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PAC
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 1, 2009
Start at 6:00 p.m. at Suisun City Hall

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

The STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee is a citizen's advisory committee made up of pedestrian advocates and supporters that help recommend funding for 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.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 2009 Pg. 1	Lynne Williams, Chair
V.	PRESENTATIONS- Guest Speaker: Sean Co, MTC Planner MTC committees and roles in transportation planning process (6:00 – 6:20 p.m.)	

PAC MEMBERS

<u>Lynne Williams</u> Chair City of Vallejo	<u>Larry Mork</u> Vice Chair City of Rio Vista	<u>Carol Day</u> City of Benicia	<u>Michael Smith</u> City of Dixon	<u>Erica Gallegos</u> City of Fairfield	<u>Michael Hudson</u> City of Suisun City	<u>VACANT</u> City of Vacaville
<u>Linda Williams</u> County of Solano	<u>Allan Deal</u> Member at Large	<u>Kathy Hoffman</u> Bay Area Ridge Trail Council	<u>Maureen Gaffney</u> San Francisco Bay Trail Program	<u>Frank Morris</u> Solano Land Trust	<u>Brian Travis</u> Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group	

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update – Purpose Statement and Goals

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Recommendation:

Review and provide recommendations for the purpose statement and goals for the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan to help guide STA staff in the development of the plan objectives.

(6:20 – 6:35p.m.)

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VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – DISCUSSION- Pg 12

A. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects

Robert Guerrero,
Senior Planner

Informational

(6:35 – 6:45 p.m.)

B. Benicia-Martinez Bicycle-Pedestrian Path Status Update

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

(6:45 – 6:50p.m.)

VIII. INFORMATION ONLY - NO DISCUSSION NECESSARY

A. Funding Opportunities Summary

Sara Woo,
Planning Assistant

Informational

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IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

(6:50-6:55 p.m.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 16, 2009.

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

June 1, 2009

July 16, 2009

September 17, 2009

November 19, 2008

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	PCRPP	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
BT&H	Business, Transportation & Housing Agency	PTAC	Partnership Technical Advisory Committee (MTC)
C		R	
CAF	Clean Air Funds	RABA	Revenue Alignment Budget Authority
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation	REPEG	Regional Environmental Public Education Group
CARB	California Air Resources Board		
CCCC (4'Cs)	City County Coordinating Council	RFP	Request for Proposal
CCCTA (3CTA)	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	RFQ	Request for Qualification
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	RM 2	Regional Measure 2
CHP	California Highway Patrol	RRP	Regional Rideshare Program
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	RTEP	Regional Transit Expansion Policy
CMA	Congestion Management Agency	RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality		
CMP	Congestion Management Program	RTMC	Regional Transit Marketing Committee
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
CTA	County Transportation Authority	RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
CTC	California Transportation Commission		
CTEP	County Transportation Expenditure Plan	S	
CTP	Comprehensive Transportation Plan	SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
		SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users
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
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program	TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System	TCI	Transportation Capital Improvement
		TCM	Transportation Control Measure
J		TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
JARC	Jobs Access Reverse Commute	TDA	Transportation Development Act
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement	TDM	Transportation Demand Management
		TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activity
L		TEA-21	Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21 st Century
LS&R	Local Streets & Roads	TFCA	Transportation Funds for Clean Air
LTA	Local Transportation Funds	TIF	Transportation Investment Fund
LEV	Low Emission Vehicle	TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
LIFT	Low Income Flexible Transportation	TLC	Transportation for Livable Communities
LOS	Level of Service	TMA	Transportation Management Association
LTF	Local Transportation Funds	TMP	Transportation Management Plan
		TMTAC	Transportation Management Technical Advisory Committee
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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OTS	Office of Traffic Safety		

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

**Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2009**

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Lynne Williams at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:	Lynne Williams Carol Day Michael Smith Erica Gallegos Michael Hudson Linda Williams Allan Deal Kathy Hoffman Maureen Gaffney	Chair (City of Vallejo) City of Benicia City of Dixon City of Fairfield City of Suisun City County of Solano Member at Large Bay Area Ridge Trail Council San Francisco Bay Trail
Committee Members Not Present:	Larry Mork Frank Morris Brian Travis	Vice-chair Solano Land Trust Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group
Participants:	Ed Huestis Edd Alberto Matt Tuggle Robert Guerrero Sara Woo	City of Vacaville Public Works City of Vallejo Public Works Solano County Public Works STA STA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER—SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
Participants exchanged introductions.
- II. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
None presented.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 19, 2009**
On a motion by Member Hoffman, and a second by Member Smith, the STA PAC unanimously approved the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: November 20, 2008
On a motion by Member Hoffman, and second by Member Deal, the STA PAC unanimously approved the minutes.

V. REPORTS FROM STA STAFF

A. National Trails Day

Sara Woo commented that National Trails Day is June 6, 2009. She provided that Member Hoffman and Member Gaffney would be able to provide additional information regarding activities the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and Bay Area Ridge Trail Council will be hosting to commemorate the occasion. Member Gaffney commented that the Bay Trail and Ridge Trail are also both celebrating 20 years of service. She noted that the Bay Trail would be coordinating with various agencies throughout the Bay Area to host various activities or events throughout the spring and summer of 2009. She provided examples such as San Francisco's "Sunday Streets" and bicycle rides organized by cities and transportation agencies throughout the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Member Hoffman commented that that the Bay Area Ridge Trail would be hosting an event on Saturday May 2, 2009 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fort Mason to honor Congressman George Miller. Member Hoffman commented that the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council would be working with the Bay Trail to coordinate their 20th Anniversaries. She further noted that these activities provide a great opportunity for the community to participate in walking and bicycling activities.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2009 PAC Work Plan

Sara Woo explained the work plan and reviewed the key tasks of the pedestrian plan update and invited the committee and participants to provide comments.

Member Deal expressed his interest in a study on the Bay Trail route through Vallejo to determine how to get across the bluff to Interstate 80. He commented that it would be constructive to consider the best options to take a user parallel to Interstate 80 toward Sonoma Boulevard. He further explained that the route could traverse under Interstate 80 at that point and end at the stop sign at Maritime Academy, noting that a retaining wall would be needed. Member Hoffman commented that she could lobby for that item through Congressman Miller when the federal gas tax is reauthorized. She commented that the Ridge Trail is planning a route through south Vallejo on Magazine Street as an interim route.

With a motion by Member Hoffman, and second by Member Deal, the 2009 PAC Work Plan was unanimously approved.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS—DISCUSSION

A. McGary Road Status Update

A. McGary Road Status Update

Robert Guerrero discussed the status of the McGary Road project. He explained that the Board Member Sperring advocated for \$1 million in federal stimulus funding to help fully fund the McGary Road project. Mr. Guerrero noted that STA staff will continue to support the City of Fairfield through the environmental process. He further explained that the project still has some funding details to work out, but anticipates a groundbreaking in the spring or summer of this year. Member Hoffman asked when the groundbreaking is anticipated. Mr. Guerrero commented that the earliest the project could start would be June 2009 and that the project would be out to bid around the same time frame. Chair Williams commented that it would be beneficial to permit the access of dogs on the Lynch Canyon Trail connection. Chair Williams asked whether motor vehicles would have access to McGary Road. Robert Guerrero clarified that McGary Road would be open to motor vehicle access with a Class 2 bicycle path.

B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Fund Estimates

Sara Woo explained the source of the TDA Article 3 funds and provided that the conservative estimate of funds for FY 2009-10 is approximately \$297,657.

Ms. Woo noted that the estimate is for the committee's information in preparation for a future item to allocate the funds. She explained the Bicycle Advisory Committee's comment to bring the TDA Article 3 funding allocation as a future agenda item. Ms. Woo further explained that the committee will have the opportunity to discuss any potential recommendations for the funding at the next meeting.

C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Locations Update

Sara Woo discussed the status of the locations and explained to the committee that the recommendation submitted by STA staff to MTC staff remained mostly unchanged. She further explained that the locations listed were identified by working with the BAC and PAC in the past and continues to be suitable for data collection purposes. She commented the concern raised by the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding whether the bicycle and/or pedestrian counts would be used to ultimately decide the need for bicycle/pedestrian improvements in the count area. Ms. Woo explained that the bicycle and pedestrian counts are for data collection purposes *only*. She further explained that a recommendation would depend on how the decision makers use it when considering the merits for improvement. She further clarified that this data would primarily benefit STA staff, the BAC, and the PAC as an additional consideration in developing recommendations to the STA Board.

Member Hudson commented that it would be helpful to clarify or separate the bicycle and pedestrian count locations. Member Hoffman commented regarding benefit of the location at Red Top Road and how the data would be useful. Sara Woo clarified that it will assist in identifying the bicycle and pedestrian use of McGary Road over time. Member Hoffman suggested adding 5th Street to Military to Adams Street toward the Benicia-Martinez Bridge in Benicia. Chair Williams suggested the committee to forward follow up comments regarding the item to Sara for future consideration.

D. Benicia-Martinez Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Path

Sara Woo provided an update regarding the Benicia-Martinez Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Path project. She explained that Caltrans staff is currently working with the local agencies to identify the needs for bicycle and pedestrian way-finding signs.

Ms. Woo also discussed the general discussions regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony once the project is completed. She further explained the challenges with the local connections to the bridge on Park Road in the City of Benicia. Ms. Woo noted that if the committee and City of Benicia is interested in addressing the gap with a long-term improvement project to include a better facility for pedestrian users that the project may come back to the PAC as a priority project. Member Hoffman commented that it has been refreshing to work with Caltrans on the San Rafael Bridge due to their open-minded approach and that she has experienced this with the Benicia Martinez Bridge project as well. She also commented that she is pleased that the Benicia project is making good progress and moving forward.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS—NO DISCUSSION NECESSARY

No comments provided.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Robert Guerrero made an announcement that the pizza would no longer be provided at meetings due to the impending State budget crisis.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The PAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Sara Woo, STA



DATE: April 29, 2009
TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant
RE: Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan Purpose Statement and Goals

Background:

The effort to develop a Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan began in 2002 through the guidance of the Trails Advisory Committee (TRAC), which later became the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC). The development of the plan was in response to the need for a long-range plan to guide the future development of pedestrian access facilities to public transportation and recreation. Utility The Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan compliments local city plans for pedestrian access facilities with a proposed system of regional pedestrian access points for the local public transportation systems to connect to. The Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan also compliments the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Alternative Modes Element. Work by the Alternative Modes Committee is underway to develop an element that will not only inventory current practices, but also prepare a guiding foundation for accommodating Solano County's future multimodal¹ transportation needs.

Discussion:

One component of multimodal transportation is walking. The ability to walk to get to community places and public transportation has been recognized as an affordable and healthy method to reducing vehicle miles travelled as well as air emissions. STA staff reviewed the 2004 Countywide Pedestrian Plan for opportunities to improve the document's guiding principles which are embodied in the "Goals, Objectives, and Policies" section. The two main objectives of staff review were to compare the 2004 pedestrian plan's consistency with previous plans and also to compare previous plans' consistency with current STA policies for planning, which are guided by the CTP. The current structure of the CTP has incorporated a new "Purpose Statement, Goals, and Objectives" framework. The 2009 update to the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan will provide the PAC with an opportunity to revise the purpose statement as well as its set of goals. The purpose statement and goals will help to update the objectives already in place. The following draft Pedestrian Plan purpose statement has been developed by STA staff for input and approval by the committee:

"To make the walking an everyday means of transportation and recreation in Solano County"

¹ A system or corridor that accommodates all modes of surface transportation including bicycles, pedestrians, transit vehicles, ferries, trains and personal vehicles

This purpose statement has been prepared to capture the vision of the committee based on ideas expressed in previous STA pedestrian plan updates. To develop the purpose statement and goals for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan, STA staff conducted a review of previous STA pedestrian plans and various pedestrian plans from cities and counties in the region, nation, and around the world. The themes of institutionalizing walking, increasing mode share, increasing safety and enjoyability, funding, connections to transit/employment/health/commercial/recreational/social centers, integration with all modes, education, and monitoring were prevalent in the plans reviewed by STA staff. Based on these themes, the Alternative Modes Element goals, and the objectives presented in the 2004 plan, a draft of the Pedestrian Plan goals has been developed by STA staff for input and approval by the PAC (see Attachment A). For reference, the Alternative Modes Element purpose statement and goals have been included as part of this report (see Attachment B).

Fiscal Impact:

None

Recommendation:

1. Review and provide recommendations for the purpose statement and goals for the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan to help guide STA staff in the development of the plan objectives.

Attachments:

- A. STA Solano County Pedestrian Plan draft purpose statement and goals
- B. STA Alternative Modes Element purpose statement and goals

SOLANO COUNTYWIDE PEDESTRIAN PLAN DRAFT PURPOSE STATEMENT AND GOALS

ALTERNATIVE MODES ELEMENT PURPOSE STATEMENT: One County, Many Choices for Mobility ~ To establish program and facilities for the transition toward sustainable transit-oriented communities with integrated multimodal² transportation choices for Solano's residents, workers, and visitors. This will be accomplished by incorporating alternative modes as a central part of travel to ensure accessible, convenient, healthy, safe, efficient and cost-effective travel options to enhance connectivity, and will be compatible with local land use planning.

DRAFT PEDESTRIAN PLAN PURPOSE STATEMENT: To make walking an everyday means of transportation and recreation in Solano County.

GOALS: Goals are the milestones by which achievement of the Purpose Statement are measured. In order to implement the Purpose of the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan, the following goals are/will be established:

DRAFT GOALS:

1. To include pedestrian transportation in planning, design, and construction activities to meet the needs of the walking public
2. To improve pedestrian safety in Solano County
3. To increase the level of commuting and utilitarian walking trips in Solano County over the next decade
4. To integrate and coordinate walking with other modes of transportation

OBJECTIVES: Objectives are the actions by which achievement of the Goals are measured.
NOTE: This section is for *reference only* and will be discussed at a future PAC meeting.

2004 OBJECTIVES:

Objective 1, Benefits of Walking: Secure significant benefits for Solano County by preserving, creating, and enhancing pedestrian routes and places, including:

- Health, including physical and mental well-being derived from regular exercise;
- Social and civic health, including preservation of the traditional form and features of communities, and better awareness and appreciation of the people and places that make each community special;
- Environmental benefits, including a reduction in the air quality and land use impacts of automobile-oriented development, and the addition of amenities that add or protect aesthetic and habitat resources;
- Economic benefits, through reduction in the cost of some auto-oriented infrastructure and direct savings in money spent on automobile travel.

² A system or corridor that accommodates all modes of surface transportation including bicycles, pedestrians, transit vehicles, ferries, trains and personal vehicles

Objective 2, Safety: Ensure that safety for pedestrians, especially young people, old people, and people with disabilities, is the highest priority among competing pedestrian improvement priorities, and a high priority among overall transportation improvement priorities.

Policies:

1. Collect and analyze data and citizen input regarding pedestrian/vehicular accidents and issues to identify safety improvement needs for each jurisdiction.
2. Coordinate with schools, PTA, senior centers and associations, and facilities and groups serving people with disabilities to identify their specific needs, and opportunities to address them.
3. Identify, plan, design and implement projects that address the most critical safety needs, working closely with user groups.
4. Follow the latest standards and best practices for design of safe pedestrian facilities, starting from references provided in this Plan.
5. Assist, support or sponsor information and education programs for drivers and pedestrians to increase safety.

Objective 3, Local Plans and Actions: Formulate, use and update the Countywide Pedestrian Plan to reflect and support local agencies' plans, policies, and standards, recognizing that walking is a very local activity and each agency must determine its own needs and course of action.

Policies:

1. Encourage local jurisdictions to make safe, convenient, enjoyable pedestrian access a priority in their policies, plans, and projects.
2. Encourage the use of the Pedestrian Plan as a toolkit to help local jurisdictions identify, document, support, and implement pedestrian-friendly projects, through the digital maps, policy background, guidelines and funding information provided in the Plan.
3. Encourage local jurisdictions to expand on the current projects and basic framework of pedestrian routes and places in this Plan to create their own comprehensive pedestrian plans.
4. Recognize and support pedestrian access and activity in existing zones and destinations such as downtowns, waterfronts and historic districts.
5. Acknowledge and build upon the many current efforts to improve and create places within local jurisdictions that support pedestrian circulation and activity.
6. The highest priority pedestrian improvements should be those where pedestrian facilities are lacking or deficient in close proximity (1/4 to 1/2 mile) to pedestrian destinations such as schools, parks, transit, and shopping.
7. Coordinate planning for pedestrian improvements with planning for transit and regional parking centers.
8. Ensure that pedestrian improvements meet applicable standards for access to people with disabilities.
9. Coordinate with local schools, from elementary to college level, to encourage and support walking, including preparation of Safe Routes to School studies, plans, programs and projects.
10. Encourage each local agency to collect and maintain data on pedestrian safety for reference in funding applications and future Pedestrian Plan updates.

Objective 4, Public Information and Participation: Maximize public awareness and involvement in the planning of pedestrian routes and places, through the activities of STA and its member agencies.

Policies:

1. Continue to provide wide outreach to local and regional groups, agencies and organizations regarding the implementation and update of this Pedestrian Plan, and any related local plans.
2. Utilize the STA's Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a resource and coordinating body for local jurisdictions' input into the Pedestrian Plan implementation and update, identifying local

pedestrian issues, opportunities and projects, and to communicate information and ideas back to local agencies.

3. Use this Pedestrian Plan, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and any related local plans or planning efforts, as sounding boards and clearinghouses for concerns and ideas about pedestrian access, safety, and amenities.
4. Prepare and distribute or post maps of pedestrian routes and districts, and general information promoting the opportunities and benefits of walking.
5. Promote walking and awareness of the benefits of walking by supporting or coordinating with local events that feature walking or that occur in pedestrian-oriented settings, such as walking and running events, historic district tours, downtown or commercial district promotional events, street fairs, and school fairs.

Objective 5, Regional Planning and Coordination: Support and coordinate the planning of pedestrian connections, improvements and pedestrian-oriented development throughout Solano County.

Policies:

1. Encourage the use of the Pedestrian Plan, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and STA staff technical assistance for guidance, resources, incentives and countywide coordination on pedestrian improvements.
2. Identify a Pedestrian Safety Coordinator in each jurisdiction – a staff member with the responsibility to support any local committee and the STA PAC member, provide interdepartmental and inter-agency coordination, and prepare or coordinate funding applications.
3. Update the Pedestrian Plan every three to five years to ensure that it is consistent with local, regional and state conditions, needs, plans, standards, and funding opportunities.
4. Coordinate with the County-wide Bicycle Plan and the STA Bicycle Advisory Committee on routes and projects that may be shared between pedestrians and bicycles.
5. Support the completion of regional trails that link destinations within Solano County and beyond, including the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail.
6. Coordinate with the local jurisdictions to monitor pedestrian-related accident levels annually, and target a 10% reduction on a per capita basis over the next 20 years.
7. Coordinate with the local jurisdictions to collect and organize a reference library of examples of pedestrian improvement project applications and plans, and bid and construction cost data.

Objective 6, Funding: Maximize the amount of regional, state and federal funding for pedestrian improvements received by Solano County jurisdictions.

Policies:

1. Regularly update and disseminate the information on funding sources contained in this Plan, including STA's own Countywide Transportation for Livable Communities Program, to encourage applications.
2. Develop a prioritized regional list of projects with significant pedestrian components, along with detailed cost estimates, and identify appropriate funding sources for each proposal.
3. Encourage multi-jurisdictional and multi-objective funding applications for pedestrian-supportive projects.
4. Encourage the identification or creation of reliable local, regional, and state funding sources, which can be used to leverage state or federal grant funds for pedestrian improvements.
5. Encourage local jurisdictions to include pedestrian improvements in their planning programs and capital improvement plans.

CTP: ALTERNATIVE MODES ELEMENT PURPOSE STATEMENT AND GOALS

CTP PURPOSE STATEMENT: The Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan will help fulfill the STA's Mission³ by identifying a long-term and sustainable transportation system to provide mobility, reduce congestion, and ensure travel safety and economic vitality to Solano County.

ALTERNATIVE MODES ELEMENT PURPOSE STATEMENT: One County, Many Choices for Mobility ~ To establish programs and facilities for the transition toward sustainable transit-oriented communities with integrated multimodal⁴ transportation choices for Solano's residents, workers, and visitors. This will be accomplished by incorporating alternative modes as a central part of travel to ensure accessible, convenient, healthy, safe, efficient and cost-effective travel options to enhance connectivity, and will be compatible with local land use planning.

GOALS: Goals are the milestones by which achievement of the Purpose Statement are measured. In order to implement the Purpose of the Solano CTP and the Alternative Modes Element of the Solano CTP, the following goals are/will be established under 5 potential focus area categories (in alphabetical order):

Alternative Fuels

1. Support sustainable new and emerging alternative fuel technology by maintaining a broad information base, securing applicable funding, providing fleet demonstration programs, and increasing alternative fuel infrastructure
2. Work with the Solano Express Transit Consortium (countywide forum of transit and fleet operators) to discuss alternative fuels technologies for transit fleets serving Solano County

Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Ridesharing

3. Develop an intermodal transportation system that serves the transportation needs of Solano County's residents, workers, and visitors in a manner that is compatible with characteristics of natural, economic, and social resources
4. Improve the connectivity of transit facilities to existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities
5. Use Caltrans Context-Sensitive Solutions and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Routine Accommodations policy as an approach to plan, design, construct, and operate multimodal transportation projects
6. Identify and work with the stakeholders who will benefit from improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities connectivity and access (i.e. local users, visitors, merchants, etc.)
7. Develop and implement plans to improve awareness of the location and function of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

³ STA Mission Statement: "The mission of the Solano Transportation Authority is "To improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality."

⁴ A system or corridor that accommodates all modes of surface transportation including bicycles, pedestrians, transit vehicles, ferries, trains and personal vehicles

8. Develop and maintain partnership and good relations with local and regional bicycle and pedestrian planning agencies such as the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).
9. Fund and implement bicycle and pedestrian systems defined in STA plans. Periodically review and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in STA plans based on ability to close system gaps and available funding
10. Increase the connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to all modes of travel including public transit and park-and-ride lots.
11. Encourage end-user focused bicycle and pedestrian facilities planning
12. Improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians through development and implementation of programs such as Safe Routes to School (SR2S) and Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T)

Communications/Education

13. Develop programs to educate the public about bicycling and walking
14. Maximize collaboration among member agencies through all available technology
15. Encourage real-time exchange of information between people through shared services (i.e. transportation-related blog/chat rooms, forums, and instant messaging)
16. Develop and provide bicycle and pedestrian trip planning information, including near real-time information on availability of alternative modes
17. Increase awareness of available bicycle, pedestrian, and ridesharing (carpooling and vanpooling) modes
18. Publicize the understanding of both the environmental and economic benefits and costs of using clean technologies and alternative fuel vehicles
19. Provide incentives to expand the percentage of bicycle, pedestrian, and formal and casual ridesharing participation
20. Participate in sponsoring programs and activities that promote/encourage the use of alternative modes such as Safe Routes to School, Safe Routes to Transit, Commute Challenge, and Bike to Work
21. Inform the public of the provisions for public safety/disaster preparedness which is supplied by bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Funding Priorities

22. Develop a comprehensive network of funding resources for project sponsors to utilize when pursuing the planning and delivery of alternative modes projects
23. Assist project sponsors with obtaining funding for the planning and delivery of alternative modes projects
24. Ensure that alternative modes plans and facilities connect to underserved communities

Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) & Priority Development Area (PDA)

25. Support cities in approving and constructing sustainable higher density development and mixed land use amenities or Transit Oriented Development by implementing the Solano Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) plan and supporting communities with applications for Priority Development Area (PDA) designation
26. Facilitate transportation and land use planning by sustainably utilizing Transportation Planning and Land Use Solutions (T-PLUS) funding on TLC, PDA, and/or Transit-Oriented Development projects



DATE: May 21, 2009
TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
RE: Informational Items – Discussion

VII.A American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Projects – (Robert Guerrero, STA)

As part of the ARRA, also known as the federal stimulus initiative, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission acted rapidly with the approach to move projects forward by advancing “construction-ready” projects from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Tier 1 regional priority projects list. Among the list of projects for Solano County were the following (in alphabetical order by city):

- Benicia State Park Road Project
- Fairfield McGary Road Project
- Solano County Old Town Cordelia Pedestrian Project

These above projects met all federal funding requirements and were eligible to advance through the expedited project implementation process. These projects expect to complete construction by late summer or early fall of 2009. No attachments.

VII. B Benicia-Martinez Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Path Update – (Sara Woo, STA)

A Class I multiuse path will be constructed as part of the Caltrans Benicia-Martinez Bridge improvement project. This path is due for completion in late summer or early fall of this year. To prepare for the ribbon cutting ceremony, Caltrans staff has been working with the STA to determine the local discussions that will need to be made to facilitate the ceremony. Currently, discussions regarding the way-finding signs for bicyclist and pedestrian users have been completed by members of the BAC and PAC, city staff, STA staff, and local residents. A main item that was identified as part of this process was the need for a regional way-finding system for bicyclists. Further details will be provided by STA staff at the May 7, 2009 meeting. No attachments.



DATE: May 21, 2009
 TO: STA PAC
 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.

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Application Available From</u>	<u>Application Due</u>
TIGER Grants for Surface Transportation*	None available. All questions must be submitted in writing via email to: TigerTeam@dot.gov .	N/A ¹
FTA Grant Program – 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for Small Urban Projects*	Kristen Mazur, MTC (510) 817-5789	June 26, 2009
FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program for Small Urban Projects*	Kristen Mazur, MTC (510) 817-5789	June 26, 2009
FTA Grant Program – 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for Rural Projects*	Kristen Mazur, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	September 25, 2009

<i>Fund Source</i>	Application Available From	Application Due
FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program <i>for Rural Projects*</i>	Tracey Frost, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	September 25, 2009

* 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 PAC
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.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Small Urban Projects

Application Due June 26, 2009

TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) 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 nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

Program Description: The JARC Program provides funding for projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment and employment-related activities.

Funding Available: Approximately \$3 million is available for JARC small urban projects. Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

Eligible Projects: Operating: Late night/weekend service, Guaranteed ride home service, Shuttle service, Expanded fixed-route public transit routes, Demand-responsive service, Ridesharing/carpooling activities, Voucher programs. Capital: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Promotion of operating activities, Vehicles, Mobility management activities

Further Details: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html

Program Contact Person: Kristen Mazur, FTA grant staff liaison (MTC), (510) 817-5789, kmazur@mtc.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Liz Niedziela, STA Transit Manager/Analyst, (707) 424-6075, eniedziela@sta-snci.com

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Small Urban Projects

Application Due June 26, 2009

TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) 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 nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

Program Description: The New Freedom Program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide new transportation services for individuals with disabilities, above and beyond the minimum required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.6 million is available for New Freedom Small-Urban projects.

Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

Eligible Projects:

<u><i>Operating:</i></u>	<u><i>Capital:</i></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Expansion of hours for paratransit service</i>• <i>Enhancement of services</i>• <i>Voucher programs</i>• <i>Volunteer driver programs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Acquisition of accessibility equipment beyond ADA requirements</i>• <i>Purchasing accessible vehicles to support taxi, vanpooling, and/or ridesharing programs</i>• <i>Mobility management activities</i>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Rural Projects

Application Due September 25, 2009

TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) 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 nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

Program Description: The FTA 5316 JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment activities and employment related activities and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.4million is available for JARC rural projects.

Eligible Projects:

<p><u>Operating:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Late night/weekend service• Guaranteed ride home service• Shuttle service• Expanded fixed-route public transit routes• Demand-responsive service• Ridesharing/carpooling activities• Voucher programs	<p><u>Capital:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)• Promotion of operating activities• Vehicles• Mobility management activities
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Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Rural Projects

Application Due September 25, 2009

TO: STA PAC
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the FTA 5317 – New Freedom 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 nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

Program Description: The FTA 5317 New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide “new” transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

Funding Available: Approximately \$0.7 million is available for New Freedom Rural Projects.

Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

Eligible Projects:

<u>Operating:</u>	<u>Capital:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expansion of hours for paratransit service• Enhancement of services• Voucher programs• Volunteer driver programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition of accessibility equipment beyond ADA requirements• Purchasing accessible vehicles to support taxi, vanpooling, and/or ridesharing programs• Mobility management activities

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