lanes to about four miles of Pitt School Road south of Dixon. Bids for the third phase of the project, which were just opened this March, came in substantially lower than expected, so we were able to construct more of the project with this phase than originally anticipated.

At this point there are only two more segments of the north-south (Pitt School Road) portion of the Bike Route to be done.

Phase 4 of the project would extend from Midway Road about 0.9 miles north to Porter Road. Porter Road is a wide (26 feet) road that leads directly into Dixon. Although it does not meet Class 2 bike route standards, Porter Road would be a good interim connection point for bikes traveling between Dixon and Vacaville. Based on the bid prices for Phase 3, I estimate the construction of Phase 4 will cost about \$310,000 - \$350,000.

Phase 5 would extend from Porter Road 0.6 miles north to the Dixon City Limit. This would complete the entire Pitt School Road portion of the bike route. However, preliminary discussions with the City of Dixon indicate that the city will likely widen that Phase 5 portion of Pitt School Road when they complete their Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing project, scheduled for the next three years. Because of this, the priority for Solano County is to complete Phase 4 of the project,

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Both Phase 4 and Phase 5 are shovel ready – environmentally cleared, right-of-way cleared, and designed. All that is needed to proceed is construction funding.

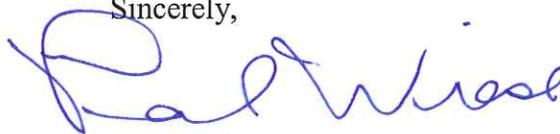
I understand the STA may have \$191,000 in TDA Article 3 funds available for programming. We would be interested in using this money on Phase 4 if it is available. However, additional funding would be needed to fully fund Phase 4.

In October, 2007, Solano County was allocated \$110,000 in TDA Article 3 funds for our Suisun Valley Road Bridge project. At that time, the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) was well funded, and funding could generally be obtained within three to four weeks of submission of a funding request, after environmental clearance and right-of-way acquisition. Since that time, much of the HBP funding has been diverted to seismic retrofit projects. As a result, we can anticipate future requests for construction funding to result in a 6 to 12 month wait. I believe this unanticipated delay will significantly impact the construction schedule for our Suisun Valley Road bridge project, and will prevent us from using the \$110,000 in TDA funds by June 30, 2010, as required. I would therefore be interested in moving these funds to the Vacaville – Dixon Phase 4 project.

Together, the \$191,000 and the \$110,000 would provide \$301,000 in TDA funding, which would come close to fully funding Phase 4 of the Vacaville – Dixon Bike Route. If the funds can be allocated quickly, it may be possible to build Phase 4 this calendar year. This would be ideal, since it would not only provide a key portion of the bike route for public use, but it would also allow us to take advantage of the good bidding climate which we currently have.

Please consider this proposal. Feel free to call me at (707) 784-6072 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Paul Wiese
Engineering Manager