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BAC
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2008
Start at 6:30 p.m. in STA Conference Room

STA Conference Room
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585

The STA Bicycle Advisory Committee is a citizen's advisory committee made up of cycling advocates and supporters that help recommend funding for bicycle projects in Solano County.

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>ACTIVITY</u> | <u>ADMINISTRATOR</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| I. | CALL TO ORDER—SELF INTRODUCTIONS (6:30 p.m.) | Barbara Wood, Chair |
| II. | OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT | Barbara Wood, Chair |
| III. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA: November 6, 2008 | Barbara Wood, Chair |
| IV. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: September 4, 2008 – Pg. 1 | Barbara Wood, Chair |
| V. | PRESENTATIONS FROM STA STAFF | |
| A. | I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project Update (6:32 – 6:55 p.m.) | Janet Adams, Director of Projects |
| VI. | ACTION ITEMS | |
| A. | 2009 Chair and Vice Chair Appointments <u>Recommendation:</u> Nominate a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2009 Calendar Year (6:55 – 7:00 p.m.) Pg. 4 | Sara Woo, Planning Assistant |

BAC MEMBERS

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Barbara Wood</u> | <u>Larry Mork</u> | <u>JB Davis</u> | <u>James Fisk</u> | <u>Randall Carlson</u> | <u>Michael Segala</u> | <u>Ray Posey</u> | <u>Mick Weninger</u> | <u>Glen Grant</u> |
| Chair Member at Large | Vice Chair City of Rio Vista | City of Benicia | City of Dixon | City of Fairfield | City of Suisun City | City of Vacaville | City of Vallejo | County of Solano |

B. SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update and Working Group Appointments

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Recommendation:

Appoint two members to represent the BAC on the SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Working Group (7:00 – 7:10 p.m.)

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VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - DISCUSSION

A. McGary Road Status Update

Robert Guerrero,
Senior Planner

Informational

(7:10 – 7:30 p.m.)

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B. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Working Group Status Update

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

(7:30 – 7:35 p.m.)

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C. McCoy Creek Class I Bicycle Path Ribbon Cutting

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

(7:35 – 7:40 p.m.)

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D. Bike Links Map Update

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

(7:40 – 7:45 p.m.)

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E. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Alternative Modes Element Status Update

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

(7:45 – 7:50 p.m.)

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VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - NO DISCUSSION NECESSARY

A. Funding Opportunities Summary

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

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IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

(7:50 – 8:00 p.m.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is November 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at One Harbor Center Suite 130 in Suisun City, CA.

2009 BAC MEETING SCHEDULE

January 1, 2009*

March 5, 2009

May 7, 2009

July 2, 2009

September 3, 2009

November 5, 2009

*tentative

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



STA ACRONYMS LIST OF TRANSPORTATION TERMS

| | | | |
|--------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| A | | P | |
| ABAG | Association of Bay Area Governments | PAC | Pedestrian Advisory Committee |
| ADA | American Disabilities Act | PCC | Paratransit Coordinating Council |
| AVA | Abandoned Vehicle Abatement | PCRCP | Planning and Congestion Relief Program |
| APDE | Advanced Project Development Element (STIP) | PDS | Project Development Support |
| AQMD | Air Quality Management District | PDT | Project Delivery Team |
| | | PMP | Pavement Management Program |
| B | | PMS | Pavement Management System |
| BAAQMD | Bay Area Air Quality Management District | PNR | Park and Ride |
| BABC | Bay Area Bicycle Coalition | POP | Program of Projects |
| BAC | Bicycle Advisory Committee | PPM | Planning, Programming and Monitoring |
| BATA | Bay Area Toll Authority | PSR | Project Study Report |
| BCDC | Bay Conservation and Development Commission | PTA | Public Transportation Account |
| | | PTAC | Partnership Technical Advisory Committee (MTC) |
| BT&H | Business, Transportation & Housing Agency | | |
| | | R | |
| C | | RABA | Revenue Alignment Budget Authority |
| CAF | Clean Air Funds | REPEG | Regional Environmental Public Education Group |
| CALTRANS | California Department of Transportation | | |
| CARB | California Air Resources Board | RFP | Request for Proposal |
| CCCC (4'Cs) | City County Coordinating Council | RFQ | Request for Qualification |
| CCCTA (3CTA) | Central Contra Costa Transit Authority | RM 2 | Regional Measure 2 |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act | RRP | Regional Rideshare Program |
| CHP | California Highway Patrol | RTEP | Regional Transit Expansion Policy |
| CIP | Capital Improvement Program | RTIP | Regional Transportation Improvement Program |
| CMA | Congestion Management Agency | | |
| CMAQ | Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality | RTMC | Regional Transit Marketing Committee |
| CMP | Congestion Management Program | RTP | Regional Transportation Plan |
| CNG | Compressed Natural Gas | RTPA | Regional Transportation Planning Agency |
| CTA | County Transportation Authority | | |
| CTC | California Transportation Commission | S | |
| CTEP | County Transportation Expenditure Plan | SACOG | Sacramento Area Council of Governments |
| CTP | Comprehensive Transportation Plan | SAFETEA-LU | Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users |
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| D | | SCTA | Sonoma County Transportation Authority |
| DBE | Disadvantaged Business Enterprise | SHOPP | State Highway Operations and Protection Program |
| DOT | Federal Department of Transportation | | |
| | | SJCOG | San Joaquin Council of Governments |
| E | | SNCI | Solano Napa Commuter Information |
| EIR | Environmental Impact Report | SOV | Single Occupant Vehicle |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement | SMAQMD | Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency | | |
| | | SP&R | State Planning and Research |
| F | | SR2S | Safe Routes to School |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration | SR2T | Safe Routes to Transit |
| FST | Fairfield-Suisun Transit | SRITP | Short Range Intercity Transit Plan |
| FTA | Federal Transit Administration | SRTTP | Short Range Transit Plan |
| | | STA | Solano Transportation Authority |
| G | | STA | Spare the Air |
| GARVEE | Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle | STAF | State Transit Assistance Fund |
| GIS | Geographic Information System | STIA | Solano Transportation Improvement Authority |
| | | STIP | State Transportation Improvement Program |
| H | | STP | Surface Transportation Program |
| HIP | Housing Incentive Program | | |
| HOV | High Occupancy Vehicle | T | |
| | | TAC | Technical Advisory Committee |
| I | | TAM | Transportation Authority of Marin |
| ISTEA | Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act | TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
| | | TAZ | Transportation Analysis Zone |
| ITIP | Interregional Transportation Improvement Program | TCI | Transportation Capital Improvement |
| | | TCM | Transportation Control Measure |
| ITS | Intelligent Transportation System | TCRP | Transportation Congestion Relief Program |
| | | TDA | Transportation Development Act |
| J | | TDM | Transportation Demand Management |
| JARC | Jobs Access Reverse Commute | TEA | Transportation Enhancement Activity |
| JPA | Joint Powers Agreement | TEA-21 | Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21 st Century |
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| L | | TFCA | Transportation Funds for Clean Air |
| LS&R | Local Streets & Roads | TIF | Transportation Investment Fund |
| LTA | Local Transportation Funds | TIP | Transportation Improvement Program |
| LEV | Low Emission Vehicle | TLC | Transportation for Livable Communities |
| LIFT | Low Income Flexible Transportation | TMA | Transportation Management Association |
| LOS | Level of Service | TMP | Transportation Management Plan |
| LTF | Local Transportation Funds | TMTAC | Transportation Management Technical Advisory Committee |
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| M | | TOS | Traffic Operation System |
| MIS | Major Investment Study | TRAC | Trails Advisory Committee |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding | TSM | Transportation Systems Management |
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization | | |
| MTC | Metropolitan Transportation Commission | U, V, W, Y, & Z | |
| MTS | Metropolitan Transportation System | UZA | Urbanized Area |
| | | VTA | Valley Transportation Authority (Santa Clara) |
| N | | W2W | Welfare to Work |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act | WCCCTAC | West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee |
| NCTPA | Napa County Transportation Planning Agency | | |
| NHS | National Highway System | YSAQMD | Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District |
| NVTA | Napa Valley Transportation Authority | ZEV | Zero Emission Vehicle |
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| O | | | |
| OTS | Office of Traffic Safety | | |

Helpful Definitions for Bicycle 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.

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| <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 |
| RBWG: | Regional Bicycle Working Group |
| RPC: | Regional Pedestrian Committee |
| RBPP: | Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program |
| 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 |

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|-------------|--|
| MPO: | Metropolitan Planning Agency; regional planning agency |
| CMA: | Congestion Management Agency; local countywide planning agency |

Committees

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|--------------|---|
| 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 |

Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 4, 2008

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Barbara Wood at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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| Committee Members Present: | Barbara Wood Larry Mork Randy Carlson Mick Weninger Glen Grant | Chair Vice-chair City of Fairfield City of Vallejo County of Solano |
| Committee Members Not Present: | J.B. Davis Michael Segala Ray Posey Jim Fisk | City of Benicia City of Suisun City City of Vacaville City of Dixon |
| Participants: | Paul Wiese Dan Schiada Robert Macaulay Judy Leaks Sara Woo | County of Solano Public Works City of Benicia Public Works STA STA STA |

- I. CALL TO ORDER—SELF INTRODUCTIONS
Participants exchanged introductions.
- II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
None presented.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: September 4, 2008
On a motion by Glen Grant, and a second by Randy Carlson, the STA BAC unanimously approved the agenda.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: July 3, 2008
On a motion by Randy Carlson, and second by Larry Mork, the STA BAC unanimously approved the minutes with corrections.
- V. REPORTS FROM STA STAFF
 - A. Solano Bike Links Map Update
Judy Leaks discussed the schedule for the Bike Links Map Update and encouraged the committee to provide comments on the current Bike Links Map for STA staff to receive at the November 6, 2008 meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): Alternative Modes Element Purpose Statement, Goals, and Policies

Sara Woo provided an update on the status of the Solano CTP Alternative Modes Element. She commented that the purpose statement and goals have been reviewed by the Alternative Modes Committee and that their action was to forward the item to the BAC and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to review.

The committee provided the following comments:

- Add “develop programs to educate public about bicycle and walking”
- Include “except maintenance” to Goal #5

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the Alternative Modes Element Purpose Statement and Goals for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

On a motion by Randy Carlson, and second by Mick Weninger, the STA BAC approved the recommendation to forward the Alternative Modes Element Purpose Statement and Goals to the STA Board with suggested changes.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS—DISCUSSION

A. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Working Group Update

Sara Woo briefly presented a brief background to the SBPP evaluation effort. Randy Carlson and Barbara Wood discussed the working group’s meeting in on CTP update effort. Mr. Macaulay further provided details about the June 18, 2008 Alternative Modes Committee meeting and explained that the committee did not adopt a purpose statement and goals as planned on their agenda. He further explained that the Alternative Modes Committee wanted to take a more in depth look at what multimodal planning is about and to find out more information about what successful transit oriented communities like Portland (Oregon) and Marin County (California) have done to accomplish better communities for walking, biking, and taking public transportation. Member Carlson commented that this news is very encouraging. The BAC members were generally enthused about the Alternative Modes Element and expressed interest in opportunities for providing comment where appropriate.

B. Priority Bicycle Projects Update

Sara Woo provided a brief introduction about the status of current priority bicycle projects in the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Dan Schiada discussed the current status of the Benicia State Park Road project and noted that the project is fully funded and anticipates the start of construction in summer of 2009. Paul Wiese provided a status update on the Vacaville-Dixon

Bikeway. He commented that phase III has acquired all necessary environmental clearance and is ready to construct when funding becomes available. Sara Woo commented that phase II of the Suisun City McCoy Creek Trail is near completion of construction and will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony soon.

C. Bicycle Working Group Meeting Summary: 08/21/08

Sara Woo provided an overview of items the RBWG members discussed at their June 19, 2008 meeting. She commented that the Regional Transportation Plan is due for adoption in early 2009 and reminded the committee of the change of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. She also explained that the Alameda Transportation Improvement Authority is working with the Institute of Transportation Studies at University of California Berkeley to develop a bicycle and pedestrian counting method. Ms. Woo noted that this could be a resource to STA staff in the near future to help with updating safety data.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS—NO DISCUSSION NECESSARY

No comments provided.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None presented.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The BAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Sara Woo, STA



DATE: October 30, 2008
TO: STA BAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
RE: BAC 2009 Officer Elections

Background:

According to the BAC By-Laws, Article V. Section 2, “the BAC shall, at the last meeting of each calendar year, nominate and elect Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson for one calendar year term.” The November 6, 2008 meeting is the last scheduled meeting for the 2008 calendar year.

Discussion:

Barbara Wood is the current Chairperson with Larry Mork as Vice-Chairperson. The role of the Chair is to preside over all BAC meetings, coordinate the meeting agendas with STA staff, represent the BAC’s actions to appropriate agencies or designate a representative(s) to do so, and have general direction and control over the activities of the BAC. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the execution of the duties of the Chair office and in the absence of the chair, preside over meetings.

The BAC will be encouraged to nominate and elect members to act as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 2009 calendar year at this time. STA staff will work with the BAC to discuss the committee’s 2009 overall work program at their January 2009 meeting.

Recommendation:

Nominate and elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2009 calendar year.



DATE: October 30, 2008
TO: STA BAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
RE: State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian
Connections Plan Update

Background:

A primary route identified in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan is the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project – Cordelia to Napa bicycle route. The plan calls for a future Class II and Class I bicycle route connecting Solano County in Cordelia at Green Valley and Red Top Road to Napa County at the SR 29/SR 12 interchange.

There are other agencies with bicycle and pedestrian plans located along SR 12 Jameson Canyon corridor in addition to the STA, specifically:

1. Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA)
2. Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
3. City of Fairfield
4. County of Solano

Not all of the proposed bicycle routes and pedestrian improvements are consistent. As more improvements are proposed for SR 12 Jameson Canyon corridor, it will be beneficial to have a clear, concise, and coordinated plan for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This will enable agencies involved with constructing improvements to have better clarity and guidance on how to address bicycle and pedestrian issues and improvements within the corridor.

On December 12, 2007, the STA Board approved a Bay Area Ridge Trail Grant application to address the inconsistency of the various planned bicycle routes along the SR 12 Jameson Canyon Corridor. On June 6, 2008, STA was notified of its success in obtaining the Bay Area Ridge Trail grant for \$55,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy.

Discussion:

Questa Engineering Corporation was selected to assist in coordinating with agencies and key stakeholder groups to develop a conceptual plan that will identify the potential alternatives for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity from Solano County to Napa County along SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road. The SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections Plan entails the forming of a partnership working group to help develop the plan. Two participants from the STA BAC will need to be appointed to this working group (Attachment A). It is anticipated that the working group will meet four (4) times throughout the development of the plan. The working group meetings will be

scheduled in the late afternoon to accommodate participating member's daily work schedule.

Fiscal Impact:

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Grant will provide \$55,000 to complete the study. As part of the local match, STA staff will provide in-kind services to administer the project. No impact to the STA general fund.

Recommendation:

Appoint two members to participate on the SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections Plan Working Group.

Attachment A

SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections Plan Working Group

| | Agency | Participant Name |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1 | STA Bicycle Advisory Committee | TBD |
| 2 | STA Bicycle Advisory Committee | TBD |
| 3 | STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee | TBD |
| 4 | STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee | TBD |
| 5 | County of Solano | Paul Wiese |
| 6 | City of Fairfield | Brian Miller |
| 7 | County of Napa | TBD |
| 8 | Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency | TBD |
| 9 | Bay Area Ridge Trail Council | Dee Swanhuysen |
| 10 | Solano Transportation Authority | Sara Woo |
| 11 | Napa County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee | TBD |



DATE: October 30, 2008
TO: STA BAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
RE: Informational Items – Discussion

VII.A McGary Road Status Update – (Robert Guerrero, STA)

The estimated cost for the McGary Road/ Solano Bikeway Phase 2 project is \$2.5 million. On October 10, 2007, the STA Board approved \$825,000 of bicycle and pedestrian funding for the City of Fairfield to rebuild McGary to include a class III bicycle facility. A total of \$650,000 from the \$825,000 is funded with a federal fund source called the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program. The remaining balance is funded through a local bicycle fund source called Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds. The entire \$825,000 was included as part of a larger construction funding package which also included requested grant funds from the Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Program.

Recently, the STA and the City of Fairfield was informed that they did not receive funding from the BTA Program. STA staff is currently working with the staff from the City of Fairfield and Solano County to address the funding shortfall for their project. STA staff will provide additional details at the November 6, 2008 meeting. No attachments.

VII.B Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Options and Working Group Status Update – (Sara Woo, STA)

The Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) is the primary source of funding for Solano County's priority bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in the Solano Transportation Authority's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans respectively. As such, the program is faced with challenges associated with forthcoming changes to the Federal Transportation Bill and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The funding levels and enactment date of the successor bill to the current federal transportation bill, *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*, are yet to be determined by Congress (see **Attachment VII.B**, page 10). Changes in the federal bill will directly reflect through programs in the RTP. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) anticipates adoption of the RTP in early 2009. The final RTP will help shape the SBPP's ability to fund qualified bicycle and pedestrian projects.

To evaluate the current SBPP, the BAC, Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have appointed members to a dedicated "SBPP

Working Group.” The two main aspects of the SBPP that will be evaluated by the working group are its funding structure and its ability to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects. On September 4, 2008, the SBPP Working Group met with representatives from Marin County and Contra Costa County to discuss bicycle and pedestrian funding programs that are currently in practice in the Bay Area. The SBPP Working Group will reconvene in 2009 when more information is available to better consider potential options to revise the SBPP. STA staff will provide additional details at the November 6, 2008 meeting. No Attachments.

VII.C Mc Coy Creek Class I Bicycle Path Ribbon Cutting – (Sara Woo, STA)

On October 23, 2008, the City of Suisun City hosted the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the McCoy Creek Class I bicycle path that recently completed construction. Mayor Pete Sanchez, Council Member Mike Segala, and Council Member Mike Hudson were present to speak about the benefits of the brand new facility. This facility provides a direct and alternative connection for Suisun City’s residential area to the Sunset Avenue shopping hub. (see **Attachment VII.C1 and VII.C2**, pages 11 and 12)

VII. D Bike Links Map Update – (Sara Woo, STA)

STA staff is coordinating with SNCI staff to update the Solano Yolo BikeLinks Map. At the September 4, 2008 meeting, Judy Leaks provided the BAC with a presentation regarding the schedule to update the BikeLinks map in time for Bike to Work Month in 2009. Ms. Leaks provided the BAC with copies of the Solano Yolo BikeLinks map and encouraged the group to submit comments to STA staff at the November 6, 2008 BAC meeting. No attachments.

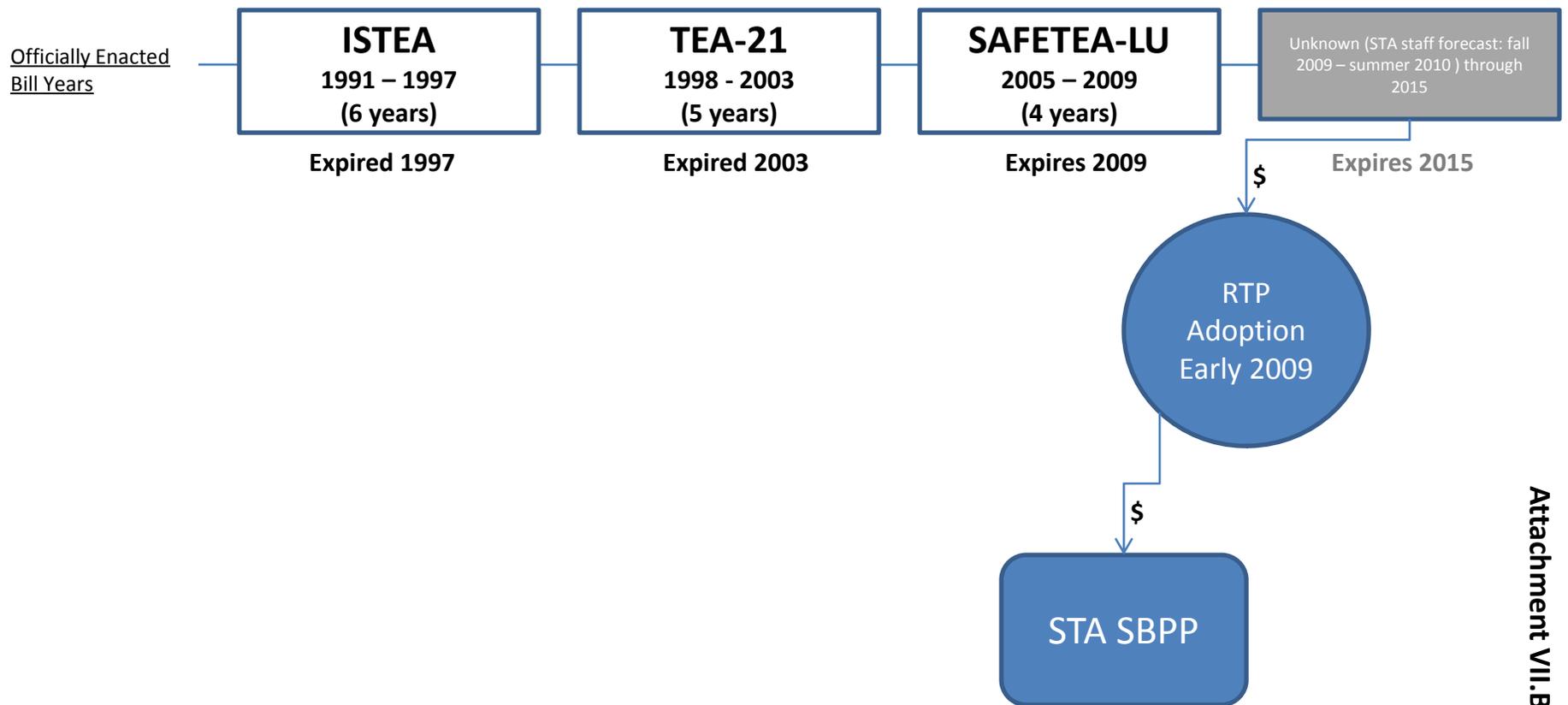
VII. E Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and Alternative Modes Committee Update – (Sara Woo)

The CTP is in the process of getting updated. The CTP consists of three elements: Arterials Freeway & Highways, Transit, and Alternative Modes. The Alternative Modes Element primarily pertains to bicycle and pedestrian needs.

Each of the three committees has met at least twice and have provided recommendations for the Purpose Statement and Goals for their respective elements. The Alternative Modes Committee has acted on the Alternative Modes Element Purpose Statement and Goals, which will help guide STA staff in the identification of key facilities pertaining to the element. Currently, the Arterials, Highways and Freeways Committee and Transit Committee have identified the Routes of Regional Significance (see separate enclosure **E1**) and Transit Facilities of Regional Significance respectively (see separate enclosure **E2**). These items will be presented at the next Alternative Modes Committee to assist in the identification of the element’s key facilities and programs. A date for this meeting has not been set, but is anticipated for January 2009.

Federal Transportation Bill Timeline

The Federal Bill Term Expires Every 6 Years.

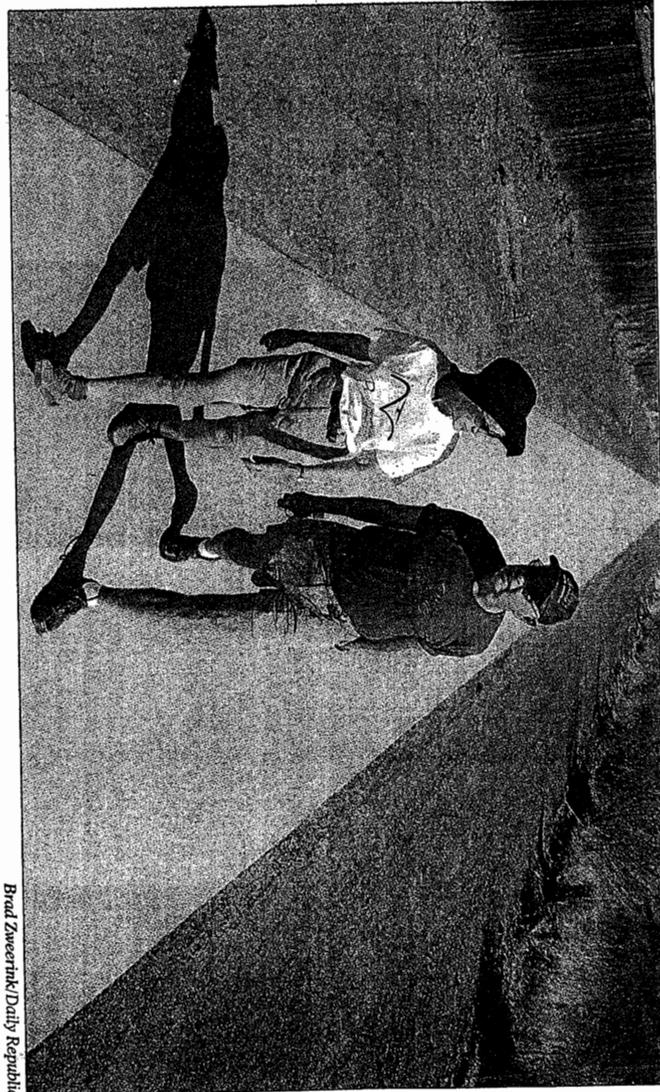


Attachment VII.B

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Suisun City opens first phase of McCoy Creek trail



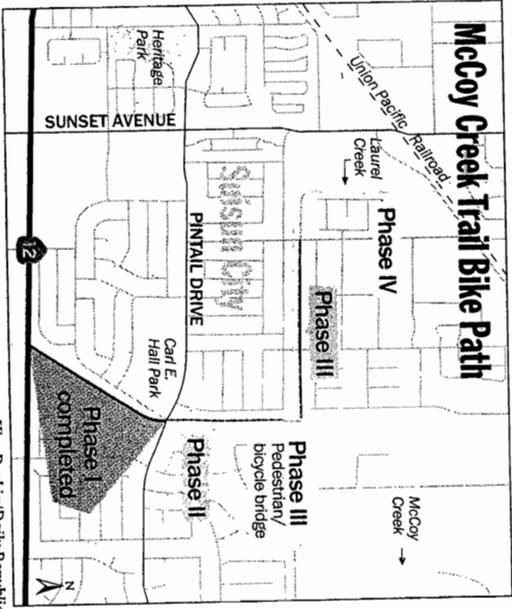
Allan and Jennifer Deal, of Benicia, walk on the new McCoy Creek trail in Suisun City Thursday morning.

By IAN THOMPSON
DAILY REPUBLIC 10/24/08

SUISUN CITY — It may not rank with Davis as far as being pedestrian and bicyclist friendly, but Suisun City is pushing hard to make itself one of the more bike and pedestrian-friendly cities in Solano County.

City officials opened the first half-mile of the McCoy Creek bicycle and pedestrian trail between Highway 12 and Pintail Drive Thursday. The city's still-growing network of bike paths, which are nearly 3 miles long, will help make Suisun City a healthier city, Mayor Pete Sanchez said.

"The more people that bike and walk, the more healthier they will be," Sanchez said during a small ribbon-cutting ceremony largely attended by city and Solano



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Transportation Authority officials. While Vacaville has nearly nine miles of bike and pedestrian paths, the much smaller Suisun City, with its two miles of bike paths, has most bike paths per street mile. STA Executive Director Daryl Halls said Suisun City has long been the most dogged in its efforts to create bike paths that will allow residents to cross the city

without using their cars. The cost of the 10-foot-wide trail is \$300,000, with the money coming from grants administered by the STA and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The trail will eventually extend another mile to follow McCoy Creek and Laurel Creek to Blossom Road. There are also longer-range plans to eventually extend it to Railroad Avenue. Just when the other portion of the bike path, which

is divided into three more phases, gets completed entirely depends on when Suisun City gets more grants. "We are already moving to get funds for phase II," said Councilman Mike Segala, who is also a bicycle advisory committee member. Councilman Mike Hudson called the latest addition "a project for the neighborhoods" that will provide more opportunity for exercise and mobility for residents.

This is not the last of the city's bicycle and pedestrian path projects. Crews are laying the foundations for a half-mile bike path and pedestrian bridge that will allow residents to ride from Marina Boulevard to the north end of Main Street. "We hope to finish it by January," Public Works Management Analyst Alysa Majer said. The city has also received a \$900,000 grant that will allow it to start planning for building another bike path

on the south side of Highway 12 that will run from Grizzly Island Road to Marina Boulevard. City leaders are particularly looking forward to this section's construction because it will allow students from eastern Suisun City to get to Crystal Middle School without having to cross Highway 12 twice. Reach Ian Thompson at 427-6976 or ithompson@dailyrepublic.net.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008

McCoy Creek Bikeway Now Open

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The newest link in Suisun City's expanding recreational trail system was officially opened Thursday in a small Pintail Avenue ceremony.

The \$300,000 McCoy Creek Bikeway provides an important new access for residents in the heart of Suisun City's residential area directly to the Sunset Avenue shopping hub. The dedicated bikeway allows children, seniors and families a safer way to use non-polluting alternative transportation options.

The new trail was completely funded through grants:

- Transportation for Clean Air Program, issued by the Solano Transportation Authority
- Bicycle Transportation account gran, issued by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority

LINKS

- Suisun City's homepage - Suisun.com
- Main Street West
- Business Improvement District
- Suisun City Events
- Suisun Kayakers
- Register to Vote

The McCoy Creek Bikeway runs from Pintail Avenue to the Central County Bikeway, a 2-mile long Class I bike path that runs along the north side of Highway 12 from Walters Road to Marina Boulevard. By connecting to the Central County Bikeway, the 0.6-mile McCoy Creek link allows residents to easily reach

- Sunset and Heritage Park Shopping Centers
- Lawler Ranch commercial area
- Lambrecht Sports Complex
- Residential neighborhoods
- Local schools
- City parks

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 - ▶ October (20)
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By the first of the year, pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to access the Waterfront District with its Amtrak Station, Marina, Promenade, dining, shopping, and outdoor activities using a continuous recreational trail that won't require a single crossing of Highway 12. An extension of the Bikeway from Marina to the Waterfront District Amtrak Station is now under construction.

The newly opened trail along the west side of McCoy Creek is the first phase of a trail that will be extended north along the creek to Blossom Road. Plans call for the bikeway to extend all the way to Railroad Avenue. City staff is pursuing grant funding to complete these projects.





DATE: October 30, 2008
TO: STA BAC
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 |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Bicycles Belong Coalition* | Elizabeth Train, Bikes Belong Coalition (303) 449-4893 x3 | November 24, 2008 |

* New funding opportunity



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program

Applications Due November 24, 2008

TO: STA BAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Bikes Belong Coalition Grants 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: Public agencies, private for profit organizations, private non-profit organizations

Program Description: The grant program provides funding for organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to putting more people on bicycles more often.

Funding Available: Approximately \$180,000 per year

Eligible Projects: Fundable projects include paved bike paths and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.

Examples:

- **Facilities:**
 - Marin County Bicycle Coalition (1999-2001) – North-South Greenway, Phase I,II,& III Bike Path
 - San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (2001) - \$10,000 to develop San Francisco bicycle network
 - City of Modesto (2003) – \$5,000 to fund 4.2 mile bike path linking schools, businesses and neighborhoods to downtown area
- **Advocacy:**
 - Bay Area Bicycle Coalition (2007) – \$5,000 to help efforts with securing and increasing funding for bicycle projects through the Metropolitan Transportation Commissions (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Further Details: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/node/41> (Application)
<http://www.bikesbelong.org/node/42> (Grant Seeker's Guide)

Program Contact Person: Elizabeth Train, Grants and Research Director (Bikes Belong),
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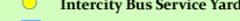
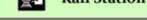
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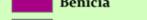
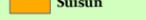
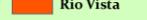
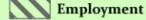
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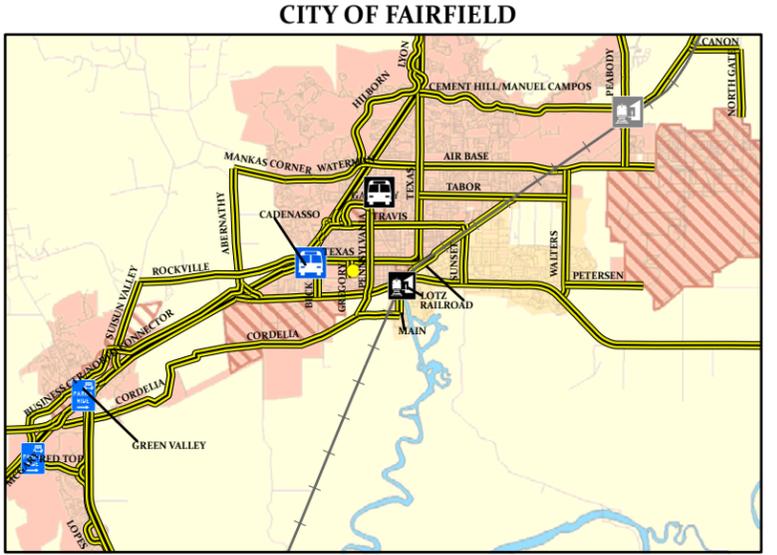
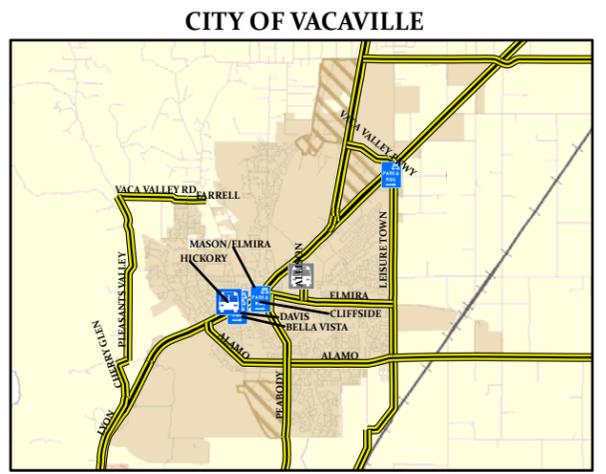
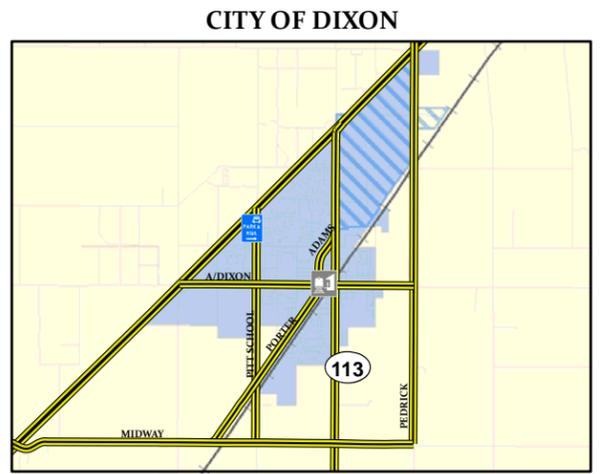
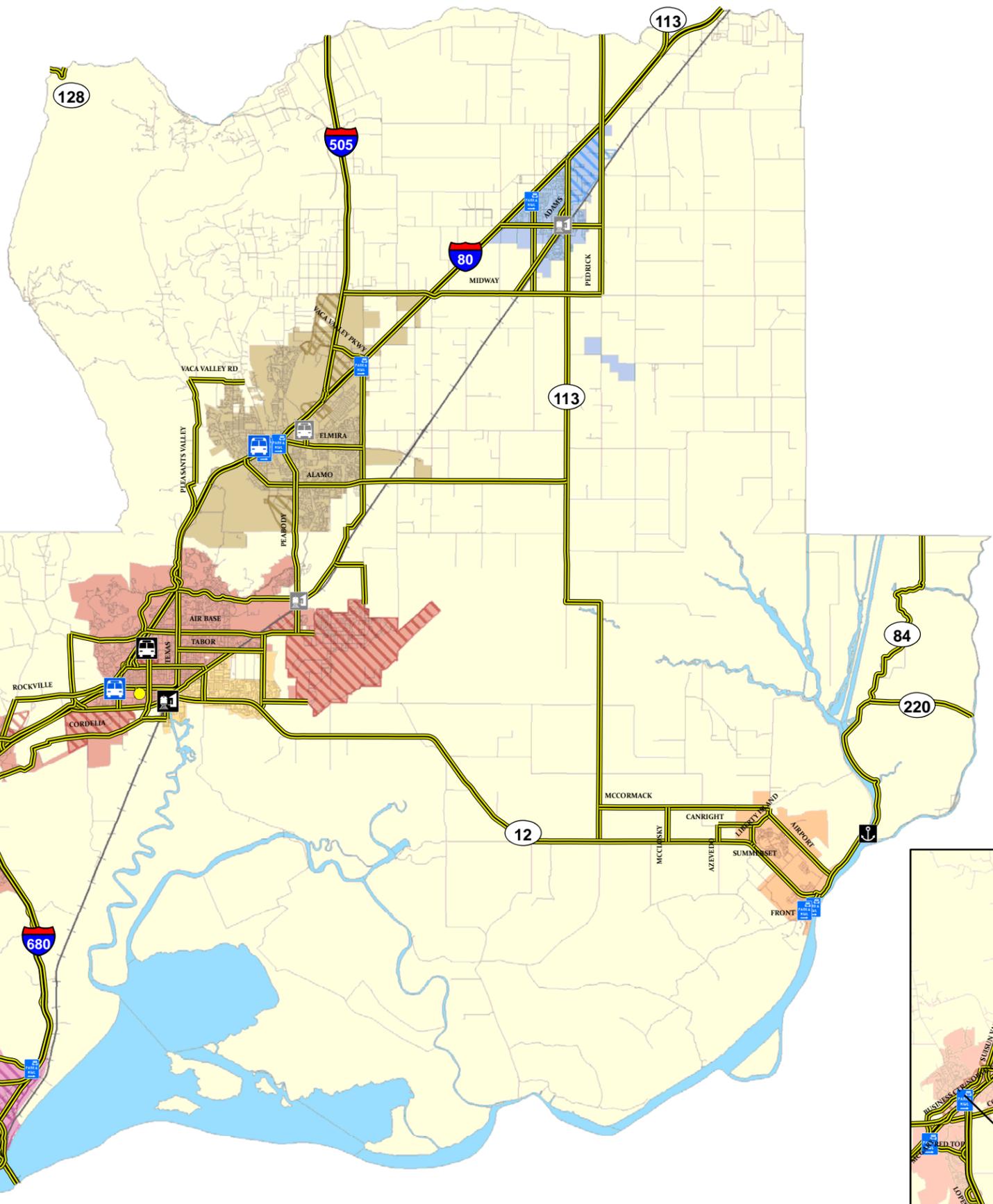
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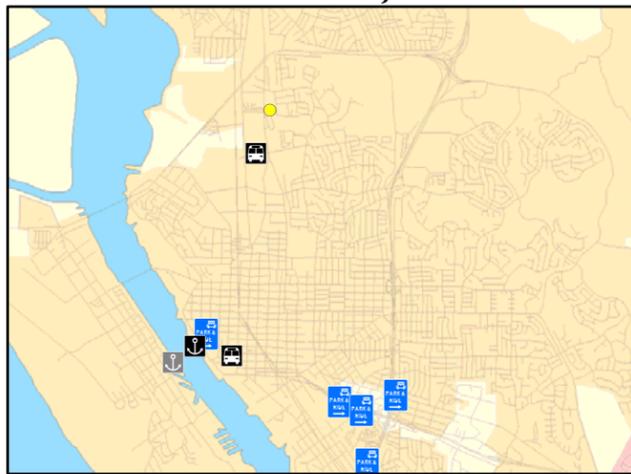
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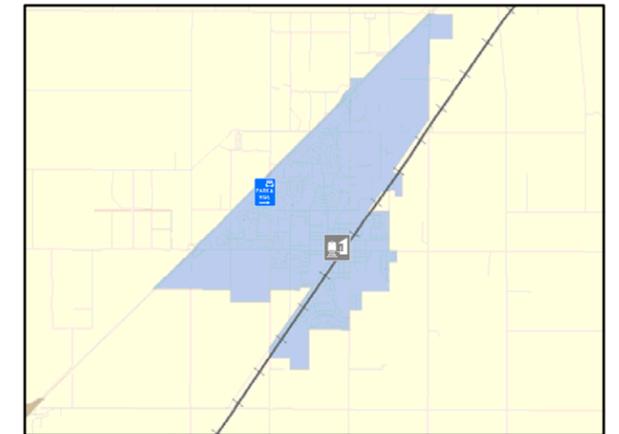
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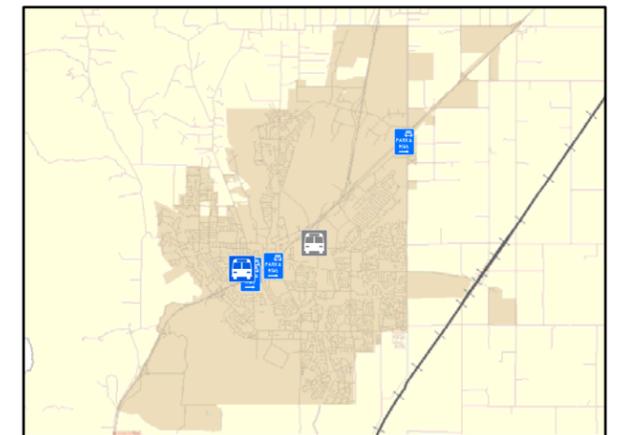
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