



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Suisun City Hall Council Chambers
701 Civic Center Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585**

Notice to the Public: By action of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority (STIA) was established pursuant to, and for the purposes provided for under California Public Utilities Code §§180000 et seq which relate to the funding of transportation and transit projects.

Public Comment: Pursuant to the Brown Act, the public has an opportunity to speak on any matter on the agenda or, for matters not on the agenda, issues within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency. Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker unless modified by the Board Chair, Gov't Code § 54954.3(a). By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period (Agenda Item IV) although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the agency.

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ITEM

BOARD/STAFF PERSON

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| I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(11:00 – 11:05 a.m.) | Chair Spering |
| II. CONFIRM QUORUM/ STATEMENT OF CONFLICT
<i>An official who has a conflict must, prior to consideration of the decision; (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made. Cal. Gov't Code § 87200.</i> | Chair Spering |

STIA BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Spering Chair County of Solano	Pete Sanchez City of Suisun City	Elizabeth Patterson City of Benicia	Jack Batchelor, Jr. City of Dixon	Harry Price City of Fairfield	Jan Vick City of Rio Vista	Len Augustine City of Vacaville	Osby Davis City of Vallejo
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STIA BOARD ALTERNATES

Mike Reagan	Mike Hudson	Mike Ioakimedes	Rick Fuller	Chuck Timm	Ron Jones	Curtis Hunt	Erin Hannigan
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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(11:05 – 11:10 a.m.)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendation:

Approve the following consent items in one motion.

(Note: Items under consent calendar may be removed for separate discussion.)

(11:10 - 11:15 a.m.)

A. STIA Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010

Johanna Masiclat

Recommendation:

Approve STIA Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010.

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VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Results of Public Opinion Poll for Potential SB 83 Expenditure Plan

Alex Evans,
EMC Research, Inc.

Informational

(11:15 – 11:30 a.m.)

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B. Description of Expenditure Plan Categories

Bill Gray
Gray-Bowen, Inc.

Informational

(11:30 – 11:45 a.m.)

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VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Development of SB 83 – Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Expenditure Plan

Board Members

Recommendation:

Recommend STA develop a SB 83 Expenditure Plan for consideration by Solano County Voters.

(11:45 – 12:00 p.m.)

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VIII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
Board Minutes for Meeting of
April 14, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sperring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Jim Sperring, Chair	County of Solano
Pete Sanchez, Vice Chair	City of Suisun City
Elizabeth Patterson	City of Benicia
Jack Batchelor, Jr.	City of Dixon
Harry Price	City of Fairfield
Jan Vick	City of Rio Vista
Len Augustine	City of Vacaville
Osby Davis	City of Vallejo

*Arrived at the meeting
at 5:35 p.m.*

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

None.

STAFF

PRESENT:

Daryl K. Halls	STA Executive Director
Charles Lamoree	STA Deputy Legal Counsel
Johanna Masiclat	STA Clerk of the Board
Janet Adams	STA Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
Elizabeth Richards	STA Director of Transit and Rideshare Services.
Jayne Bauer	STA Marketing and Legislative Program Manager
Susan Furtado	STA Accountant and Administrative Services Manager
Liz Niedziela	STA Transit Manager
Sam Shelton	STA Project Manager
Robert Guerrero	STA Senior Planner
Sara Woo	STA Assistant Planner

ALSO

PRESENT:

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:

Cliff Covey	County of Solano
Bill Gray	Gray-Bowen, Inc.
George Gwynn Jr.	Resident, City of Fairfield
Mike Hudson	Councilmember, City of Suisun City
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Alysa Majer	City of Suisun City
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Catherine Moy	Councilmember, City of Fairfield
Mike Roberts	City of Benicia
Chris Stump	B&L Properties
Vern Van Buskirk	Resident, City of Fairfield
Paul Wiese	County of Solano

II. CONFIRM QUORUM/STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A quorum was confirmed by the Clerk of the Board. There was no Statement of Conflict declared at this time.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Board Member Vick, and a second by Board Member Patterson, the STIA Board unanimously approved the agenda.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

V. SELECTION OF STIA CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Board Member Sanchez, the STIA Board elected Board Member Jim Spring, County of Solano, as Chair.

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Board Member Vick, the STIA Board elected Board Member Pete Sanchez, City of Suisun City, as Vice-Chair.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Status of Current Transportation Funding in Solano County

Daryl Halls provided a status report on the current transportation funding in Solano County. He stated that Solano County currently relies on a combination of State (59%), regional (28%), local (7%) and federal (6%) funding sources to fund the list of priority projects. He noted that based on the most recent Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted by MTC, Solano County is only projected to have enough federal, state and regional funds available over the next 25 years to fund all or part of seven new projects. He indicated that these projects include the next segment of the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange, auxiliary lanes on I-80 near Fairfield, the Jepson Parkway, the West End of the North Connector, the Fairfield Vacaville Train Station, the Vallejo Station, and the Vacaville Transit Center. He also provided a summary of funding for local streets and roads, and senior and disabled transit.

B. Summary of New Local Revenue Options

Daryl Halls provided an overview of the current status and projections for each of the new local revenue options. He listed them as follows 1.) Regional Express/High Occupancy Toll Lanes on I-80; 2.) Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF); 3.) Rio Vista Bridge Toll; 4.) Benefit Assessment District for Transit (Benicia/Vallejo); 5.) Public Private Partnerships (P3); 6.) Local Sales Tax Option for Transportation; and 7.) Local Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Fee for Transportation Benefits and Mitigation Authorized by SB 83.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Discussion and Direction of New Local Revenue Options

At this time, the STIA Board opened this item for discussion.

Board Comments:

Chair Sperring asked staff to describe the feasibility analysis process of putting together the SB 83 expenditure plan for the November 2010 ballot to propose raising the motor vehicle fee for congestion benefits and mitigation. Daryl Halls responded that the recommended steps are to conduct a public opinion poll to assess feasibility and then to outline a draft expenditure plan for the Board to consider.

Vice Chair Sanchez asked what types of projects were contained in Alameda, Marin, and San Francisco's expenditure plan and did all three counties conduct a public opinion poll? Daryl Halls responded that Alameda was looking at advanced technology on their corridor related highways, Marin looking at Safe Routes to Schools and Senior and Disabled Transit and all three counties were looking at Local Streets and Roads and that all three conducted public opinion polls with positive results.

At this time, several Board Members addressed issues on competing measures (Save our State Parks Initiative, potential one-cent Sales Tax Measure in Vallejo, and other Legislative proposals, etc.) as well as concerns on the timing of polling to assess the feasibility of the SB 83 expenditure plan.

Chuck Lamoree noted that through the STA's existing Congestion Management Plan (CMP), the Board would need to reach an agreement on refining down the projects they choose to be the highest priority.

After further discussion, the STIA Board unanimously approved to forward a recommendation to the STA Board to: 1.) Add Public Private Partnership Feasibility Study focused, on several new and/or expanding transit centers, to the STA's Overall Work Program (OWP) and, 2.) Authorized the Executive Director to conduct a public opinion poll to help gauge the feasibility of voter support for a SB 83 DMV fee expenditure plan. As part of this action, the Board specifically recommended the focus for the SB 83 expenditure plan be on maintenance of local streets and roads, improving mobility for seniors and the disabled, and Safe Routes to School.

Public Comments:

George Gwynn conveyed to the Board his opposition for the new local revenue options being discussed.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board regarding further evaluating and conducting feasibility analysis for specified new local revenue options as indicated in Attachment A.

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Board Member Price, the STIA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No further comments were made at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The STIA Board meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting of the STIA Board is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 5:30 p.m., Suisun City Hall Council Chambers.**

Attested by:



June 1, 2010

Johanna Masielat
Clerk of the Board

Date



DATE: June 9, 2010
TO: STIA Board
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director
RE: Results of Public Opinion Poll for Potential SB 83 Expenditure Plan

Background:

In 2009, the State Legislature approved and the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 83 (Hancock) which authorizes Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) to place a countywide measure before the county's voters to propose raising the motor vehicle registration up to \$10 to fund projects benefitting or mitigating the effects of the automobile. For Solano County, each \$1 in motor vehicle registration fee would generate an estimated \$320,000 per year or up to \$3.2 million per year if a \$10 fee was enacted. SB 83 requires a majority vote for passage.

At the STA Board meeting of April 14, 2010, the STA Board authorized staff to collect additional data and/or initiate feasibility studies for several new revenue options. This included authorizing a public opinion poll to the feasibility of voters approving the passage of this fee to fund a SB 83 expenditure plan to potentially be placed before Solano County voters for the November 2010 ballot.

Discussion:

Based on this action, STA retained EMC Research to conduct the public opinion poll. This year, EMC has prepared similar public opinion polls regarding potential SB 83 expenditure plans for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. EMC conducted a telephone survey of 804 Solano County residents/voters on May 9 – 13, 2010. At the meeting, Alex Evans from EMC will provide a summary of the results and answer questions.

Recommendation:

Informational.

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DATE: June 9, 2010
TO: STIA Board
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director
RE: Description of Expenditure Plan Categories

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Discussion:

At the STA Board meeting of April 14, 2010, the STA Board authorized staff to collect additional data and/or initiate feasibility studies for several new revenue options. As part of this action, the Board directed staff to focus the potential expenditure plan on three categories; maintenance of local streets and roads (fixing potholes), safe routes to school, and senior and disabled mobility.

In order to prepare a potential SB 83 expenditure plan in a timely manner, STA has retained the consultant firm of Gray-Bowen to assist in this effort. Gray-Bowen is current assisting the Alameda CMA and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) in the development of their county's SB 83 expenditure plans. At the meeting, Bill Gray, Gray-Bowen, will describe some of the potential options and types of projects and programs that are eligible to be funded through a SB 83 expenditure plan.

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Discussion:

A summary of the public opinion poll and options for a SB 83 expenditure plan are to be discussed under separate agenda items. In order to act to place a SB 83 expenditure plan before the voters for the November 2010 ballot, the STA Board would need to act on or about July 21, 2010. Board direction is needed in order to prepare a potential SB 83 expenditure plan in a timely manner.

Staff is recommending the STIA Board forward a recommendation to the STA Board to develop a SB 83 Expenditure Plan. It is recommended that a draft expenditure plan be agendaized for the STA Board meeting of July 14, 2010, with potential action regarding whether to approve forwarding a SB 83 Expenditure Plan to Solano County voters to occur at a special STA Board meeting on or prior to July 21, 2010.

Recommendation:

Recommend STA develop a SB 83 Expenditure Plan for consideration by Solano County Voters.

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