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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCC) AGENDA

Friday, January 15, 2010
12:00– 2:00 p.m.

**JFK Library
Joseph Room
505 Santa Clara St.
Vallejo, CA**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	George Bartolome, Chair
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)	
III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)	
IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF (12:25 – 12:30 p.m.)	
V. PRESENTATIONS	
A. Transportation Sales Tax History Daryl K. Halls	
B. Area Agency on Aging Leanne Martinsen (12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)	
VI. CONSENT CALENDAR <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion</i> (1:00 – 1:05 p.m.)	
A. Minutes from PCC Meetings	Liz Niedziela
<u>Recommendation</u> Approve minutes of the November 20, 2009 meeting. Pg. 1	

PCC MEMBERS

George Bartolome-Chair
Social Service Provider

Richard Burnett-Vice Chair
EDAC Representative

Catarina Evanson
Public Agency – Education

Jamie Johnson
Social Service Provider

Tom Morgan
Transit User

Jim Simon
Member at Large

Shirley Stacy
Transit User

James Williams
Member at Large

Kurt Wellner
Transit User

- B. 2010 PCC Draft Work Plan** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
 Recommend that the Solano Transportation Authority Board approve the Paratransit Coordinating Council 2010 Work Plan
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- C. FY 2010 PCC Draft Outreach Plan** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
 Recommend that the Solano Transportation Authority Board approve the Paratransit Coordinating Council 2010 Outreach Plan
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VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. PCC Membership Reappointment** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
 Recommend that the Solano Transportation Authority Board reappoint the following members to the Paratransit Coordinating Council: George Bartolome, Richard Burnett, and James Williams
 (1:05-1:10 p.m.)
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- B. PCC 2010 Election for Chair and Vice Chair** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
 Elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2010
 (1:10-1:20 p.m.)
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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee** Liz Niedziela
Informational
 (1:20-1:25 p.m.)
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- B. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY 2010-11** Liz Niedziela
Informational
 (1:25-1:30 p.m.)
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- C. 2009 PCC Work Plan Accomplishments** Liz Niedziela
Informational
 (1:30-1:35 p.m.)
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- D. PCC Membership Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
 (1:35-1:40 p.m.)
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E. Transit Operator Updates

- Benicia Breeze
- Dixon Redit-Ride
- Fairfield and Suisun Transit
- Rio Vista Delta Breeze
- Vacaville City Coach
- Vallejo Transit

(1:40-1:55 p.m.)

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion

(1:55-2:00 p.m.)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled at **Solano Community College; Fairfield, 12:00 NOON, Friday, March 15, 2010.**

For questions regarding this agenda:

Please contact Liz Niedziela at (707) 424-6075 or eniedziela@sta-snci.com

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*Agenda Item VI.A
January 15, 2010*

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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL AGENDA

Minutes for the meeting of November 20, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

PCC Vice Chair, Richard Burnett, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm at Suisun City Hall in Suisun City.

Voting Members Present:

Richard Burnett	Vice-Chair, EDAC Representative
Catarina Evanson	Solano Community College Representative
Jamie Johnson	Social Service Provider
Shirley Stacy	Transit User
Kurt Wellner	Transit User
James Williams	Member-at-Large

Voting Members Not Present:

George Bartolome	Chair, Social Service Provider
Tom Morgan	Transit User
Jim Simon	Member-at-Large

Also Present:

Angel Anderson	Fairfield and Suisun Transit
Judy Leaks	STA/SNCI
Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach
Liz Niedziela	STA
Elizabeth Richards	STA
Jeanine Wooley	Vallejo Transit

II. APPROVAL OF November 20, 2009 AGENDA

On a motion by Catarina Evanson and a second by Jamie Johnson, the PCC unanimously approved the November 20, 2009 agenda noting that Daryl Halls was not able to attend and present the Transportation Sales Tax History. The presentation will be rescheduled.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Liz Niedziela presented Shirley Stacy was recognized as Advisory Committee Member of the Year by Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and she received an award at the STA 12th Annual Award Ceremony. Brian McLean from Vacaville City Coach, Jeff Matheson from Dixon Redit-Ride, and Jeanine Wooley from Vallejo Transit also received special recognition from Commissioner Jim Sperring for their collaboration and dedicated work in the Senior and Disable Transportation Summits. Also, the Solano County Mayors' Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities recognized all the transit operators in Solano County for their commitment to excellence.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Transportation Sales Tax History

This presentation will be rescheduled.

B. Solano Napa Commuter Information

Judy Leaks from Solano Napa Commuter (SNCI) presented the services SNCI offers and presented the new transportation guide for Senior and Disabled Transportation in Solano County (Attachment A).

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the PCC Meeting of September 18, 2009

Recommendation:

On a motion by Catarina Evanson and seconded by Jamie Johnson, the PCC unanimously approve PCC Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2009.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2009-10 TDA Claims – City of Rio Vista

Recommendation:

On a motion by Richard Burnett and seconded by Catarina Evanson, the PCC unanimously approved to forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the City of Rio Vista's FY 2009-10 TDA Claim for \$154,697 for transit operations, \$14,740 for capital, and \$25,000 for street and roads.

Rio Vista staff was not present to answer specific questions concerning the claim. Jim Williams asked if more details can be provided to the council in the future in anticipation the City staff is not present but still prefer that City staff be present in presenting their claim.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II

Elizabeth Richards presented the Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II. The summit was well attended. Some future projects include a unified countywide Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit application and a unified Paratransit ADA card to provide more consistency. The most innovative future change presented was providing intercity paratransit options with taxis. Solano County Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide was also introduced and distributed. Supervisor Spering discussed the development of a new STA Board advisory coordinating committee consisting of a variety of stakeholders in the senior and disabled community.

B. Paratransit Coordinating Council Membership Status and Update

Liz Niedziela presented Paratransit Coordinating Council Membership Status and Update. At the September 2009 PCC meeting, the PCC recommended that the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board appointed Kurt Wellner to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). On October 14, 2009, the STA Board appointed Kurt Wellner to the PCC as a Transit User.

The PCC has five (5) members that will have completed the three year term of service in January 2010. These five members are required to be re-appointed by the STA Board.

The PCC staff would like to thank Chair George Bartolome and Vice-Chair Richard Burnett for their exceptional two year service as PCC Chair and Vice-Chair. In January, the PCC will be holding its election for a new chair and vice-chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve for a term of two years and are eligible to serve after at least a year between terms. PCC council members may nominate themselves or others. In January, the nominees will present a brief statement before election.

Jim Williams and Richard Burnett expressed interest in serving another term. Catarina is considering but has not confirmed. Jim Williams nominated Jamie Johnson for the Chair position and Jamie Johnson accepted.

C. 2010 PCC Draft Work Plan

Liz Niedziela presented the 2010 PCC Draft Work Plan. In preparation for 2010, the STA staff had developed a draft Work Plan for review, and future approval, by the PCC. The 2010 Work Plan continues to focus on outreach activities. The purposes of these outreach activities are to promote awareness of the PCC and its advisory function and to encourage persons with disabilities, seniors and others to take advantage of the opportunity to provide comments on the transportation system.

D. FY 2010 PCC Draft Outreach Plan

Liz Niedziela presented the FY 2010 PCC Draft Outreach Plan. In preparation for 2010, the STA staff developed a Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) draft Work Plan for review and discussion by the PCC. One of the key elements of the 2010 Work Plan is to focus on outreach activities. The purposes of these outreach activities are to promote awareness of the PCC and its information and advisory function and to encourage persons

with disabilities, seniors and others to take advantage of the opportunity to provide comments on the transportation system. Following the discussion, the PCC would like to continue with the rotating location as the prior year.

E. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY 2010-11

Liz Niedziela presented the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for FY 2010-11. This year Unmet Needs Hearing was scheduled to be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 from approximately 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Solano County Administration Center (SCAC) in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. The issues raised at the hearing and through written comments will be reviewed and compiled by MTC. The comments that are identified as reasonable unmet needs will be forwarded by MTC to STA. On September 9, 2009, MTC is Programming and Allocations Committee authorized MTC staff to proceed with the Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Solano County.

MTC has requested discussions with STA, Rio Vista and County of Solano concerning TDA phase out at the MTC’s Programming and Allocations Committee in November 2009.

F. Transit Operator Updates

Benicia Breeze:	Staff was not present.
Dixon Read-Ride:	Staff was not present.
Rio Vista Delta Breeze:	Staff was not present.
Fairfield and Suisun Transit:	Angel Anderson presented that the FAST staff is riding all buses on a regular bases to check on performance and other issues.
Vacaville City Coach:	Brian McLean presented the arrival of the new CNG buses. Ridership is up in all modes. Paratransit is up 7% and local routes are up 14%. Also, all the operators have been working on mobility issues in Solano County.
Vallejo RunAbout:	Jeanine Wooley presented that Vallejo has been working with Benicia on the consolidation. Vallejo Transit is moving forward on 21 bus procurement to replace the local route buses. Paratransit riders are declining and Vallejo staff is researching the potential reasons. She also presented the intercity taxi proposal that will provide taxi service to ADA ambulatory passengers traveling city to city. Vallejo Transfer Center is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

A future agenda item was suggested on Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) and how it may be used as another revenue source.

The overall comments from the PCC council members were positive concerning the new proposed taxi scrip program.

Jim Williams would like the STA staff to keep the PCC informed in any regional workshops concerning paratransit similar to the type that some of the PCC members participated in prior years.

Jim Williams suggested the transit operators present ridership and statistical information as were presented in the past.

Jamie Johnson and Richard Burnett suggested future presentations on marketing and “empty buses” to the PCC so they may better inform others when the question is asked, “Why do I see buses when no one in them?” And to also address the questions of the marketing plans the transit operators have in place to increase ridership.

Shirley Stacy mentioned that DART is still having problems with scheduling. It is difficult to schedule an appointment. Dispatch does not always let the driver know that the ride is cancelled so the drivers still show up. She mentioned that if the DART makes a mistake it is okay but if a client makes a mistake, it is a problem.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled at 12:00 on Friday, January 20, 2010 in Vallejo at the JFK Library in the Joseph Room.

Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI)

Introduction

- Solano Napa Commuter Information
 - Program of the STA
 - We provide information about travel options throughout the area

Services provided for the Senior and Disabled Population

- Senior/Disabled Transportation Guide
 - Distributed at the Senior Summit II
 - Local Transit Agencies worked together to design and develop this guide
 - Comprehensive resource of the many programs and coordinated services in Solano County
 - Review brochure
- Display Racks
 - SNCI fills display racks at various senior centers and at public locations like libraries and city halls
 - Display racks contain a variety of transportation information like local and regional bus schedules, the Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide, SolanoExpress guide
- SolanoExpress Guide
 - Shows connections to transportation outside of Solano County
 - BayLink Ferry
 - Buses to BART
 - Bus to Sacramento
- Transit Trip Planning
 - Call us at 800-535-6883
 - Three well-trained staff people who will provide assistance and help you plan your trip or will refer you to the appropriate contact.
 - Use the brochures, but if you need a human contact, please call us

Find an easier way to commute!

Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) offers personalized assistance for traveling around Solano/Napa Counties and neighboring cities.

SNCI is a public agency program with free information and services for using alternative transportation in Solano and Napa Counties and surrounding regions.

Free Services

- Community outreach
- Employer outreach/worksites relocation
- Incentive programs
- Individual commute assistance
- Personalized carpool/vanpool matchlists
- Transit trip planning
- Vanpool formation
- Emergency Ride Home Program

Free Information

- Airporters
- Amtrak (Capitol Corridor)
- BART (including bus connections)
- Bicycle facilities and maps
- Discount transit tickets
- FasTrak—electronic toll collection system
- Ferry schedules
- Free passage over regional toll bridges
- High occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV)
- Local and regional bus systems
- Park & Ride lots

For more information on public transit or ridesharing, please complete the attached Commuter Information Request form and send it to us today. We'll even pay the postage for you!

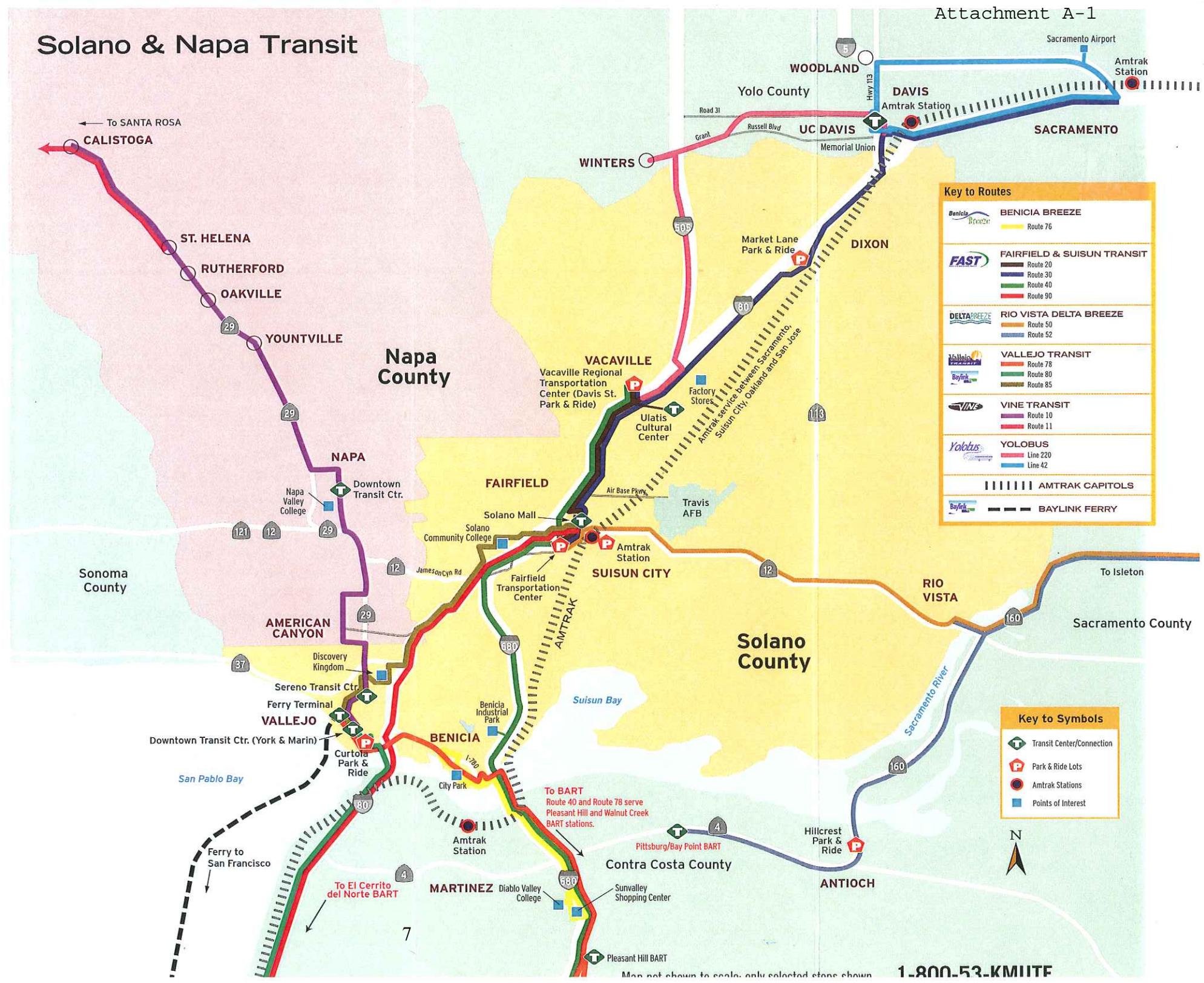
Or call us for details. We can be reached Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM at: **1-800-53-KMUTE**

After hours, please use our voice mail system so that we can promptly service your needs the next business day.

To e-mail your request to us, please visit our website:

commuterinfo.net

Solano & Napa Transit



Commuter Information Request

Interested in joining or forming a carpool/vanpool or taking public transit? Complete the form below, tear off and drop it in the mail (we'll pay for the postage!).

How may we assist you? (Check all that apply)

- I want to join a carpool/vanpool
- I want information on starting/driving a vanpool
- I'm interested in transit information
- Employer/agency—request information for employees/clients
- Other _____

If you request carpool/vanpool information, we'll send you a free "matchlist" with names and contact information for commuters who live and work nearby. You can call or e-mail them and start sharing the ride.

To process your request, we require at least one phone number and your home and work street addresses. All your information is considered confidential and will be used ONLY for ridematching purposes. Your address will NOT be released to other ridematching participants.

Your Name _____

Employer (Company) Name _____

Work Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Home Phone () _____

Work/Message Phone () _____

What time do you start work? ____ (Circle) AM or PM

What time do you leave work? ____ (Circle) AM or PM

Are your work start/stop times flexible? (Circle) Yes or No

If yes, by how many minutes? (Circle) 15 30 45 60

How do you usually get to work? (Circle one)

Drive Alone Carpool Vanpool Bus/Transit
Bike Walk Other _____

Where did you get this brochure?

Reference Guide to Transportation Agencies

AGENCY

**Solano Napa
Commuter Information**

PHONE NUMBER

1-800-53-KMUTE (5-6883)

WEBSITE

commuterinfo.net

Solano County

Benicia Breeze 707-745-0815
Dixon Readi-Ride 707-678-5020
Fairfield Suisun Transit 707-422-2877
Delta Breeze 707-374-2878
Vallejo Baylink Ferry 877-64-FERRY (3-3779)
Vallejo Transit 707-648-4666
Vacaville City Coach 707-449-6000

ci.benicia.ca.us/transit

ci.fairfield.ca.us/busroutes.htm

rio-vista-ca.com/transit

baylinkferry.com

vallejotransit.com

citycoach.com

Napa County

American Canyon Transit 707-557-7557
Calistoga HandyVan 707-963-4229
Lake Transit 707-263-3334
Napa Downtown Trolley 707-255-7631
St. Helena VINE Shuttle 707-963-3007
VINE Transit 800-696-6443
Yountville Shuttle 707-944-1234

americancanyontransit.net

calistogahandyvan.net

laketransit.org

napavalleyvine.net/trolley

sthenavineshuttle.net

napavalleyvine.net

yountvilleshuttle.net

Other Agencies

Bay Area Transportation Info (Toll Free) 511
AC Transit 510-477-0192
Amtrak Capitol Corridor 800-872-7245
BART 510-236-2278
Contra Costa County Connection 925-676-7500
Golden Gate Transit 707-541-2000
Greyhound 800-231-2222
Sacramento RT 916-321-2877
Unitrans (Davis) 530-752-2877
Yolobus 530-666-2877

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greyhound.com

sacrt.com

unitrans.com

yolobus.com

Ridesharing Services

Carpool/Vanpool

By carpooling you can save up to \$4,200 a year on an 80-mile, roundtrip commute (in gas, maintenance and other expenses). Vanpooling is reliable, relaxing and economical. There is also a variety of incentive programs throughout the region.

Free Matchlist

We provide a free, personalized list of names and contact phone numbers for people who share similar commutes and are interested in forming carpools/vanpools.

Start a Vanpool

You can reduce your commute costs to zero as a vanpool driver! We'll tell you how to become a vanpool driver or back-up driver, and provide ongoing assistance. If you don't have a van, we also have van leasing information.

Employer Programs

SNCI helps employers set up worksite rideshare programs that save employees money and increase productivity. We provide worksite events, commuter surveys, relocation assistance, the Emergency Ride Home Program and more.

Free Park & Ride Lots

Park free all day in these convenient lots in Solano and Napa; most have direct bus service.

- Benicia: East 2nd & East S St. at I-780
- Dixon: Market Lane at Pitt School Rd. 
Jefferson St. & B St. (Downtown) 
- Fairfield: Green Valley Rd. at I-80
K-Mart at N. Texas/Airbase Pkwy.
Magellan Rd. at W. Texas/Beck St. 
- Napa: Highway 29 & Imola Ave./Golden Gate Dr.
- Suisun City: Main St. at Highway 12
- Vacaville: Davis St. at I-80 
Peabody Rd. & I-80 at Cliffside Dr.
Leisure Town Rd. at Orange Dr.
Bella Vista & Davis St. 
- Vallejo: Benicia Rd. at I-80
Magazine St. at I-80
Curtola Pkwy. at Lemon St. 

 Bike lockers available at these sites.

Just call **1-800-53-KMUTE** or complete and return the attached Commuter Information request. You can also visit our website: commuterinfo.net



A program of the Solano Transportation Authority in partnership with the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Bay Area Air Quality Transportation Fund for Clean Air.



NON-PROFIT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Non-profit transportation services are available which can provide transportation for seniors and disabled persons at no or reduced cost.

Area Agency on Aging Senior

Escort Program (707) 643-1798

Provides transportation for low income Vallejo residents age 60+. Donations are accepted.

Fairfield Senior Volunteer Driver

Program (707) 428-7556

Provides transportation for ambulatory seniors by small van to senior centers, doctor/dentist appointments and pharmacies in specific areas of Fairfield. Reservations required.

Faith in Action/Ride With Pride

(707) 469-6667

Provides free rides, door-to-door for seniors to appointments and events throughout Solano County. First come, first served. Donations are accepted.

American Cancer Society

(707) 425-5006

Provides transportation for ambulatory Solano County cancer patients. Call (800) 227-2345 a minimum of 72 hours in advance (required).

INTERCITY SERVICES

(877) 974-3322

The Capitol Corridor train service stops in Suisun City seven days a week. Trains operate between Sacramento, Oakland and San Jose with multiple stops. Trains and stations are ADA accessible. Visit www.capitolcorridor.org for details.

GREYHOUND BUS LINES

(800) 231-2222

(Spanish) (800) 531-5332
Operates between Vallejo, Suisun City and Vacaville, and throughout the United States.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Private transportation providers are privately owned businesses, providing transportation services for a fee. These service providers are not publicly subsidized. The information listed below is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement of these private businesses.

Americare Alliance (707) 447-7734

AA Medical Transportation (707) 552-1193

Garcia's Transporation (707) 689-6609

Murphy Medical Transport (707) 580-1429

Stan's Chaperone Service (707) 761-4430

Sully's Non-Emergency Transport (707) 290-6349

INTER-COUNTY SERVICES

SolanoExpress connects Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Francisco and Yolo counties. Napa VINE connects Vallejo to the Napa Valley. YoloBus connects Vacaville, Winters and Davis.

VINE (800) 696-6443

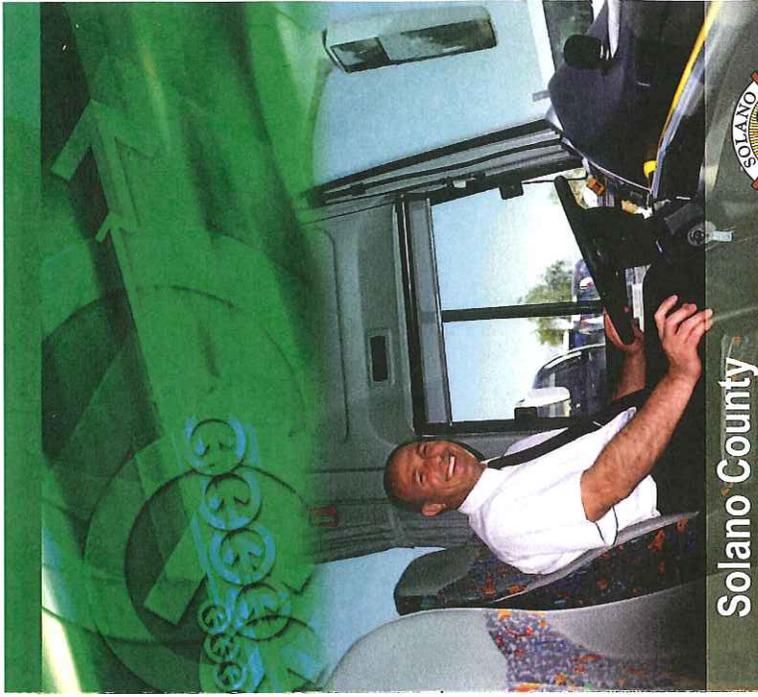
Yolo Bus (530) 666-2877

SolanoExpress (800) 535-6883

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) (510) 464-7134

Serves Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco and San Mateo counties.

Several SolanoExpress buses connect Solano to BART stations – from Fairfield and Vallejo to El Cerrito del Norte station; from Vacaville/Fairfield/Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek stations; from Vallejo/Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek stations. To learn more about how BART makes it easier for seniors and persons with disabilities to use BART, visit www.BART.gov.



Solano County

SENIOR & DISABLED Transportation Guide



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COMMUTER INFO

800-53-KMUTE
(800-535-6883)
www.commuterinfo.net

Effective October 2009

Transportation in Solano County



This guide has been designed as a comprehensive resource of the many transportation programs and coordinated services offered in Solano County for seniors and the disabled.



To help you fully utilize these resources we encourage you to contact Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI). SNCI can help create a personalized transit trip plan as well as provide general transportation information.

You can reach SNCI by calling
800-53-KMUTE
(800-535-6883)
or by visiting
www.commuterinfo.net



FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT

For individuals who can walk to a bus stop, board and exit a bus with or without a mobility device, fixed-route transit offers a low cost transportation alternative. All buses have lifts for wheelchairs.

Operating Hours, Fares, Special Programs and Promotions

Special programs and promotions for seniors and disabled persons are available such as discounted fares, passes and other fixed route transit offers. For more information within your community contact your local transit agency:

Benicia Breeze	(707) 745-0815
Dixon Read-Ride	(707) 678-5020
Fairfield & Suisun Transit	(707) 422-2877
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	(707) 374-2878
SolanoExpress	(800) 535-6883
Vacaville City Coach	(707) 449-6000
Vallejo Transit	(707) 648-4666
Vallejo Baylink Ferry (Service to San Francisco)	(707) 643-3779

Dispatchers are available to help you plan your trip, provide guidance on which bus route would get you to your destination quickest and where you can find the bus stop closest to your location.

PARATRANSIT SERVICE

Paratransit is an origin-to-destination transportation service for persons who are disabled as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Eligibility, Obtaining Applications, Fares and Requesting a Trip

Eligibility for origin-to-destination paratransit service is simple. A short application must be completed. The questions are designed to help understand the applicant's ability to use accessible fixed route transit.

Once your application has been reviewed and eligibility is determined, you will receive an ADA Paratransit card and a Paratransit Riders Guide which explains paratransit service guidelines.

Paratransit service is available within your community as well as between the cities of Solano County.

Contact your local transit agency (phone numbers to the left) to obtain an application and information on fares and to request a trip. If you live in rural areas of Solano County please call (707) 784-6765.

REDUCED-FARE TAXI

If you are a senior or ADA qualified individual able to enter and exit a taxi cab without assistance, the reduced fare or taxi scrip program may be the right fit for you. This program provides the rider with a deeply discounted taxi ride.

Eligibility and Purchasing Taxi Tickets

Eligibility is determined through the completion of a short application. Please call the transit agency in your city for more information. For locations to purchase reduced fare taxi tickets contact your local transit agency:

Benicia Breeze	(707) 746-4300
Dixon Read-Ride	(707) 678-5020
Fairfield & Suisun Transit	(707) 428-3298
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	(707) 374-2878
Vacaville City Coach	(707) 449-5170
Vallejo Transit	(707) 648-4345

Scheduling Your Taxi Ride

In Vacaville/Dixon	(707) 449-8294
In Fairfield/Suisun	(707) 428-4400
In Vallejo/Benicia	(707) 642-4421
In Rio Vista	(707) 374-6572

PCC

Date: January 4, 2010
 To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
 From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
 Re: PCC 2010 Work Plan

Background/Discussion:

In preparation for 2010, the STA staff had developed a draft Work Plan and presented it to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) in November 2009 for review. The 2010 Work Plan continues to focus on developing expertise and understanding of the range of transportation services for Solano seniors and disabled and outreach activities. Presentations of different transportation services will continue in 2010 PCC meetings. The purposes of these outreach activities are to promote awareness of the PCC and its advisory function and to encourage persons with disabilities, seniors and others to take advantage of the opportunity to provide comments on the transportation system.

The following is the draft PCC Work Plan for 2010 for action. The PCC may wish to add items to the Work Plan throughout the year, as they deem necessary. After approval by the PCC, the Work Plan will be presented to the STA Board for action.

Activity	Tasks	2010 Timeline
Administrative	Elect PCC Officers	January 2010
Outreach	Develop a strategy to increase/maintain PCC Membership. (i.e., press releases, letters of outreach, etc.).	January – December Until vacancies are filled.
	Improve the identity of the PCC through marketing strategies.	January – December
	Outreach to Solano Community College.	January – December
	Outreach to senior centers and disabled groups.	January – December
	Develop stronger presence on the STA Website.	January – December
Projects	Participate in studies that impact transportation for seniors and the disabled.	January – December
	Develop expertise and understanding of the range of transportation services for Solano seniors and disabled.	January – December
Funding	Establish FTA Section 5310 application review committee.	TBA
	Review FTA Section 5310 applications.	TBA
	Review TDA Article 4/8 Claims for Cities and County of Solano.	January – December
	Monitor the MTC Unmet Transit Needs Process.	January - December

Recommendation:

Recommend to the STA Board to approve the 2010 PCC Work Plan.

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DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC 2010 Outreach Plan

Background/Discussion:

In preparation for 2010, the STA staff developed a Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) 2010 Outreach Plan for review and approval by the PCC. At the last PCC meeting in November 2009, a draft PCC 2010 Outreach Plan was presented and reviewed by the PCC.

One of the key elements of the 2010 Draft Work Plan is to focus on outreach activities. The purposes of these outreach activities are to promote awareness of the PCC and its information and advisory function and to encourage persons with disabilities, seniors and others to take advantage of the opportunity to provide comments on the transportation system.

At the last PCC meeting, it was suggested to continue with the alternating PCC meeting locations in an effort to outreach further to senior centers and disabled groups throughout the County. In addition, notice of the PCC meetings will continue to be distributed. Finally, the updated PCC brochure will continue to be distributed. Included in the brochure is an application for PCC membership. For more details, please see attached draft 2010 PCC Outreach Plan.

Recommendations:

Approve the PCC 2010 Outreach Plan

Attachment:

- A. Draft Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council 2010 Outreach Plan

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Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
Draft 2010 Outreach Plan

Purpose:

- To increase the awareness of the Paratransit Coordinating Council and its information and advisory functions on transportation issues concerning Solano seniors and the disabled.
 - To encourage participation in the PCC as committee members and by the public in general.
1. Update and print the Paratransit Coordinating Council Brochure as needed
 2. Distribute Paratransit Coordinating Council Brochures
 - a. Paratransit Vehicles
 - i. Make brochures available to all Paratransit providers for distribution on their vehicles
 - b. Distribute brochures at two or more locations in each city in Solano County
 - i. Vallejo
 1. Florence Senior Center
 2. Solano Employment Connection (display rack)
 3. JFK Library
 - ii. Fairfield
 1. Independent Living Center (display rack)
 2. Fairfield Senior Center
 3. Solano Community College (display rack)
 4. Westfield Mall – City Hall at the Mall
 5. City Hall
 - iii. Suisun City
 1. Nelson Community Center (display rack)
 2. Suisun City Hall (display rack)
 - iv. Vacaville
 1. Vacaville Library – Ulatis Community Center (display rack)
 2. Vacaville Senior Center (display rack)
 3. City Hall
 - v. Rio Vista
 1. Rio Vista City Hall (display rack)
 2. The Family Resource Center (display rack)
 3. Rio Vista Senior Center
 - vi. Benicia
 1. Benicia Library (display rack)
 2. Benicia Senior Center
 3. City Hall
 - vii. Dixon
 1. Dixon Chamber of Commerce (display rack)
 2. Dixon Senior Center (display rack)
 3. City Hall

3. Outreach Program targeting senior centers and disabled groups
 - a. Hold a PCC meeting at a different location for the remaining of the year
 - b. Publicize meetings
 1. Distribute agenda to Board Clerk at all Cities/County
 2. Flyers on Paratransit vehicles in the city the meeting will be held
 3. Senior Centers of the city the meeting will be held
 4. Post on STA website
 - c. Improve PCC presence via the internet by linking improved STA website pages to senior and disabled interest groups via weblinks.
 - d. Location of Meetings (depending on availability)
 1. Vallejo Joseph Room at JFK Library (Vallejo Runabout) – January 15, 2010
 2. Solano Community College (Fairfield) - March 19, 2010
 3. Ulatis Community Center (Vacaville City Coach Special Services)- May 21, 2010
 4. Fairfield Community Center (DART) July 16, 2010
 5. Benicia City Hall (Benicia Breeze) - September 17, 2010
 6. Suisun City Hall (DART) - November 19, 2010

PCC

DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager
RE: Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Member Re-Appointments

Background:

Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) is a citizen’s advisory committee to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) that represents the seniors and disabled residents of Solano County. The members of the PCC are volunteers from the local community and local social service agencies. The term of service on the Council shall be three years. A member may continue to serve through reappointment by the STA Board.

The following is a list of current PCC member terms and expiration dates:

Jurisdiction	Member	Term Expires
Public Agency/County of Solano	Vacant - seeking 1 member	
Social Service Provider	Vacant - seeking 1 member	
Transit User	Tom Morgan	Jun-10
Transit User	Shirley Stacy	Jan-11
Social Service Provider	Jamie Johnson	Dec-11
Transit User	Kurt Wellner	Oct-12
Social Service Provider	George Bartolome	Jan-10
EDAC Representative	Richard Burnett	Jan-10
Public Agency - Education	Catarina Evanson	Jan-10
Member at Large	Jim Simon	Jan-10
Member at Large	James Williams	Jan-10

Discussion:

The PCC has five (5) members that will have completed the three year term of service in January 2010. These five members are required to be re-appointed by the STA Board. There are no term limits for PCC members and all members were encouraged to reapply for their position for another 3 years.

George Bartolome, Richard Burnett and Jim Williams have all agreed to serve another term of three years. Catarina Evanson and Jim Simon would like to still attend meetings but at this time they are not interested in serving another term. The STA staff would like to thank Catarina Evanson and Jim Simon for their service and dedication.

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Solano Transportation Authority Board reappoint the following members to the Paratransit Coordinating Council:

- George Bartolome as Social Service Provider, term expiring in January 2013
- Richard Burnett as EDAC Representative, term expiring in January 2013
- James Williams as Member at Large, term expiring in January 2013

PCC

DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC 2010 Election for Chair and Vice Chair

Background:

As stated in Article VI of the Paratransit Coordination Council's (PCC) By-laws, the council must annually nominate and elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair are allowed to serve a term of two (2) consecutive years. After holding an officer's position for two (2) consecutive years, a minimum of one (1) year must elapse before either of the officers can serve again.

Currently, George Bartolome is PCC Chairperson and Richard Burnett is the PCC Vice-Chairperson and they both fulfill their term limitation of two years and are eligible to serve after at least a year between terms. The PCC staff would like to thank Chair George Bartolome and Vice-Chair Richard Burnett for their exceptional two year service as PCC Chair and Vice-Chair.

Below is a brief description of the duties of Chair and Vice-Chair.

If the Chairperson resigns his/her position, the Vice-Chairperson shall step into the vacated spot and a special nominating committee will appoint a new Vice-Chairperson. Service in this temporary position shall not bar the interim Chairperson from running in a subsequent election for Chairperson.

- a. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preside over all meetings of the Council, and to appoint committees as necessary.
- b. It shall be the duty of the vice-chairperson to assist the chairperson in the execution of the office and to preside at meetings in the event of the absence of the chairperson.
- c. It shall be the duty of the secretary (STA Staff) to keep a written record of all meetings of the Council and other tasks as appropriate.

At the November's PCC meeting, Jim William nominated Jamie Johnson for Chair and Jamie Johnson accepted the nomination. PCC council members may nominate themselves or others. The nominees will present a brief statement before election.

Recommendation:

Elect a PCC Chair and Vice Chair for 2010 and forward a recommendation to the STA Board.

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DATE: January 4, 2010
TO: PCC
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority works on a wide spectrum of transportation issues. These include mobility for senior citizens and disabled persons. The STA Board-appointed Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) is responsible for reviewing and provides input to the STA Board on transportation studies concerning seniors, the disabled, and paratransit services and makes recommendations on the funding priorities of paratransit capital grants. The SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is comprised of Solano County's six transit operators, Solano County and STA and coordinates on a variety of transit plans, services, and issues including senior and disabled transit services.

In 2004, STA completed a countywide Senior and Disabled Transit Plan. It projected that by 2030 the proportion of the County's population aged 65 and over would more than double from 9% at the time of the study to 19%. The study noted that as people age, they become less likely to maintain their driver's license while still needing to be mobile.

The STA Board Chair and County Supervisor Jim Spering requested and received support from the STA Board to have STA assist in organizing a countywide public forum specifically on the topic of Senior and Disabled Transportation. The STA staff took the co-lead on organizing this event in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the County of Solano and the Senior Coalition of Solano County. Two summits were held at the Joseph Nelson Community Center in Suisun City on June 26, 2009 and October 30, 2009.

Some future projects include a unified countywide Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit application and a unified Paratransit ADA card to provide more consistency. The most innovative future change presented was providing intercity paratransit options with taxis. Phase 1 of the intercity taxi scrip program will provide ambulatory paratransit passengers the option to use taxis to travel between cities in Solano County for 15% of the normal taxi cost. New Freedom grant applications have been submitted to support this new service which the STA has supported. This option is planned to be available in early 2010. Phase 2 will extend the program to non-ambulatory paratransit users traveling intercity. The timeline for Phase 2 is contingent on the purchase of accessible vehicles for the taxi operators. Phase 3 will provide local taxi service to both ambulatory and non-ambulatory certified ADA passengers. The Solano County Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide was created and distributed at Summit II providing information on transportation options with contact numbers.

Discussion:

At both summits, there was interest expressed and concerns raised about how to continue the dialogue and partnerships' exhibits at the two summits. Supervisor Spering proposed the development of a new STA Board Advisory Committee consisting of a variety of stakeholders in

the senior and disabled community. The Committee's purpose would be to provide a countywide forum for coordination and funding of senior and disabled transportation services.

Comment cards were available at the Summit and 40 people completed one. The overall response to the summit and the presentations were positive. A section of the comment card allowed people to request additional information on various services as well as express interest in being on the proposed new committee. The STA and the transit operators will work together to respond to the requests for further information. Many individuals expressed interest in participating as members on the proposed new committee.

On the December 9, 2009, the STA Board acted to authorize and approve establishment, purpose and membership categories of the new committee (see Attachment A). One of the committee members should be from the PCC. The STA staff would like to welcome suggestions, nomination, of who or/and how to fill this position.

Recommendation:

Informational

Attachments:

- A. Proposed Committee Purpose and Membership
- B. Committee Structural Chart

**Advisory Committee
for
Solano Seniors, Elderly and Disabled**

Purpose: To provide a countywide forum for coordination and funding of senior and disabled transportation services

Tasks:

- Provide forum for senior and disabled transportation Issues;
- Identify and advise STA, County of Solano, Cities and Senior Coalition on transportation issues for seniors and disabled individuals;
- Provide forum for coordination of senior and disabled transit services and funding for transit providers and non-profits;
- Develop funding priorities for senior and disabled transportation issues to the STA and serve as advisory committee for update on seniors and disability mobility study ; and
- Development of short-term and long-term funding strategy for seniors and disabled transportation.

MEMBERSHIP:	
Transit Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benicia Breeze • Dixon Read-Ride • Fairfield and Suisun Transit • Rio Vista Delta Breeze • Vacaville City Coach • Vallejo Transit
County of Solano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Services • Transportation
Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Action • Area Agency on Aging
Paratransit Coordinating Council Representative	
Senior Coalition	
Solano Community College	
Medical Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiser • North Bay • Sutter Solano • Dialysis Center • Skilled Nursing Facility
STA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • 2 Board Member Liaisons
Members at Large (Eight)	One appointed by each Mayor and one by the Board of Supervisors

Solano Transportation Authority Board



Advisory Coordinating Council
for
Solano Seniors, Elderly and Disabled



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DATE: January 6, 2010
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11

Background:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4/8 funds are distributed to cities and counties based upon a population formula and are primarily intended for transit purposes. However, TDA funds may be used for streets and roads purposes in counties with a population of less than 500,000, if it is annually determined by the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) that all reasonable unmet transit needs have been met.

Solano County is the one county in the Bay Area that has local jurisdictions using TDA funds for streets and roads. Two out of eight jurisdictions currently use TDA funds for streets and roads (Rio Vista and the County of Solano).

Annually, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area, holds a public hearing in the late fall to begin the process to determine if there are any transit needs not being reasonably met in Solano County. Based on comments raised at the hearing and written comments received, MTC staff identifies pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions that will be addressed. The STA coordinates with the transit operators who prepare responses specific to their operation.

Once STA staff has collected all the responses from Solano County's transit operators, a coordinated response is approved by the STA Board and forwarded to MTC. Evaluating Solano County's responses, MTC staff determines whether or not there are any potential comments that need further analysis. If there are comments that need further analysis, MTC presents them to MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) to seek their concurrence on those issues that the STA or the specified transit operator would need to further analyze as part of the Unmet Transit Needs Plan. Until MTC can make a finding that there are no reasonable unmet transit needs, all TDA claims for local streets and roads for the forthcoming fiscal year are held by MTC.

Discussion:

This year's Unmet Transit Needs Hearing was held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Solano County Administration Center (SCAC) in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. MTC Commissioner Sperring chaired the meeting. In attendance were three staff from MTC and three staff from STA. There was representation from Fairfield, Rio Vista, Vacaville, and Vallejo transit operators and two representatives from Solano County. Approximately 10 people attended the event to share their comments and concerns. Non-Profit agencies also attended and offered to assist collaboratively with all agencies. The comment period closed December 18, 2009 for accepting comments, by mail, e-mail, fax, and phone.

At the public hearing, STA staff presented changes and improvements to Solano transit services and facilities in the past year (Attachment A).

MTC staff will identify and forward pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions in January 2010. The STA coordinates with the transit operators and prepares responses specific to their operation.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. Overview of Solano Transit Changes and Improvements

Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
12/7/2009
Solano Transportation Authority Comments

During the past year, the STA and Solano transit operators have enhanced transit services and programs and advanced the development of transit facilities for the public. I would like to present an overview of the past year and a glimpse of the upcoming improvements.

FAIRFIELD

- Thanks to Commissioner Spering and to the full Metropolitan Transportation Commission, MTC approved \$9 million of regional bridge toll funds to complete the financing package for the new Fairfield/Vacaville rail station. The new Fairfield/Vacaville station already has been approved as a stop for Capitol Corridor trains.
- Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) modified westbound Rout 30 to better connect with Westbound Route 90 accommodating passengers wishing to travel from the Sacramento region and connect with Route 90 that travels to El Cerrito Del Norte BART.
- The STA worked with FAST to complete a Lifeline transportation plan in the Fairfield/Suisun City/Cordelia area. Funding has been approved to implement some of the following projects. In 2010, another Lifeline transportation plan will be conducted in Fairfield; this time in the area of East Fairfield.
- Fairfield and Suisun Transit raised the fares for the intercity bus routes

VACAVILLE

- In Vacaville, their local City Coach ridership increased over 14% from fiscal year 2007-08 to 2008-09.
- Vacaville Intermodal Station will accommodate regional express bus service linking Solano County with both downtown Sacramento and the Walnut Creek BART station, as well as local bus service, carpools and vanpools. In addition to the bus facilities, the station will include 600 parking spaces and will be built by the end of 2010. Plans call for the eventual development of a second phase to add a parking structure at the station.
- Vacaville purchased 10 new compressed natural gas (CNG) buses to replace older 1995 diesel buses. The addition of the 10 new CNG buses and they have recently been put them into service. Vacaville 15 bus fleet is now 100% CNG.
- Vacaville continued with their promotional \$7 off a monthly pass that started last year.
- Vacaville plans to replace and install 10 new bus shelters.
- In 2010, a Lifeline transportation plan will be conducted in Vacaville. This will be a joint effort among MTC, STA and Vacaville.

VALLEJO

- Vallejo has recently contracted to purchase 21 new buses to replace their local fixed route buses. At least two of these buses will be diesel electric. The expected delivery date is April 2011.
- The Vallejo Station's goals are to consolidate parking for ferry patrons with a new 1200 space garage and relocate existing on-street bus transfers to an off-street downtown Bus Transit Center with 12 bus bays. Construction of the Bus Transit Center is scheduled to begin in by the end of the year.
- The City of Vallejo has completed their site selection for Curtola Transit Facility which identified the current location as the best site. This project will increase parking from 485 to 1,400 parking spaces to relieve the current overcapacity at the lot which is used by bus riders as well as car/and vanpoolers.
- Vallejo Transit will start a rehab on the Ferry Terminal in 2010.

BENICIA BREEZE

- The Vallejo City Council approved a resolution, which would authorize Vallejo to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both the STA and the City of the Benicia. This will establish committees and a working group for the purposes of implementing the "South Solano Transit Authority." Benicia already approved the MOU in August 2009, as did the STA in September 2009.
- The plan would consolidate Vallejo Transit and Benicia Breeze into a single agency, governed by a south county Joint Powers Authority. Benicia and Vallejo Transit is schedule to join forces July 2010.

DIXON

- Dixon Read-Ride raised their fares in February 2009 for the first time in 11 years. In response to the end of Solano Paratransit, Dixon started providing intercity service for their ADA passengers to Vacaville and Davis. Dixon will be purchasing two vans to assist in this new service.

RIO VISTA

In Rio Vista, Rio Vista Delta Breeze had slight routes changes that went into effect October 2009.

Key Highlights are presented below:

- Route 50 will have minor schedule changes and reroutes to serve North Bay Regional Center in both directions on Pennsylvania Avenue and directly serve Solano County Government Center.
- Route 51 service hours were modified to provide an improved level of service within the Cities of Rio Vista and Isleton, Monday-Friday.
- Route 52 will add one AM and one PM commuter trip, Monday through Friday direct from Rio Vista and Isleton to Hillcrest Park and Ride Lot and Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station.
- New Saturday service is now provided on Routes 50 and 52 operating one full round trip to Fairfield, Suisun City via Rio Vista and Isleton to Antioch and Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station.

Other

In the past year, there have been other activities worthy of highlighting:

- There was a slight increase (1%) in ridership on the seven intercity SolanoExpress routes from FY2007-08 to FY2008-09.
- STA started a Ridership survey on all of the SolanoExpress intercity routes. This is a joint effort with Solano transit operators: Benicia Breeze, Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST), Rio Vista Delta Breeze, Vacaville City Coach, and Vallejo Transit/Baylink Ferry. The study included an on-board passenger survey as well as counts of boardings and alightings. The resulting data will assist with transit planning and financing by the transit operators and the STA.
- Solano continues to study Transit Consolidation
- Transit needs and opportunities in the long-term are being studied in the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan update
- RM2 marketing funds were used to promote Vallejo Transit intercity express routes 78 that travel from Vallejo to Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART
- Through Prop 1B funds, about \$550,000 was secured to assist Vallejo Transit in 30 bus replacement order in Solano County.
- Through the Lifeline Funding program, the STA approved the allocation of \$1.3 in STAF and \$1.4 in Prop 1B Capital to ten projects throughout the county ranging from operating support to the purchase of 5 small buses and 105 bus shelters.
- Solano Paratransit funding partners' expressed concern that FAST's costs for operating Solano Paratransit were increasing at a significant rate. Due primarily to the recent economic downturn, local TDA fund revenues, the primary source of funding for Solano Paratransit, has recently been flat or decreased, making it increasingly more difficult to fund this service within the transit budgets of the local agencies. The agreement among the transit operators was to deliver required ADA services in their own service area and to discontinue Solano Paratransit. As of July 1, 2009, Solano Paratransit was dissolved and the responsibility for intercity paratransit was transferred to the individual agencies.

- Summit II was held Oct 30, 2009 to discuss solutions to the challenges facing transportation services and programs for seniors and disabled individuals in Solano County identified in Summit I that was held in June 2009. Both summits were well attended and represented by seniors, disabled persons, senior centers, non-profits, transit providers, and medical facilities. The summit was co-hosted by the STA, Solano County, the Solano Senior Coalition and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).
- The Transit Operators in Solano County are currently working collaboratively together to develop a unified county-wide ADA subsidized Taxi Scrip Program that will start in the early 2010. Phase 1 of the program will provide a unified intercity taxi scrip program for ambulatory paratransit passenger. The transit agencies will subsidize 85% of the cost of intercity travel. The transit operators will develop a unified Solano County Paratransit application and a paratransit ADA card.
- With the state of the economy, the State budget crisis has led to legislative proposals to a cut State Transit Assistance funds from transit agencies. In October 2009, the State Supreme Court rejected the California State Administration's appeal of a lower court ruling that annual raids on transit funding are illegal. By declining the state's appeal, the Supreme Court has affirmed that it is illegal to shift dedicated state transit funds away from transit agencies and their riders.
- All transit operators in Solano County received some funding under the ARRA program. Over 14 million dollars was awarded. Some of the projects include preventative maintenance, bus and ferry repower, bus replacement, fareboxes, rehab to maintenance and fueling facilities, bus shelters, and Vallejo Transit Center. ARRA Tier 1 funding is currently available for expenditures.
- The STA Board members met with Congressional legislators in Washington, DC to discuss Solano's FY 2010 Federal transportation funding requests. Congressman George Miller secured two earmarks for STA:
 - Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement \$500,000
 - Vacaville Intermodal Station – Phase 2 \$500,000

PCC

Date: January 4, 2010
 To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
 From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
 Re: 2009 PCC Work Plan Accomplishments

Background:

The PCC annually reviews and updates the PCC goals for the year. The approved 2009 PCC Work Plan is presented below followed by a summary of accomplishments.

Activity	Tasks	2009 Timeline
	Elect PCC Officers.	Completed
Outreach	Develop a strategy to increase/maintain PCC Membership. (i.e. press releases, letters of outreach, etc.)	January – December Until vacancies are filled.
	Continue the Solano Community College Outreach Effort.	January – December
	Develop a more extensive outreach program targeting senior centers and disabled groups.	January – December
Projects	Update/Maintain the PCC Website.	January – December
	Continue to participate in studies that impact transportation for seniors and the disabled.	January – December
Funding	Establish FTA Section 5310 application review committee	Completed
	Review FTA Section 5310 applications	Completed
	Review TDA Article 4/8 Claims for Cities and County of Solano.	January – December
	Monitor the MTC Unmet Needs Hearing Process.	December

Discussion:

In 2009, the PCC experienced a number of changes while still working through its Work Plan. Two members of the PCC left, two members were added. All PCC members are to be commended for their continued commitment to the Work Plan.

Administrative: PCC Elections were held and new officers put in place at the beginning of 2008.

Outreach: Outreach has been occurring throughout the year to recruit new PCC members via brochure distribution, the internet, transit operators and other means. These efforts were successful and resulted in the addition of three new PCC members. The PCC website is continually reviewed and updated. As part of outreach to seniors and disabled groups throughout the County, alternating PCC meeting locations were implemented. The PCC held meetings in Dixon, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo, Solano Community College, and Fairfield.

Projects: The PCC provided input to the countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Solano Paratransit Existing Services, Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit and paratransit operations.

Funding: The PCC established a three-person subcommittee in 2009 to review and score Solano County FTA Section 5310 applications. The PCCs sub-committee evaluated and scored the application, and then forwarded both the applications and scores to MTC. MTC compiled the County PCC scores and developed draft regional scores and rankings for review by the PCCs, and heard applicant appeals.

Numerous Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund applications were reviewed and approved by the PCC. The PCC also monitored the FY09-10 and the FY 10-11 Unmet Transit Needs processes.

Recommendation:

Informational

PCC

DATE: January 7, 2010
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC Membership Status and Update

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC) By-Laws stipulates that there are eleven members on the PCC. Many of the positions are to be filled by specific types of organizations or transit riders. At the November meeting, there were two (2) vacancies: one for a Social Service Provider and one for County of Solano Public Agency.

Discussion:

The PCC has five (5) members that will have completed the three year term of service as of January 2010. Three (3) have requested to be reappointed by the STA Board leaving two more open vacancies. The following are the five (5) positions that currently available:

- Members at Large (1)
- Public Agencies (2)
 - County Department of Health and Social Services
 - Education –Related Services
- Social Service Providers (2)

STA staff will contact past PCC applicants and invite them to attend future PCC meeting. The STA staff will also continue to recruit for additional PCC members and input from the committee is welcomed.

Recommendation:

Informational

Attachments:

- A. PCC Membership Status (01/10)

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PCC Membership Status (01/10)

Voting Members	Category	Agency	Appointed	Chair/Vice
George Bartolome, Chair	Social Service Provider	Vallejo Transitions	1/19/07*	1/18/2008
Richard Burnett, Vice Chair	MTC/EDAC Representative		1/19/07*	1/18/2008
Jim Williams	Member-at-Large		1/19/07*	
Jim Simon	Member-at-Large		1/19/07*	
Caterina Evanson	Public Agency, Education-related Services	Solano Community College Representative	1/19/07*	
Tom Morgan	Transit User		6/13/07	
Shirley Stacy	Transit User		1/18/08	
Jamie Johnson	Social Service Provider	Solano Diversified Services	12/10/08	
Kurt Wellner	Transit User		10/14/09	
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Public Agency/County of Solano			
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Social Service Provider			
* By-Laws changed 1/07 to include re-appointment by STA Board. Existing members as of 12/06 will use 1/19/07 as appointment date.				

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