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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL (PCC) AGENDA

Members:

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

Friday, September 21, 2007
12:00 – 2:00pm

Fairfield Community Center
1000 Kentucky Street, Vista Conference Room
Fairfield, CA 94533

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Jim Simon, Chair
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (12:30 – 12:35pm)	
III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (12:35 – 12:40pm)	
IV. COMMENTS FROM STAFF (12:40 – 12:45pm)	
V. ACTION ITEMS	
A. Approval of Minutes from PCC Meeting of July 20, 2007 <u>Action:</u> Approve minutes (12:45 – 12:50pm) – Pg. 1	Judy Leaks

PCC MEMBERS

Jim Simon-Chair
Member at Large

Kim Barkus
Public Agency – Health &
Human Svcs

George Bartolome-Vice Chair
Social Service Provider

Richard Burnett
EDAC Representative

Deanna Dupont
Social Service Provider

Catarina Evanson
Public Agency – Education

Tom Morgan
Transit User

Susan Rotchy
Social Service Provider

James Williams
Member at Large

V. ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

- B. FY 2007-08 TDA Claim – City of Dixon** Elizabeth Richards
Action
Review and forward a recommendation to MTC to approve the City of Dixon FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$506,000 for transit operating and capital
(12:50 – 1:00pm) – Pg. 5
- C. Regional Policy for Paratransit Funding Action** Elizabeth Richards
Action
Support advocating for increased State Transit Assistance Funds for Regional Paratransit purposes.
(1:00 – 1:15pm) – Pg. 11

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. 5310 Update** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(1:15 – 1:20pm) – Pg. 19
- B. PCC Membership Update** Judy Leaks
Informational
(1:20 – 1:25pm) – Pg. 23
- C. Transit/Paratransit Monthly Reports and Updates** Group
Informational
(1:25 – 1:45pm)

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS Group
Discussion

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled – at **Fairfield Community Center, 12:00, Friday, November 16, 2007**

For questions regarding this agenda:
Please contact Elizabeth Richards at (707) 427-5109 or erichards@sta-snci.com.

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SOLANO PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of July 20, 2007
Fairfield Community Center
1000 Kentucky Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of PCC Chair Jim Simon, PCC member Richard Burnett called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm at Fairfield Community Center. Self-introductions were made.

Voting Members Present:

Richard Burnett	MTC/EDAC Representative
Deanna DuPont	Social Service Provider
Catarina Evanson	Solano Community College Representative
Tom Morgan	Transit User

Also Present:

Kim Barkus	Solano County Adult Mental Health Dept
Susan Rotchy	Independent Living Resource Center
George Fink	Fairfield-Suisun Transit
Hollie Miller	Fairfield-Suisun Transit
Robin Van Valkenburgh	MV Transportation
Jeanine Wooley	City of Vallejo
Edwin Gato	City of Vallejo
Paul Weise	Solano County Public Works
Shirley Stacy	Paratransit User
Amber Villarreal	Vallejo Runabout/MV Transportation
Lauren Rolfe	IHSS Public Authority
Robert Stalker	Legal Services of Northern California
Elizabeth Richards	STA
Judy Leaks	STA

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF July 20, 2007 AGENDA

On a motion by Tom Morgan and a second by Catarina Evanson, the PCC approved the agenda for July 20, 2007.

AGENDA ITEM III – OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were no comments from the staff.

AGENDA ITEM V – ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the PCC Meeting of May 18, 2007

On a motion by Catarina Evanson and seconded by Deanna DuPont, the PCC approved the minutes for the May 18, 2007 meeting.

B. FY 2007-08 TDA Claims – County of Solano, Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo

On a motion by Catarina Evanson and seconded by Tom Morgan, the PCC recommended MTC approve:

- 1) The County of Solano FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$580,000 for streets and roads;
- 2) The City of Benicia FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$1,062,625 for transit operations and capital;
- 3) The City of Fairfield FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$5,317,297 for transit operations and capital;
- 4) The City of Suisun City FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$100,00 for streets and roads;
- 5) The City of Vallejo FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$5,880,437 for transit operations, capital, and planning.

AGENDA ITEM VI – INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Human Services Transportation Plan/Status of FTA 5310 Process

Elizabeth Richards presented the current FTA 5310 status. MTC anticipated a draft Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Plan to be completed soon and circulated for comment in June and July. This has not yet occurred. MTC has indicated there will be \$12million statewide in the next cycle of funding.

B. PCC Membership Status

The STA Board appointed Tom Morgan to the PCC on June 13, 2007. Leticia Hammons of the Independent Living Resource Center is no longer there. Susan Rotchy is her replacement at the ILRC. Rotchy expressed interest in replacing Hammons' position. Kim Barkus re-established her interest in serving on the board, also.

C. PCC Orientation/PCC Bylaws Modification

To clarify the responsibilities and to provide background so new PCC members will have a basis to make decisions, staff presented a PCC Member Orientation that included: 1) an overview of the PCC Bylaws; 2) an explanation of the Section 5310, Unmet Needs, and TDA Claims processes; 3) a brief overview of the Solano County Senior and Disabled Transit Study; and 4) a summary of the current transportation services. The policy regarding advisory committee letters and outside communications that was re-confirmed by the STA Board on September 13, 2006, was discussed.

D. ACTIA Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop

A flyer promoting the Workshop was distributed at the meeting.

E. Transit/Paratransit Monthly Reports

Benicia Breeze/Delta Breeze - John Andoh was not present.

Fairfield Suisun Transit – George Fink provided the Solano Paratransit Fiscal 2006-07 table handout. DART and Solano Paratransit is using a new software program (Trapeze) to schedule rides since June 2007 and he is pleased with this software.

Vacaville City Coach – Brian McLean was not present.

Vallejo RunAbout – Amber Villarreal (MV Transportation) did not provide a handout, but mentioned there seemed to be a rebound from the fare increase. Solano Community College ridership was down over the summer; there is increased activity at the dialysis center in Vallejo.

Additional Comments:

Shirley Stacy, transit user, shared several comments including – system is getting better; there should be 2 stops at the mall – one on each level; she would like to revisit the no-show policy, 24 hours advance notice is not always possible; if the bus is going to be late, contact the rider; senior activities bus has no wheelchair accessibility; train staff to be more professional, especially over the telephone.

Lauren Rolfe, IHSS Public Authority, mentioned that Vallejo is starting a Senior Roundtable group which will meet on the second Thursday of each month.

AGENDA ITEM VII – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 2:05. The next regular meeting of the PCC is scheduled at 12:00 noon, Friday, September 21, 2007 at Fairfield Community Center. Future agenda items could include: improve coordination between medical facilities and paratransit service providers; facilitate accommodation at the Solano Mall to ensure safe and accessible stops.

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Date: September 17, 2007
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
Re: FY 2007-08 TDA Claim –City of Dixon

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 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, paratransit services, etc. 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 the July 11, 2007 STA Board meeting, action was taken to approve the latest FY2007-08 TDA funding matrix (see Attachment A).

The TDA matrix was based on the original TDA estimates approved by MTC in February 2007. Since then, there has been a July estimate approved. The new TDA estimate for Dixon is \$662,998. As required by MTC Resolution 1209, the City of Dixon is submitting their FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4 and 8 Claim for consideration by the PCC.

The City of Dixon is requesting \$506,000 in TDA funds. TDA funds in the amount of \$494,000 would be used for general public dial-a-ride transit operating and \$12,000 would be used for transit capital projects (see Attachment B). Dixon TDA funds will be claimed by other agencies for intercity transit and paratransit services as well as transit planning. The claim is consistent with the TDA matrix and the new MTC fund estimate.

City of Dixon 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 FY2007-08 TDA Claim for \$506,000 for transit operating and capital

Attachments:

- A. FY2007-08 TDA Matrix for Solano County
- B. City of Dixon TDA Claim Summary
- C. Summary of Dixon TDA Distribution

FY2007-08 Summary of Dixon TDA Commitments

Dixon TDA Commitments:			
		Amount	Balance
July 2007 MTC Estimate			\$ 662,998
Commitments to Other Agencies:			
Solano Paratransit		\$ 36,781	\$ 626,217
Intercity		\$ 99,983	\$ 526,234
STA Planning		\$ 19,805	\$ 506,429
Readi-Ride:			
Operating		\$ 494,000	\$ 12,429
Capital		\$ 12,000	\$ 429

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Date: September 17, 2007
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
Re: Regional Policy for Increased Paratransit Funding

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) manages the two countywide allocations of State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF): Northern County and Regional Paratransit. State statute allows STAF to be used for a wide range of activities. In the past, the Northern County STAF has been used to provide matching funds for the purchase of buses, fund several countywide and local transit studies, fund transit marketing activities, fund intercity transit operations on a short-term or transitional basis, and supported STA transportation planning and transit efforts. The Regional Paratransit STAF has typically been used for matching funds for paratransit vehicles, paratransit marketing, plans and studies, and funding of operations on a short-term. Annually, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) works with local transit operators to develop a candidate list of projects and programs for funding from STAF for both the Northern Counties and the Regional Paratransit. The candidate list is ultimately approved by the STA Board.

Discussion:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) manages the STAF funds regionally and sets policy on how these funds are distributed to each county. Prior to the November 2006 passage of Proposition 1B, longstanding policies were used. Since the early 1990s, STAF-Regional Paratransit growth has been based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI offers steady growth each year, but it is extremely modest especially as compared to the increasing costs of providing paratransit services.

With the passage of Proposition 1B, there have been multiple statewide and regional discussions of how the new transportation revenues secured through the Proposition 1B bonds would be distributed and how they may change how current transportation funds are impacted. A concern that has been raised throughout the region is that more funds need to be dedicated to paratransit beyond the currently CPI indexed STAF-Regional Paratransit formula. Regionwide, the general population is aging and there has been an increasing demand for paratransit service which will continue in the years ahead.

MTC is currently proposing a new policy for the distribution of STAF funds (see Attachment A). Currently, there is a distribution policy for "STAF Base" (existing STAF) and a second distribution policy for Proposition 42 generated STAF; Prop. 42 STAF funds are a new revenue stream. This is outlined in MTC's attached report. Existing policy is that 22% of the STAF Base is allocated to Regional Paratransit. Prop. 42 STAF fund distribution is proposed to include no funds for Regional Paratransit. Combined, the proposed result is that Regional Paratransit receives only 11% of the total amount. At the same time, 29% is proposed for "Regional Coordination/TransLink" and another 32% for Lifeline. STA staff recommends that MTC

develop an alternative STAF funding policy that would increase the percentage share to Regional Paratransit to assist Solano County, and all other Bay Area counties, respond to the growing paratransit needs.

Recommendation:

Support advocating for increased State Transit Assistance Funds for Regional Paratransit purposes.

Attachments:

A. 09/17/07MTC Report re: State Transit Assistance – Population-Based – Consolidated Formula



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Memorandum

DATE: September 17, 2007

TO: Partnership Technical Advisory Committee

FR: Anne Richman

RE: State Transit Assistance – Population-Based – Consolidated Formula

As part of the adoption of the Proposition 1B – Regional Transit Program in June 2007, the Commission directed staff to develop a consolidated formula proposal for the distribution of State Transit Assistance (STA) population-based funds. Staff is seeking input from the Bay Area Partnership in the development of this formula.

Background

STA population-based funds are currently distributed based on the existing STA Base and the Proposition 42 policies. Summaries of these policies and the recently adopted Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program are provided below.

STA Base Policy

The distribution of the population-based funds in the Bay Area is based on a policy adopted by MTC in 1991 that defines this distribution as follows:

Northern Counties: Apportioned to each of the four counties (Marin, Sonoma, Solano excluding Vallejo, and Napa) in proportion to each county's share of the region's population.

Small Operators: Apportioned to the small operator service areas to reflect the relative population of the service area compared to the population of the southern five counties (Small ops include CCCTA, ECCTA, LAVTA, Union City, WestCAT, and Vallejo).

Regional Paratransit Program: Apportioned base amount with an annual consumer price index (CPI) adjustment to each of the nine counties in proportion to each county's share of the region's transportation disabled population as determined by the 1990 Regional Paratransit Plan. The funds are to be used only for services to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MTC Regional Coordination Program: The balance of Population Based funds are available for regional coordination activities, such as the implementation of TransLink®.

Proposition 42

Passed by state voters in 2002, Proposition 42 dedicated the sales tax on gasoline to transportation, creating an additional transit revenue stream based on the STA formula. The Proposition 42 funds may be used for operating or capital expenses. As part of MTC's adoption of the regional transportation plan, Transportation 2030 (T2030), the Commission dedicated MTC's population-based share of the Proposition 42 revenues exclusively to the Lifeline and TransLink® programs beginning in FY 2008-09.

Proposition 1B – Regional Transit Program

In June 2007, MTC programmed \$347 million in population-based state bond funds for capital purposes. In addition, based on current revenue estimates and after honoring existing programming policies, MTC programmed \$72 million in uncommitted surplus STA and Proposition 42 funds estimated to be available over the next ten years. These funds will be directed to the Lifeline program, and to the Small Operators/Northern Counties.

Distribution of projected STA Base and Proposition 42 funds for the ten-year timeframe (FY 2008-09 to FY 2017-18) are included as Attachments A and B. As illustrated in the attachments, original commitments based on

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the existing policies are augmented with \$72 million in new funding: \$26 million in STA Base funding and \$46 million in Proposition 42 funding.

Consolidated Formula

Staff is recommending converting the multiple existing STA base and Proposition 42 policies into one fixed percentage policy as illustrated in the chart below. By translating the figures that resulted from the calculations into percentages, the objective would be a more streamlined consolidated program that would allow all programs to share in future revenue growth. The consolidated program would:

- Begin in FY 2008-09, in accordance with the adopted Proposition 1B - Regional Transit Program
- Migrate existing STA Base and Proposition 42 Increment revenues into a consolidated STA Program
- Normalize the program and assist operators in financial planning
- Provide distribution clarity and reliability to transit agencies and MTC

Improve the position of all funding categories – providing funding levels above current forecasts if gas tax receipts continue to grow

Summary of Existing and Proposed Policies

A	Category	Original STA Base	%	Revised STA Base	%
	Northern Counties/ Small Operators	62	31%	62	31%
Paratransit	43	22%	43	22%	
Regional Coordination/Translink	93	47%	67	34%	
Lifeline			26	13%	
Total		198	100%	198	100%

B	Category	Original Prop. 42	%	Revised Prop. 42	%
	Northern Counties/ Small Operators	0	0%	41	23%
Paratransit	0	0%	0	0%	
Regional Coordination/Translink	44	33%	44	24%	
Lifeline	91	67%	96	53%	
Total		135	100%	181	100%

As part of the Proposition 1B - Regional Transit Program, the 10-year Prop 42 Revenue Estimate was reevaluated and increased by \$46 Million

C = A+B	Category	Original STA Base + Prop 42	%	Revised STA Base + Prop 42	%
	Northern Counties/ Small Operators	62	19%	103	27%
Paratransit	43	13%	43	11%	
Regional Coordination/Translink	137	41%	111	29%	
Lifeline	91	27%	122	32%	
Total		333	100%	379	100%

Per the adopted Prop 1B Regional Transit Program, up to \$32 million in Regional Coordination expenses may be swapped to Prop 1B capital funds to increase the operating capacity within the augmented Lifeline program.

Methodology

The following information is a recap of the methodology that led to the development of the 10-Year STA program and policy adopted in June.

Revenue Projections: The 10-Year revenue figures were based on the 2007-2016 Short Range Transit Plan projections for State Transit Assistance (released in September 2006), and included both base and Proposition 42 revenues. The general assumptions on fuel price and consumption rates were based on Caltrans' 2005 forecasts that were adjusted slightly to incorporate the actual consumption and price growth that occurred in 2006 and 2007. Over the ten year period, it was assumed that fuel consumption would grow at an average annual rate of about 1.9%, and that fuel prices would increase significantly for FYs 2006 and 2007, but then would come back down, averaging about 2.5% nominal growth per year. MTC staff believes these assumptions were conservative

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given recent trends in fuel price. Over the 10-Year timeframe, the base revenues are estimated at \$183M with \$15M in carryover from the MTC Regional Discretionary program for a total of \$198M. For Proposition 42 over the period, the total was \$181M.

Funding Commitments: The next step used the percent shares for the base program from the SRTP projections noted above to establish the baseline assignments by program category. For the Proposition 42 revenues, the pro-rata amount of Lifeline funds were assumed consistent with Transportation 2030. For TransLink® and the Regional Program more generally, the estimated needs were refined resulting in the surpluses that were then reassigned through the Proposition 1B program adopted in June 2007 to Lifeline and the Small Operator/Northern County programs.

The policy discussion resulted in the program estimates by category for base and Proposition 42 funds over the 10-Year period shown above. The consolidated proposal would translate the numbers into percentages of a combined Base and Proposition 42 revenue total, and allow all programs to share in growth in revenue.

Spillover

The adopted Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program directs the initial \$62 million in future population-based Spillover funds to restore funding areas that were reduced during the program development (\$19 million) and provide the regional contribution to the Caltrain Right-of-Way Settlement (\$43 million), beginning with \$6.4 million in FY 2007-08 – based on the statewide Spillover amount in the recently passed budget.

Future Spillover revenues, after meeting the \$62 million commitment, could either follow the consolidated policy percentages above or follow another framework. Staff will return next month with several options for consideration and discussion.

Next Steps

MTC is currently seeking input on this proposal from the Partnership. After input from our partners, staff will incorporate the changes into a resolution for Commission review and action. The Commission will consider adopting a consolidated formula policy in late 2007/early 2008, prior to the adoption of the FY 2008-09 Fund Estimate in February 2008.

Feel free to contact Kenneth Folan at 510.817.5804 or kfolan@mtc.ca.gov with input or questions.

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ATTACHMENT A
Proposition 1B - Regional Transit Program
STA Base Policy - \$198 Million
10-Year FY 2009 - 2018

(Adopted June 27, 2007)

	Existing Commitments			New Funding	Total
	Existing Base North/Small \$62 Million	Paratransit \$43 Million	Regional Coordination \$67 Million ¹	Lifeline \$26 Million ¹	STA Base Policy
Northern Counties/ Small Operators					
Marin	6.6				6.6
Napa	3.5				3.5
Solano (includes Vallejo)	11.0				11.0
Sonoma	12.5				12.5
CCCTA	12.7				12.7
ECCTA	7.1				7.1
LAVTA	5.0				5.0
Union City	1.9				1.9
WestCat	1.8				1.8
SUBTOTAL	62.0				62.0
County					
Alameda		10.0		7.1	17.1
Contra Costa		5.2		3.3	8.4
Marin		1.2		0.7	1.9
Napa		0.8		0.4	1.2
San Francisco		7.9		3.9	11.8
San Mateo		4.4		1.8	6.2
Santa Clara		9.1		5.6	14.7
Solano		2.2		1.4	3.6
Sonoma		2.4		1.6	4.0
SUBTOTAL		43.0		26.0	69.0
MTC Regional Coordination			67.0		67.0

GRAND TOTAL:	62.0	43.0	67.0	26.0	198.0
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GRAND TOTAL

Note: Includes revenues generated over 10-year period plus \$15 million carryover from regional coordination program

1 - Per the adopted program, up to \$32 million in Regional Coordination expenses may be swapped to Prop 1B capital funds to increase the operating capacity within the augmented Lifeline program.

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ATTACHMENT B
Proposition 1B - Regional Transit Program
Prop 42 Increment - \$181 Million
10-Year FY 2009 - 2018

(Adopted June 27, 2007)

	Existing Commitments		New Funding		Total
	Lifeline \$91 Million	Translink \$44 Million	North/Small Ops \$41 Million	Lifeline \$5 Million	Prop 42 Increment
Northern Counties/ Small Operators					
Marin			4.4		4.4
Napa			2.3		2.3
Solano (includes Vallejo)			7.3		7.3
Sonoma			3.3		6.5
CCCTA			8.4		8.4
ECCTA			4.7		4.7
LAVTA			3.3		3.3
Union City			1.2		1.2
WestCat			1.2		1.2
SUBTOTAL			41.0		41.0
County					
Alameda	24.9			1.4	26.6
Contra Costa	11.4			0.6	12.1
Marin	2.5			0.1	2.6
Napa	1.5			0.1	1.6
San Francisco	3.7			0.8	4.6
San Mateo	6.5			0.4	6.9
Santa Clara	19.7			1.1	21.0
Solano	5.0			0.3	5.3
Sonoma	5.7			0.3	6.1
SUBTOTAL	91.0			5.0	96.0
MTC TransLink®		44.0			44.0

GRAND TOTAL	91.0	44.0	41.0	5.0	181.0
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Date: September 17, 2007
To: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
From: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
Re: 5310 Program Update

Background/Discussion:

At the July 30 meeting of the Advisory Committee, it was decided that Caltrans should proceed with a call. The general intent of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 program has remained the same as prior years, which is to provide capital grants for the transportation needs of elderly and disabled person where public transportation services otherwise is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. One of the more significant changes derived out of SAFETEA-LU is the projects must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. ('Coordinated Plan') MTC has taken the lead on this effort for Solano County as well as the rest of the Bay Area. Caltrans established a statewide Advisory Committee to review the required SAFETEA-LU changes to the program, revise project selection criteria, and make recommendations for California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adoption.

Advisory Committee Update: At the July 30 meeting of the Advisory Committee, it was decided that Caltrans should proceed with a call for projects for all but the Mobility Management (MM) element of the 5310 program. Caltrans is still aiming for a November 2007 California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adoption of the revised guidelines for everything but Mobility Management (MM). Once adopted, the new application and evaluation criteria will be effective. Caltrans is hoping to be able to release the call for projects that would cover two cycles in early January 2008, subject to completion of all Coordinated Plans throughout the state. The two cycles will cover projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009. The appropriated amount available for California is roughly \$12 million each year.

Coordinated Plan: The Bay Area's plan, including Solano County, is expected to be reasonably close to being, if not altogether, complete by January 2008. An initial draft of the Coordinated Plan is expected to be available for local review this fall. The Advisory Committee is seeking input on what tack to pursue should Caltrans find that other plans are not complete by January's deadline.

Mobility Management: Caltrans is now in the process of surveying various agencies throughout the state to get an idea of what types of Mobility Management (MM) projects are being considered. They expect to use the survey results to determine the recommended amount to set aside for Mobility Management, as well as to get a better idea for how the Mobility Management (MM) programs for 5310, JARC, and New Freedom might fit together.

Caltrans Status: Caltrans is still in the process of revising the application form and guidelines (minus the Mobility Management MM part) based on previous comments. They expect to provide the revised documents to the Advisory Committee by the next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 and to forward on to others for review before a presenting final version for adoption with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for adoption. In December 2007, Caltrans intends to survey agencies throughout the state to determine their level of completion of the Coordinated Plans. Caltrans seemed confident that the plans would be completed by January 2008.

Non Profit Agency List

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is in the process of drafting a list of non-profit agencies (see attachment) that may qualify for these funds and is asking the PCC committee for any recommendations or suggestions. Potential candidates could be any non-profit agency that provides transportation for the elderly and/or disabled.

Recommendation

Informational

Attachment:

- A. Non Profit Agency List for 5310 Funding

Potential Non Profit Agency List for 5310 Funding

Solano Community College (?)

PACE Solano

Milestones Adult Development Center

Caminar Solano

Ride with Pride Program

Friends of the Fairfield Senior Center

Goodwill Industries

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DATE: September 17, 2007
TO: Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council
FROM: Judy Leaks, Program Manager/Analyst
RE: PCC Membership Update

Background/Discussion:

The STA's 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 paratransit riders. At the July 20 meeting there were four (4) vacancies: two for Transit Users, one for a social service provider, and one for County Health and Social Services.

On September 12, 2007, the STA Board appointed Kim Barkus as the County Health and Social Services representative and Susan Rotchy as the Independent Living Resource Center (social service provider) representative.

There are two transit user vacancies to be filled. STA staff will continue to recruit for additional PCC members and input from the committee is welcomed.

Recommendation:

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Attachment:

- A. PCC Membership Status (9/07)

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Voting Members	Category	Agency	Appointed
Jim Simon, Chair	Member-at-Large		1/19/07*
Jim Williams	Member-at-Large		1/19/07*
Richard Burnett	MTC/EDAC Representative		1/10/07
Caterina Evans	Public Agency, Education-related Services	Solano Community College Representative	1/19/07*
Kim Barkus	Public Agency, Dept Health and Human Services	Solano County Adult Mental Health Dept	9/12/07
George Bartolome, Vice Chair	Social Service Provider	Vallejo Transitions	1/19/07*
Susan Rotchy	Social Service Provider	Independent Living Resource Center	9/12/07
Deanna DuPont	Social Service Provider	Area 4 Developmental Disabilities Board	4/11/07
Tom Morgan	Transit User		6/13/07
Vacant - seeking 2 members	Transit Users		
* 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.			