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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCC) AGENDA

Friday, September 18, 2009
12:00– 2:00 p.m.

Members:

- Benicia
- Dixon
- Fairfield
- Rio Vista
- Solano County
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo

****Please Note New Location****

**Benicia City Hall
Commission Room
250 East L Street
Benicia, 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. Benicia Breeze Melissa Bryan	
B. Vallejo Transit Jeanine Wooley	
C. Solano Paratransit Transition Solano County Operators (12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)	
VI. CONSENT CALENDAR (1:00 – 1:05 p.m.)	
A. Minutes from PCC Meetings <u>Recommendation</u> Approve minutes of the May 22, 2009 meeting. Pg. 1	Liz Niedziela

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

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Paratransit Coordinating Council Membership Appointment Recommendation and Update** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
Review and forward a recommendation to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board to appoint Kurt Wellner to the Paratransit Coordinating Council.
(1:05 -1:10 p.m.)
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- B. **FY 2009-10 TDA Claims – Cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista and Solano County.** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation
Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve:
- 1) *The City of Dixon FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$435,000 for transit operations and \$15,000 for capital.*
 - 2) *The City of Fairfield FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$3,891,296 for transit operations and \$2,443,337 for capital.*
 - 3) *The County of Solano FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$25,000 for transit operation, and \$505,000 for street and roads.*
- (1:10-1:25 p.m.)
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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Unmet Transit Needs Process for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(1:25-1:30 p.m.)
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- B. **FY 2009 FTA Section 5310 Scoring Subcommittee Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(1:30-1:35 p.m.)
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- C. **Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(1:35-1:40 p.m.)
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D. Transit Operator Updates

- Benicia Breeze
- Dixon REDI-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 in **the Suisun City Hall, Council Chambers in Suisun City, 12:00 NOON**, Friday, November 20, 2009

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
September 18, 2009

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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL

AGENDA

Minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2009

Members:

- Benicia
- Dixon
- Fairfield
- Rio Vista
- Solano County
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo

I. CALL TO ORDER

PCC Chair, George Bartolome, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm at McBride Senior Center in Vacaville.

Voting Members Present:

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| George Bartolome | Chair, Social Service Provider |
| Richard Burnett | Vice-Chair, EDAC Representative |
| Catarina Evanson | Solano Community College Representative |
| Jamie Johnson | Social Service Provider |
| Tom Morgan | Transit User |
| Jim Simon | Member-at-Large |
| Shirley Stacy | Transit User |
| James Williams | Member-at-Large |

Also Present:

- | | |
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| Angel Anderson | Fairfield and Suisun Transit |
| Scott Butler | Fairfield and Suisun Transit |
| Audrey Calder | McBride Senior Center |
| Judy Nash | Solano Community College |
| Helen Freibrun | Senior |
| Liz Niedziela | STA |
| Brian McLean | City of Vacaville |
| Elizabeth Richards | STA |
| Gloria Standafer | PACE Solano |

II. APPROVAL OF March 20, 2009 AGENDA

On a motion by Richard Burnett and a second by Jim Williams, the PCC unanimously approved the May 15, 2009 agenda.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Freibrun asked for information about how to use paratransit to travel to Solano Mall. Brian McLean suggested calling Vacaville City Coach since Solano Paratransit is being dissolved and he did not want to confuse the issue.

IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Elizabeth Richards presented that on Friday, June 26 a Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit will be held to identify needs and opportunities to improve transportation for senior and disabled individuals. The summit is a joint effort from the STA, MTC, Senior Coalition, and Solano County and that it is open to the public.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. McBride Senior Center by Audrey Calder

Audrey Calder from the McBride Center presented the issues and concerns shared by the McBride Center's staff that their seniors have experienced with transportation. The seniors are overall pleased with the services. These suggestions are just a few to overall improve the transit system.

- Lack of service on Sunday and Holidays. For example, on Thanksgiving, the senior center serves a meal but the seniors have no means of getting to the center
- Inability to purchase bus passes by mail (Vacaville City Coach mentioned that purchasing bus passes has been available by mail for several years)
- Bus stops are too far for seniors to board and alight.
- Trouble scheduling appointments for the Solano Paratransit clients sometimes
- The pickups and drop offs are scheduled with long wait times
- Paratransit has forgotten to pick someone up at appointments
- No room on buses
- Quality of service – sometimes the drivers are rude
- Sometimes it is difficult to call since they do not have a phone to find out where the driver is for their pick up.

B. Vacaville City Coach by Brian McLean

Brian McLean from Vacaville City Coach presented: How to Ride City Coach Video. This informative video covered:

- Maps & Schedules
- Bus Identification
- Boarding the Bus
- Payments, Transfers, and Stops

- Fares, Passes, and Special Programs

This City Coach How to Video can be downloaded at:

http://vacaville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=387

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the PCC Meeting of March 20, 2009

Recommendation:

On a motion by Richard Burnett and seconded by Jim Williams, the PCC unanimously approve PCC Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2009.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. FY 2009-10 TDA Claims – Cities of Vacaville and Vallejo

Recommendation:

On a motion by Jim Simon and seconded by Catarina Evanson, the PCC unanimously approved to forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the City of Vacaville FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$2,045,816 for transit operations and capital.

On a motion by Jim Simon and seconded by Catarina Evanson, the PCC unanimously approved to forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the City of Vallejo FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$2,196,767 for transit operations and \$1,172,225 on behalf of Solano Transportation Authority for Countywide Planning.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Paratransit Coordinating Council Membership Update

Liz Niedziela presented the Paratransit Coordinating Council Membership Update. The Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC) By-Laws stipulate that there are eleven members on the PCC. Many of the positions are to be filled by specific types of organizations or paratransit riders. The PCC recommended that the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board appoint Dawna Ferneau from the Independent Living Center to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). On April 8, 2009, the STA Board appointed Dawna Ferneau to the PCC as a Social Service Provider.

There remain two vacancies; one (1) is for a Transit User and one (1) for Public Agency/County of Solano a Social Service Provider. STA staff will continue to recruit for additional PCC members and input from the committee is welcomed.

B. Unmet Transit Needs Responses for FY 2009-10

Liz Niedziela presented the Unmet Transit Needs Responses for FY 2009-10. MTC has summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to the STA to coordinate a response. STA staff has collected all the responses from Solano County's transit operators working with the transit operators and MTC staff. STA prepared a response for submittal to MTC.

On March 25th, 2009, the STA Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommendation. On April 8, 2009, the STA Board reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommended response and has submitted it to MTC.

C. FY 2009 FTA Section 5310 Scoring Subcommittee Status Update

Liz Niedziela presented the FY 2009 FTA Section 5310 Scoring Subcommittee Status Update. The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) provides capital grants for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where mass public transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. Caltrans is the designated recipient of the funds.

In anticipation of this 5310 grant cycle, staff requested the PCC Chair to appoint (3) three PCC members to participate in the 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee. The PCC Chair, George Bartolome, appointed Jamie Johnson, Richard Burnett, and Tom Morgan to the FY 2009 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee at the March 2009 meeting. The subcommittee has an opportunity to attend a scoring workshop to review the scoring criteria's guidelines and familiarize themselves with the process. If they cannot attend in-person, teleconferencing is available. The 5310 application Scoring Subcommittee will meet to interview and score project applications the week of May 25th in Vallejo. This will conclude the Subcommittee's obligation.

D. Solano Community College Disabled Student Issues

Liz Niedziela presented Solano Community College Disabled Student Issues. As part of the Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC) outreach plan, the March PCC meeting was held at Solano Community College. There were 12 students and SCC representatives that attended March's meeting. STA staff summarized the key issues and the questions presented. Staff from MV Transportation/FAST has started to work with SCC staff to gather more information. The logs and worksheets will be distributed to the students. The students can send all concerns and correspondence to the Disability Services Program Mobility Specialist at SCC or drop off the logs at the Disability Services Office at SCC. The SCC staff will gather this information and submit to Fairfield for further follow-up.

The STA staff met with SCC to review the minutes of the PCC meeting and discuss strategies of how to address these issues. SCC expressed the number one concern with the students is the scheduling procedure of calling one week in advance. Staff from Fairfield and Suisun Transit is currently working with SCC to address the issues and will contact SCC to schedule a time to have an open discussion directly with the students to listen to their concerns, answer any questions, and to explain the reasoning of the policies and procedures. A meeting has not yet been scheduled at the time of writing this staff report.

E. Solano Paratransit Transitional Plan

Liz Niedziela presented Solano Paratransit Transitional Plan. Solano Paratransit funding partners became concerned that costs have been increasing at a significant rate over the past several years. At the funding partners' request, in July 2008 the STA Board agreed to fund a study to review how Solano Paratransit delivers service and to look at alternative options to provide Solano Paratransit service.

As the study was being prepared, the STA received a letter from the City of Fairfield notifying the STA that FY 2008-09 would be the last year that City of Fairfield would operate and participate in Solano Paratransit due to financial constraints for their transit operations. Staff from Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, and Vallejo met to discuss transfer of passengers between cities. The agreement among the transit operators is a proposal to deliver required ADA services in their own service area and to discontinue Solano Paratransit.

F. Transit/Paratransit Monthly Reports

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:	Scott Butler presented FAST new service change for the Travis Air Force Base will go into effective July 1.
Vacaville City Coach:	Brian McLean presented the How to Ride Vacaville City Coach Video.
Vallejo RunAbout:	Staff was not present.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jim Williams expressed concern of TDA funds being used for bike and pedestrian projects when there is such a big transit need. Richard Burnett expressed concerns about the buses at BART station coming back to back. He felt it doesn't look good in the public perception. Jim Simon commented on the Route 90 and problems with the drivers not punching his ticket correctly for transfers. Jamie Johnson said the Air Force Base shuttle is not working. There are two hour waits to schedule rides back. Scott Butler mentioned the route will change July 1, 2009. Shirley Stacy asked why the some drivers rock you back and forth to make sure you are tied down. She mentioned that this procedure is very uncomfortable. She also mentioned that DART buses should have comment cards for the passengers. She expressed concern that she has to wait until 8:00 am before she can call to schedule an appointment. This recent change could cause potential difficulties for her since she is on call to substitute for school districts. She explained why she was late for the PCC meeting. The driver picked up another passenger and traveled a long way to pick him up and then dropped him off before her.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled at 12:00 on Friday, July 17, 2009, in Vallejo at the John .F Kennedy Library. *This meeting was cancelled due to no action items.*

PCC

DATE: August 21, 2009
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC Membership Update

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC) By-Laws stipulate that there are eleven members on the PCC. Many of the positions are to be filled by specific types of organizations or paratransit riders. At the May meeting, there were two remaining vacancies; one (1) for a Transit User and one (1) for Public Agency/County of Solano a Social Service Provider.

Discussion:

Dawna Ferneau was appointed by the STA Board appointed Dawna Ferneau to the PCC as a Social Service Provider in April 2009. Since the appointment, Dawna Ferneau left the employment at the Independent Living Resource Center and does not qualify as a Social Service Provider member.

Currently, there remain three vacancies; one (1) is for a Transit User and one (1) for Public Agency/County of Solano, and one (1) Social Service Provider. The status of the PCC current membership is attached.

Kurt Wellner submitted his interest in becoming a PCC member as a transit user. Mr. Wellner has been periodically coming to the PCC meeting for the past two years and attended the Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit. He wants to become involved with the PCC and advocate for the seniors and disabled in Solano County.

If Kurt is appointed by the STA Board, there will remain two vacancies. STA staff will continue to recruit for additional PCC members and input from the committee is welcomed.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board appoint Kurt Wellner to the Paratransit Coordinating Council.

Attachments:

- A. PCC Membership Status (9/09)

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PCC Membership Status (09/09)

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		1/10/07	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	
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Social Service Provider			
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Public Agency/County of Solano			
Vacant - seeking 1 member	Transit User			
* 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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Date: September 10, 2009
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
Re: FY 2009-10 TDA Claims – Cities of Dixon and Fairfield and County of Solano.

Background:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) was enacted in 1971 by the California Legislature to ensure a continuing statewide commitment to public transportation. This law imposes a one-quarter-cent tax on retail sales within each county for this purpose. Proceeds are returned to counties based upon the amount of taxes collected, and are apportioned within the county based on population. To obtain TDA funds, local jurisdictions must submit requests to regional transportation agencies that review the claims for consistency with TDA requirements. Solano County agencies submit TDA claims to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the nine Bay Area counties.

TDA funding is used for public transit services, transportation for elderly and disabled persons, regional transportation planning, and bicycle and pedestrian programs. In the Bay Area's less populous northern counties (such as Solano) TDA funds also may be used for streets and roads, provided there are no unmet public transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

MTC requires agencies to have public review of the TDA Article 4 & 8 claims by the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) before they can be approved. However, MTC is not obligated to the recommendations made by the PCC.

Discussion:

Each of the seven cities and the County of Solano are eligible to receive TDA funding each year. Six of the seven Solano cities operate transit and TDA is a key funding source. In addition, TDA funds are shared among agencies to fund joint services such as intercity bus routes. To clarify how the TDA funds are to be allocated each year among the local agencies and to identify the purpose of the funds, the STA works with the transit operators and prepares an annual TDA matrix. The TDA matrix is approved by the STA Board and submitted to MTC to provide MTC guidance when reviewing individual TDA claims. The claims must be consistent with the TDA matrix; each jurisdiction may not claim more from another agency than has been approved. At this time, the latest TDA for FY 2009-10 matrix was approved by the STA Board September 9, 2009 (see Attachment A).

As required by MTC Resolution 1209, the Cities of Dixon and Fairfield and the County of Solano are submitting their FY 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 and 8

claims for consideration by the PCC. The Cities of Dixon and Fairfield use 100% of their TDA funds for transit. The County of Solano uses some of their TDA for streets and roads.

City of Dixon

The City of Dixon is requesting \$450,000 in TDA funds (see Attachment B). TDA funds in the amount of \$435,000 will be used to operate the general public dial-a-ride program. TDA funds in the amount of \$15,000 will be used for a capital transit project. Dixon's TDA funds will be claimed by other agencies for local and intercity services and transit planning. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

City of Dixon staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

City of Fairfield

The City of Fairfield is requesting \$ 6,334,633 TDA funds (see Attachment C). TDA funds in the amount of \$3,891,296 will be used to operate local fixed route, paratransit, and a subsidized taxi program and \$2,443,337 would be used for transit capital projects. Fairfield will be claiming other jurisdictions' TDA funds for intercity routes in accordance with the intercity funding agreement. Fairfield's TDA funds will be claimed by other agencies for intercity services and transit planning. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

City of Fairfield staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

County of Solano

The County of Solano is requesting \$530,000 in TDA funds (see Attachment D). TDA funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be used to operate a new paratransit service program for ADA eligible residents of the unincorporated area of the County and \$505,000 would be used for streets and roads. County of Solano's TDA funds will be claimed by other agencies for intercity services and transit planning. The claim is consistent with the current TDA matrix.

County of Solano staff will be in attendance to answer questions from the PCC.

Recommendation:

Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve:

- 1) The City of Dixon FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$450,000 for transit operations and capital;
- 2) The City of Fairfield FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$6,224,633 for transit operations and capital;
- 3) The County of Solano FY2009-10 TDA Claim for \$530,000 for transit operations and streets and roads;

Attachments:

- A. September 2009 Solano TDA Article 4/8 Matrix for FY 2009-10 (An enlarged colored version of this attachment has been provided under separate enclosure. To obtain a copy, please contact the STA at (707) 424-6075.)
- B. City of Dixon TDA Claim Summary
- C. City of Fairfield TDA Claim Summary
- D. County of Solano TDA Claim Summary

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MTC Claim Application - Document A(b)

Claim Summary

FY 2009-10

Information from other documents (tabs) in the workbook will appear automatically on this form.

Submittal Date:

This form must be signed and dated

Operator: City of Fairfield

OPERATING FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Operating Fund Request				
Article	Purpose	PUC§	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 1,431,563	Fairfield
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 544,264	Suisun City
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 30,177	Benicia
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 70,306	Dixon
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 357,575	Vacaville
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 83,750	Vallejo
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ 56,062	County of Solano
TDA 4	Transit Operating	99260 (a)	\$ -	Rio Vista
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 1,071,346	Fairfield
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ 246,253	Suisun City
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ -	Dixon
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ -	Vacaville
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ -	County of Solano
TDA 8	Transit Operating	99400 (c)	\$ -	Rio Vista
			Total TDA Operating \$	3,891,296

STA Operating Fund Request				
STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
Pop Northern County	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ -	County of Solano
Pop MTC Reg'n'l Coord.	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ 50,000	MTC
Pop Reg'n'l Paratransit	Transit Operating	6730(a)	\$ -	County of Solano
			Total STA Operating \$	50,000

Other Operating Funds Requested				
			Feeder Bus Funds \$	-
			AB 1107 Total \$	-
			Regional Measure 2 \$	711,035
			TOTAL OPERATING REQUEST \$	4,652,331

CAPITAL FUNDS REQUESTED

TDA Capital Fund Request				
Article	Purpose	PUC §	Amount	Apportionment Area
TDA 4	Capital	99260 (a)	\$ 2,443,337	Fairfield
			Total TDA Capital \$	2,443,337

STA Capital Fund Request				
STA fund	Purpose	CCR§	Amount	Apportionment Area
			Total STA Capital \$	-

Other Capital Funds Requested				
			AB 1107 Total \$	-
			Feeder Bus Total \$	-
			TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST \$	2,443,337

TDA Article 8 Streets and Roads Funds Requested				
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			Total Article 8 Streets and Roads Request \$	-

The above named applicant hereby applies for an allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance (STA), AB 1107 and Feeder Bus funds, as the case may be, in the amount(s) and for the purposes as specified above. Applicant acknowledges that payment of funds allocated by MTC, is subject to such funds being on hand and available for distribution, and agrees to the provision that such funds be used

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Birgitta Corsello, Director
 Cliff Covey, Assistant Director

July 21, 2009

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 Attn: Bob Bates
 101 Eighth Street
 Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Re: FY 2009-2010 TDA Article 8 Claim

Dear Mr. Bates:

Attached is a summary of Solano County's TDA Article 8 application for FY 09-10. The amount of the claim was determined as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TDA estimate from MTC	\$689,791
Plus projected carryover	\$0
Total Solano County funds available	\$689,791
Less Solano County funds authorized to be claimed by others (FY 09-10)	
Fairfield – Suisun Transit Routes 20, 30, 40 and 90	(\$56,062)
Vallejo Transit Route 78, 80 and 85	(\$81,989)
Solano Transportation Authority STA Planning	<u>(\$19,706)</u>
Total Solano County funds authorized to be claimed:	(\$157,757)
Funds claimed by Solano County	
Paratransit Services	(\$25,000)
Streets and Roads (TDA Article 8, Section 99400(a))	<u>(\$505,000)</u>
Total funds claimed by Solano County	(\$530,000)
Unclaimed balance	\$2,034

Building & Safety David Cliche Chief Building Official	Planning Services Mike Yankovich Program Manager	Environmental Health Terry Schmidbauer Program Manager	Administrative Services Vacant Staff Analyst	Public Works Engineering Paul Wiese Engineering Manager	Public Works Operations Rick O'Neill Operations Manager
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Please do not approve any claims against Solano County funds that exceed the amounts shown.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Wiese
Engineering Manager

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cc: Elizabeth Richards, STA

PCC

DATE: August 21 2009
TO: Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Process for Fiscal Year FY 2009-10 and 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. Currently, two out of eight jurisdictions plan to use TDA funds for streets and roads (Rio Vista and the County of Solano) in FY 2009-10. Annually, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area, holds a public hearing in the 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 the received written comments, MTC staff then selects pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions for response. The STA coordinates with the transit operators who must prepare responses specific to their operation.

Discussion:

For FY 2009-10, MTC held a public hearing in December 2008 and received written comments. MTC has summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to the STA to coordinate a response. After working with Solano's transit operators, STA prepared a response for submittal to MTC.

On March 25th, 2009, the STA Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommendation. On April 8, 2009, the STA Board reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommended response and this was submitted to MTC. MTC will present the responses to the Programming and Allocations Committee in October.

If the transit operators, the STA and Solano County can thoroughly and adequately address the issues as part of the preliminary response letter, MTC staff can move to make the finding that there are no unreasonable transit needs in the county. Making a positive finding of no reasonable transit needs will allow MTC to process the streets and road element of the TDA claims from Rio Vista and the County of Solano. For FY 2009-10, all TDA claims for local streets and roads are held by MTC until this process is completed.

MTC has begun establishing the process for FY 2010-11. MTC staff received approval at the September 9, 2009 Program and Allocation Committee meeting to proceed with the Solano County Unmet Needs Public Hearing. MTC will be working with STA staff to

establish a date and location for the public hearing as well as outreach for the Unmet Transit Needs process. The PCC will be included in this notification.

Recommendation:

Informational

PCC

Date: August 21, 2009
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
Re: FY 2009 FTA Section 5310 Scoring Subcommittee Update

Background:

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) provides capital grants for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where mass public transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. Caltrans is the designated recipient of the funds.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the regional transportation planning organization for the nine Bay Area counties, requires that each county's Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) score FTA Section 5310 applications from their respective county before MTC formally reviews the applications. To fulfill this obligation, the Solano PCC establishes a three-person subcommittee each year to review and score Solano County FTA Section 5310 applications and recommends its findings for MTC to review before submittal to Caltrans.

Applicants submit their applications to the appropriate County Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). The PCC Scoring Subcommittee evaluates and scores the applications, and then forwards both the applications and scores to MTC. MTC compiles the County PCC scores and develops draft regional scores and rankings for review by the PCCs, and hears applicant appeals if necessary. MTC then transmits the applications and final regional rankings to Caltrans. When all applications throughout the state have been submitted to Caltrans, a statewide review committee develops a draft statewide prioritized list based on the scores provided by each region, and determines the minimum score for projects to be recommended for funding. The statewide review committee holds a staff level hearing for all stakeholders to discuss the statewide-prioritized list and hear any appeals on technical issues. The statewide evaluation committee submits a final statewide-prioritized list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC holds a public hearing to discuss the prioritized list, overall program policy and adopts the prioritized list.

Call for Projects for the FY 2009 FTA Section 5310 Program was announced in March. The FY09 application, scoring criteria, and instructions were posted on the Caltrans website and on STA website. MTC mailed a program announcement to Bay Area stakeholders and STA staff mailed more detailed information to Solano County Stakeholders. The STA staff also made an announcement for the FTA 5310 Call for Project at the Senior Coalition Meeting and Senior

Coalition staff sent out the Call for Project announcement to their extensive e-mail list. Caltrans anticipates that there will be approximately \$12.6 million in funding available statewide in the FY09 cycle.

In anticipation of this 5310 grant cycle, the PCC Chair appointed (3) three PCC members to participate in the 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee. The PCC Chair, George Bartolome, appointed Jamie Johnson, Richard Burnett, and Tom Morgan to the FY 2009 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee at the March 2009 meeting. Jim William volunteered to become the alternate. The subcommittee had an opportunity to attend a scoring workshop to review the scoring criteria's guidelines and familiarize themselves with the process. If they could not attend in-person, teleconferencing of the workshop was available.

Discussion:

The STA received only one application from PACE Solano to replace four (4) buses for \$286,000. The 5310 application Scoring Subcommittee met to interview PACE Solano and score the application on June 2nd in Vallejo. Tom Morgan was not available to attend so Jim Williams filled in as the alternate. The application was scored and the scores were submitted to MTC by June 3rd. MTC scored the application again and the comparison is shown on Attachment A. There was just a seven point adjustment made to the application. The 5310 Application Scoring Subcommittee did a great job. MTC submitted all the applications in the region to Caltrans with the Programming and Allocations Committee resolution (see Attachment B). This concludes the Subcommittee's obligation. It is anticipated that the statewide prioritized list of projects will be issued in December 2009. At that time, applicants will have another opportunity to appeal their project scores.

Informational:

Attachment:

- A. Section 5310 Score Comparison to MTC
- B. MTC Programming and Allocation Committee Resolution

PCC ScoreSOLANO**SECTION 5310 FY 2009 FUNDING CYCLE**

NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QTY	SECTION I SCORE	SECTION II SCORE	SECTION III SCORE	SECTION IV SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	16070		32	18	20	29	99
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	24915		32	18	20	29	99
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	62965		32	18	15	29	94
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	74152		32	18	15	29	94

MTC ScoreSOLANO**SECTION 5310 FY 2009 FUNDING CYCLE**

NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QTY	SECTION I SCORE	SECTION II SCORE	SECTION III SCORE	SECTION IV SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	16070		31	18	20	23	92
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	24915		31	18	20	23	92
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	62965		31	18	15	23	87
	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	74152		31	18	15	23	87

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**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

July 8, 2009

Item Number 2d

Resolution No. 3919

Subject: FY 2008-09 FTA Section 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program

Background: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310) provides capital grants to meet the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities in areas where existing public transit services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. California's apportionment is managed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Statewide, approximately \$12.6 million in funds is available in FY 2008-09.

During this funding cycle, seventeen Bay Area organizations and agencies submitted Section 5310 applications. They requested a total of \$3.7 million in federal funds for vehicle and equipment purchases.

The CTC has established a set of quantitative scoring criteria that regions must use to objectively evaluate and score the projects; however, the CTC gives regions the flexibility to establish their own regional evaluation process. MTC chose to have the county Paratransit Coordinating Councils (PCCs) assist in the evaluation process. Applications were due on May 20, 2009. At that time the County PCCs reviewed and scored the applications and transmitted their local scores to MTC. At the PCC staff's discretion, applicants were given a regional deadline of June 5, 2009 to make any revisions suggested during the local review process.

MTC staff also reviewed and scored the applications to certify that the proposed projects were derived from the Bay Area's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan as required, and to ensure that the same scoring standards were applied consistently throughout the region in areas where some discretion was allowed. After compiling the scores for all projects and developing a draft regional prioritization list, MTC staff notified all applicants of their scores and the appeals process. An open forum for applicants to appeal their project scores was scheduled for June 26, 2009. No appeals were received.

If approved by the Commission, the FTA Section 5310 regional prioritization list and scores will be transmitted to both the California Department of Transportation and the CTC for consideration in the statewide competition. A statewide review committee will make the final determination of scores and eligibility, and will determine a "cutoff" score, above which all projects will be funded. The CTC is tentatively scheduled to distribute the statewide prioritized list of projects in December 2009. At

that time, applicants will have another opportunity to appeal their project scores.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3919 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 3919

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Date: July 22, 2009
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3919

This resolution adopts program priorities for the FY 2008-09 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310), as listed in Attachment B, and directs that the recommendations be submitted to Caltrans with the request that the projects be considered for funding and incorporated in the statewide Program of Projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Summary dated July 8, 2009.

Date: July 22, 2009
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

Re: FY 2008-09 FTA Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program
Recommendations for the San Francisco Bay Area Region

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3919

WHEREAS, Title 49 U.S.C. 5310 authorizes grants to private non-profit organizations and certain public entities for public transportation capital projects to meet the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) must consider all project applications received within the state prior to submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding approval; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code sections 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for objectively reviewing and scoring projects submitted by applicants in the MTC region and for making recommendations concerning their suitability for funding; these recommendations are to be considered by the CTC in its preparation of the statewide Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS, MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, is responsible for establishing a public participation plan and a Local Level Appeals Process for the applicants; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 468 states that "MTC shall not endorse a federal or state transportation grant request by private non-profit, or paratransit operators, including claimants under the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, unless the claimant shows to the satisfaction of the MTC evidence of willingness to participate in a countywide Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC has followed the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Application Evaluation Process set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC has notified and involved interested members of the public in the selection and ranking of FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, based on the outcome of such process, MTC endorses the project priorities and conditions as listed on Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC or his designee shall transmit these recommendations to the CTC, with the request that they be fully considered and incorporated by the CTC in its preparation of the statewide program of projects to be submitted to FTA for funding under the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall also be transmitted to each county PCC which has participated in the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Project Review Process, and to other organizations as shall be appropriate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will amend its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) when appropriate to incorporate those projects approved at the state level.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on July 22, 2009.

Date: July 22, 2009
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

Attachment A
Resolution No. 3919
Page 1 of 1

**FTA Section 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Program
MTC's FY 2008-09 Application Evaluation Process**

1. Each eligible project request received was evaluated using the statewide criteria, which were developed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The evaluation criteria are divided into the following categories: 1) ability of applicant, 2) coordination planning, 3) utilization of existing or proposed equipment, and 4) service effectiveness.
2. MTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, convened the nine county Paratransit Coordinating Councils (PCCs) to lead each county-wide evaluation process. Each county PCC assembled a Local Review Committee (LRC) to evaluate and score the applications submitted for funding under the FTA Section 5310 program. The composition of the county teams was determined entirely by each PCC. Applicants for projects that were deemed ineligible by the LRC were notified by the county PCC.
3. MTC staff reviewed the each application to determine that the proposed project was derived from MTC's Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan: Elderly and Disabled Component, and also independently evaluated the applications to make sure that the same standards were applied throughout the region in areas where some discretion was allowed.
4. The LRC's scores were transmitted to MTC staff. Discrepancies between the LRC's and MTC staff's scores were discussed and resolved. MTC staff notified each applicant of their scores and the local appeal process.
5. MTC staff with representatives from county PCCs met in an open forum format to hear and resolve applicant appeals (if any).
6. MTC staff compiled all scores for the region and developed a regional priority listing. MTC staff will present the final recommendations to the Commission for adoption. Once adopted, the final list will be transmitted to Caltrans for funding consideration.

**FTA SECTION 5310 TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
FY 2008-09 PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGION**

NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE ¹	VIN ²	QTY	PROJECT SCORE	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL PORTION ³	COUNTY
1	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	42966		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
2	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	35924		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
3	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48662		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
4	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48665		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
5	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48672		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
6	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48673		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
7	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48674		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
8	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48675		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
9	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48676		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
10	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48677		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
11	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48678		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
12	Outreach	Minivan Type IV	R	48666		98	\$48,000	\$42,494	Santa Clara
13	Outreach	Mobile Radio	OE		12	98	\$12,000	\$10,624	Santa Clara
14	City of Richmond	Minivan Type IV	R	65452		96	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
15	City of Richmond	Minivan Type IV	R	02102		96	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
16	City of Richmond	Small Bus Type IB	R	99147		96	\$64,000	\$56,659	Contra Costa
17	City of Richmond	Minivan Type IV	R	68943		96	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
18	Outreach	Base Station	OE		1	96	\$2,500	\$2,213	Santa Clara
19	Golden Rain	Bus Type IIIA	R	29805		94	\$71,500	\$63,299	Contra Costa
20	Golden Rain	Bus Type IIIA	R	29801		94	\$71,500	\$63,299	Contra Costa
21	Golden Rain	Bus Type IIIA	R	29802		94	\$71,500	\$63,299	Contra Costa
22	Golden Rain	Bus Type IIIA	R	29803		94	\$71,500	\$63,299	Contra Costa
23	Golden Rain	Other Equipment (4 Brake Retarders, 4 Bike Racks, 8 Destination Signs, 4 Stop Request Signal/Pull Cords, 4 Luggage/Grocery Racks)	OE		4-8	94	\$40,000	\$35,412	Contra Costa
24	Self Help for the Elderly	Medium Bus Type IIA	R	86000	1	93	\$66,000	\$58,430	San Francisco
25	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	16070		92	\$71,500	\$63,299	Solano
26	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	24915		92	\$71,500	\$63,299	Solano
27	City of Richmond	Minivan Type IV	R	52285		91	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
28	Center for Elders' Independence	Small Bus Type IA	R	25612		91	\$57,000	\$50,462	Alameda
29	Respite Inn	Minivan Type IV	R	29407		89	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
30	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	33810	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
31	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	33825	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
32	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	51641	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
33	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	68610	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
34	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	68611	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
35	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	73792	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
36	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	13643	1	89	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
37	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	62965		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Solano
38	PACE Solano	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	74152		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Solano
39	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	09704		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma

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² VIN = For replacement projects, Vehicle Identification Number (last 5 digits only)

³ Federal Portion is 88.53% of Total Cost; remaining 11.47% is local match requirement.

**FTA SECTION 5310 TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
FY 2008-09 PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGION**

NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE ¹	VIN ²	QTY	PROJECT SCORE	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL PORTION ³	COUNTY
40	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	12051		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma
41	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	78403		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma
42	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	88861		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma
43	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	R	88862		87	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma
44	SamTrans	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE	-		87	\$66,000	\$58,430	San Mateo
45	SamTrans	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE	-		87	\$66,000	\$58,430	San Mateo
46	City of Richmond	Small Bus Type IB	R	24947		86	\$64,000	\$56,659	Contra Costa
47	City of Richmond	Small Bus Type IB	R	23930		86	\$64,000	\$56,659	Contra Costa
48	Center for Elders' Independence	Minivan Type IV	R	59068		86	\$48,000	\$42,494	Alameda
49	Center for Elders' Independence	Minivan Type IV	R	55780		86	\$48,000	\$42,494	Alameda
50	Center for Elders' Independence	Mobile Radio	OE	N/A	7	86	\$3,150	\$2,789	Alameda
51	Lamorinda Spirit Van	Small Bus Type IA	R	45839		85	\$57,000	\$50,462	Contra Costa
52	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
53	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
54	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
55	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
56	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
57	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			85	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
58	Center for Elders' Independence	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE	N/A		85	\$66,000	\$58,430	Alameda
59	Center for Elders' Independence	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE	N/A		85	\$66,000	\$58,430	Alameda
60	Center for Elders' Independence	Medium Bus Type IIA CNG	SE	N/A		85	\$89,000	\$78,792	Alameda
61	On Lok	Small Bus Type IA	R	41230	1	84	\$57,000	\$50,462	San Francisco
62	City of Santa Rosa	GPS/AVL MDT's (Mentor Ranger)	OE		3	83	\$8,629	\$7,639	Sonoma
63	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			82	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
64	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			82	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
65	Contra Costa ARC	Minivan Type IV	SE			82	\$48,000	\$42,494	Contra Costa
66	Whistlestop	Small Bus Type IA	SE			82	\$57,000	\$50,462	Marin
67	Whistlestop	Small Bus Type IA	SE			82	\$57,000	\$50,462	Marin
68	Whistlestop	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE			82	\$66,000	\$58,430	Marin
69	Whistlestop	Medium Bus Type IIA	SE			82	\$66,000	\$58,430	Marin
70	Center for Elders' Independence	Medium Bus Type IIA	R	31639		81	\$66,000	\$58,430	Alameda
71	PRIDE Industries One	Large Bus Type IIIA	SE			79	\$71,500	\$63,299	Sonoma
72	Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay	Small Bus Type IA	R	92348		75	\$57,000	\$50,462	Alameda

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NO.	APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE ¹	VIN ²	QTY	PROJECT SCORE	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL PORTION ³	COUNTY
73	Edgewood Center for Children and Families	Minivan Type IV	R	129	1	72	\$48,000	\$42,494	San Francisco
74	Edgewood Center for Children and Families	Minivan Type IV	R	44480	1	72	\$48,000	\$42,494	San Francisco
75	Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay	Small Bus Type IA	SE	N/A		65	\$57,000	\$50,462	Alameda
76	LifeLong Medical Care	Small Bus Type IA	SE	N/A		61	\$57,000	\$50,462	Alameda
TOTAL							\$4,171,279	\$3,692,833	

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PCC

DATE: August 12, 2009
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit

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 grow significantly to 19% - more than double from 9% at the time of the study. 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. The Summit was held on June 26, 2009, from 9am – 2pm at the Joseph Nelson Community Center in Suisun City.

Discussion:

Over 150 people attended the Summit. Participants were users and major stakeholders who provide transportation programs and services to seniors and disabled individuals. Attendees also included staff from State legislative offices, MTC and local City Councilmembers. Public, private, and non-profit transportation service staff was also there.

The objective of the Solano Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit was to identify and discuss transportation needs which are not being met, or are at risk for not being met.

The goals of the Summit were to:

1. Inform one another (users, providers, stakeholders, decision-makers) as to what the challenges, trends and opportunities are related to transportation for seniors and the disabled;
2. Release the State of the Senior and Disabled Transportation System powerpoint (see Attachment A). This document was created based on information gathered prior to the

meeting through the use of online and printed surveys (one targeted at transportation service users and one targeted at transportation service providers).

In May 2009 surveys thousands of surveys were distributed throughout the county to seniors and people with disabilities as well as organizations that work with these groups to learn what type of transportation they use and how well it was meeting their needs. The surveys were distributed through direct mail, organizations, and available on-line (see Attachment B). The hard copy surveys included a self-addressed, postage paid return. An estimated 500 individuals responded indicating that there is a great deal of interest in this topic.

The Summit format included an introductory session, a lunchtime keynote speaker, and three moderated panel discussions organized for three specific targets: transportation providers (public, private, non-profit), transportation users and key destinations. The survey results and comments guided the panel questions and discussions. In general, seniors and people with disabilities identified the issues as availability, reliability, independence, and wanting to be valued, while expressing their appreciation and frustrations with the current transportation systems and options available to them (see Attachment C for summary of issues). The Summit was video-recorded to enable future viewing on local cable channels as well as video-streaming on agency and organization websites.

Sponsors covered the cost of the event which included Solano's transit operators graciously providing paratransit services to and from the event.

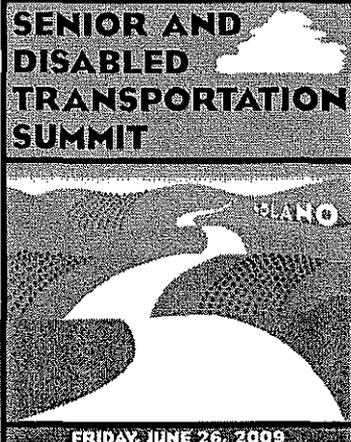
To follow up on the issues raised, a second Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit is scheduled to be held Friday, October 30. Planning has begun for the October Summit. The October Summit will be focused on strategies to address the issues raised at the June Summit. Solano transit operators are involved with the planning of this event and will be part of the event's program.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. Powerpoint of Senior and Disabled Transportation Survey results
- B. Survey
- C. Summary of Issues



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**Solano Transportation
Authority**

**Metropolitan
Transportation
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County of Solano

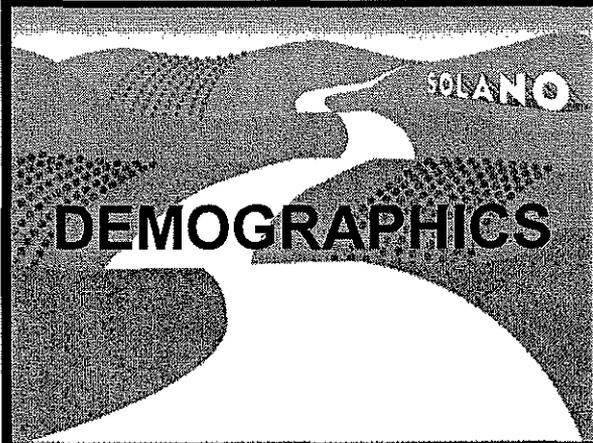
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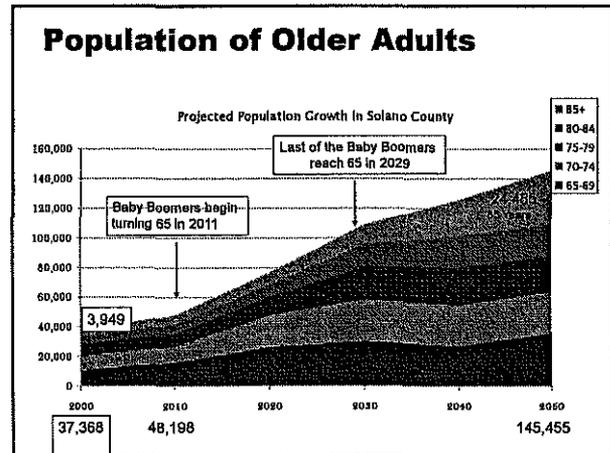
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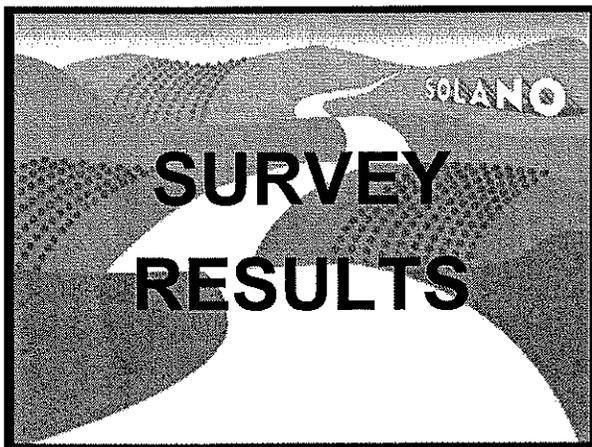
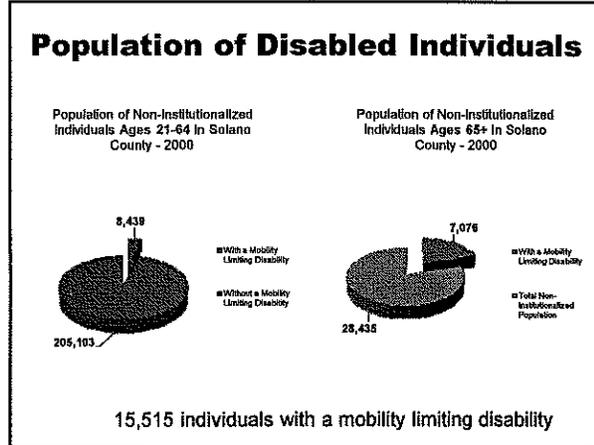
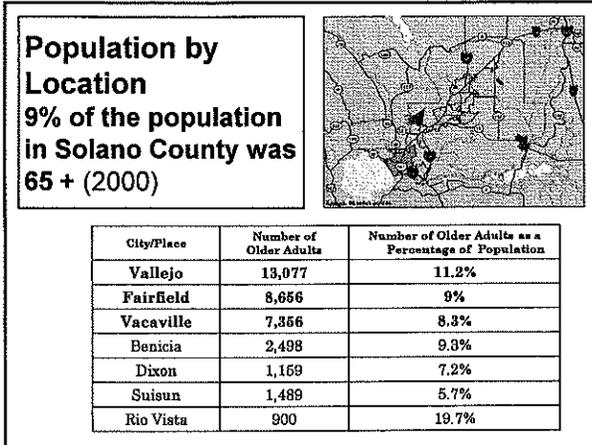
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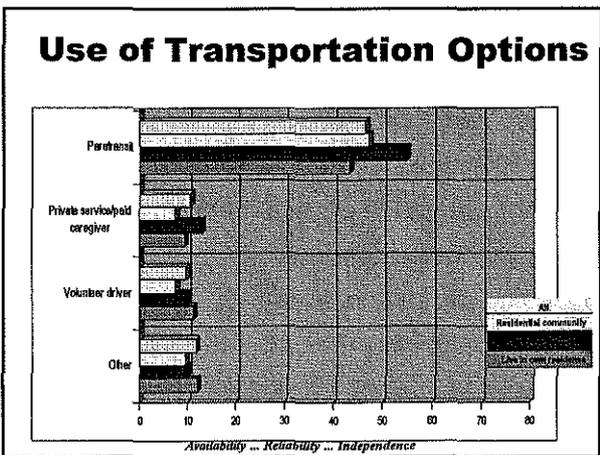
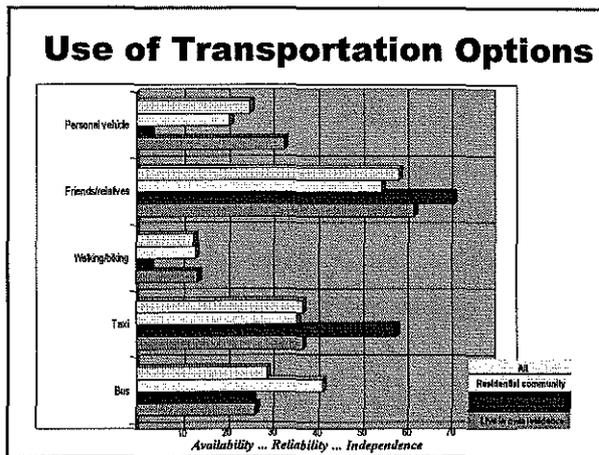
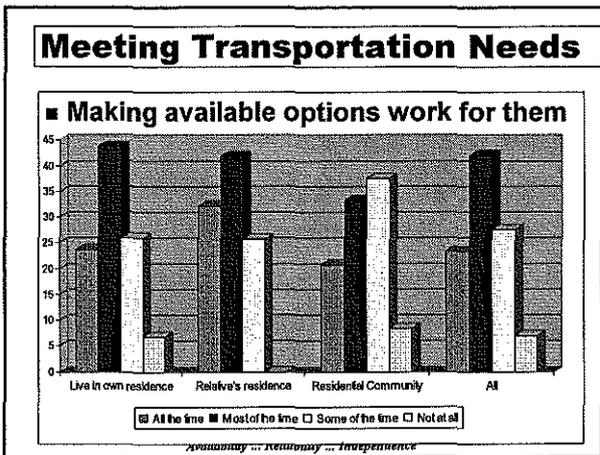


DEMOGRAPHICS





- ### Survey Responses
- 425 users, 15 providers
 - 81.1% of respondents adults 56 or older
 - All communities surveyed
 - Users in Dixon, Travis AFB, Rio Vista and unincorporated Solano County under represented
 - Majority live "independently"
 - 62% live in own residence
 - 14% in residential community
 - 10% in home of a relative



- ### Key Issues: Personal Vehicle
- Provides most independence
 - Option not available due to various impairments
 - Fear of freeway driving
 - Poor eyesight
 - Medical conditions, medications
 - Expensive to maintain, insure and gas
 - Access, wheelchair limitations
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Key Issues: Friends/Relatives

- Door-to-door service
- Feel like they are imposing
- Competition with work schedules
- Access, wheelchair limitations

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Key Issues: Taxi

- Door-to-door service
- Expensive, especially to other cities
- Wait times, arrival times
- Not always available
- Awareness of subsidized programs
- Access, wheelchair limitations

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Key Issues: Bus

- Distance to and from bus stops
 - Physical ability to get to bus stops (walking and wheelchair)
 - No bench to sit on at bus stops
- Proximity of bus stops to medical, shopping, grocery
- Transfers and connections
- Wait times between buses
- Time commitment

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Key Issues: Bus

- Missed appointments
- Appointments outside of service times
- Appointments in other communities
- Destinations not served
- Getting purchases home
- Confusing schedules, routes
- Access, wheelchair limitations

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Key Issues: Paratransit

- Ride not always available
- Advance scheduling (7 days to 24 hours)
- Arrival times
- Riders stranded at destination
- Missed appointments
- Appointments outside of service times
- Destinations in other cities
- Time commitment
- Getting purchases home

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Key Issues: Private/Volunteer

- **Private services**
 - Awareness of services
 - Cost a factor
 - Ride availability
- **Volunteer drivers**
 - Limits on where they can go
 - Ride availability
 - Scheduling

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Users Summary

- **Appreciative of services available**
 - Concern over services being cut
- **Lack ability to get where, when and on a schedule they want**
- **Expense has to be balanced with time constraints**
- **Lack of clarity in rules, actual available options**

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Key Issues: Providers

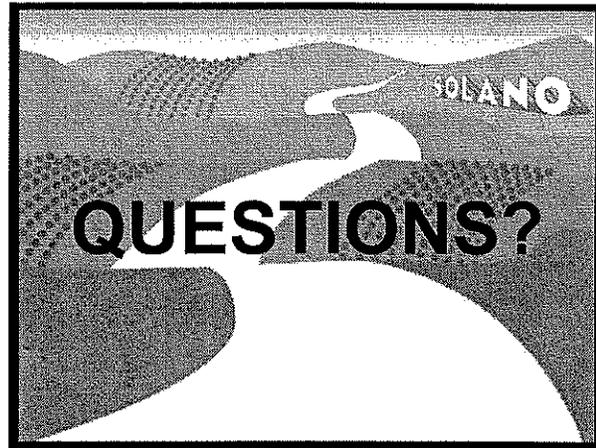
- **Lack of funding**
 - Existing funding in jeopardy
- **Rising cost of fuel, maintenance, insurance**
- **Limited number of vehicles, drivers**
 - Increasing number of seniors, disabled individuals
 - Volunteers not wanting liability risks

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Key Issues: Providers

- **Vehicle accessibility**
 - Being able to get in, wheelchair access
- **Lack of coordination between paratransit systems**
- **Staying on transportation schedule**
 - Medical appointments run early or late
 - Traffic congestion
 - Passenger no-shows
 - Perceived lack of customer service

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Survey of the Transportation Needs of Solano County Seniors and Disabled Persons

The Solano Transportation Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, County of Solano and the Senior Coalition of Solano County are gathering information from seniors and disabled individuals on their transportation needs. The information will be used to identify strategies to improve the overall mobility of seniors and disabled individuals. The survey can be completed online at www.solanocounty.com/survey. Please return the completed survey by Friday, June 19, 2009 by folding and **taping** to show the self-addressed postage paid panel.

1. What community do you live in?

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benicia | <input type="checkbox"/> Rio Vista | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacaville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dixon | <input type="checkbox"/> Suisun City | <input type="checkbox"/> Vallejo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Travis AFB | <input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Solano County |

2. Do you have any limitations on your ability to drive? Mark all that apply.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> No longer drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted to local driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never drove | <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted to daylight hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Require adaptive equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

3. What is your primary means of travel to appointments, work and/or errands?

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Private service/paid caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Paratransit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

4. Which of the following have you used in the past year? Mark all that apply.

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Private service/paid caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Paratransit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

5. Is your primary means of travel meeting your transportation needs?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All the time | <input type="checkbox"/> Some of the time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all, please explain: _____ |

6. Mark all of the potential transportation barriers that apply to you.

	Public Transit	Paratransit Service	Subsidized Taxi	Taxi Without Subsidy	Private Transportation
Ride not always available	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not familiar with service	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not convenient / difficult to use	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Service is too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>				

7. Please share specifics on key obstacles marked above or explain other transportation challenges you face.

8. In what ways do you find your current means of travel helpful or useful to you?

9. In what ways do you find your current means of travel not helpful or useful to you?

10. What destinations do you need to get to that you can't get to with your current means of travel?

11. If you could ask one question about your transportation needs, what would it be?

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Please RSVP to Solano Transportation Authority at (707) 424-6075 by Friday, June 19, if you plan to attend. Be sure to let us know if you have special transportation needs.

	Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit
	A forum to identify needs and opportunities to improve transportation for senior and disabled individuals in Solano County.
	SAVE THE DATE!!
	Friday, June 26, 2009 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Joseph Nelson Community Center 611 Village Drive, Suisun City CA
	<i>Food for the event is donated by Merrill Gardens at North Bay, Vallejo and Vacaville.</i>

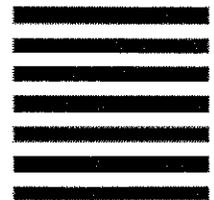


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Summary of Issues Presented
Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit
July 26, 2009

1. Customer Service
2. Scheduling Issues
3. Reliability
4. Lack of Information and Lack of Understanding
5. Centralized Transit System for Solano County
6. ADA City Issues
7. Bus Shelters and Benches/Accessibility
8. Cost
9. Coordination and Collaboration
10. More Volunteers are Needed
11. Service is Limited
12. Funding

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