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**MEETING NOTICE**

**November 8, 2000  
STA Board Meeting**

**STA Board Meeting  
Suisun City Hall Council Chambers  
701 Civic Center Drive  
Suisun City, CA**

- 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**
- 6:30 p.m. STA Awards Reception at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo**
- 7:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony**

***Please note special location and time of this meeting***

**MISSION STATEMENT - SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
To improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation system projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality.**

*Time set forth on agenda is an estimate. Items may be heard before or after the times designated.*

**STA Board Members:**

**Members**

- Dan Donahue, Chair  
*City of Vallejo*
- Marci Coglianesse, Vice Chair  
*City of Rio Vista*
- Pierre Bidou  
*City of Benicia*
- Chris Manson  
*City of Dixon*
- Steve Lessler  
*City of Fairfield*
- Jim Spering  
*City of Suisun City*
- John Silva  
*County of Solano*
- Rischa Slade  
*City of Vacaville*

**STA Alternate**

- Pete Rey
- Fred Harris
- Steve Messina
- Don Erickson
- George Pettygrove
- Michael Segala
- Barbara Kondylis
- David Fleming

**ITEM**

**BOARD/STAFF PERSON**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – CONFIRM QUORUM** Chair Donahue
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (4:00 – 4:05 p.m.)**
- III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (4:05- 4:10 p.m.)**
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT (4:10-4:15 p.m.) – Pg 1** Daryl K. Halls

**V. COMMENTS/UPDATE FROM STAFF, CALTRANS AND MTC**  
(4:15- 4:20 p.m.)

**VI. PRESENTATIONS** (4:20- 4:25 p.m.)

**A. PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER PATRICIA WIGGINS AND STATE SENATOR WES CHESBRO FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HIGHWAY 12**

Chair Donahue

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion (Note: Items under consent calendar may be removed for separate discussion) (4:20-4:25 p.m.) – Pg 21*

**A. Minutes of Meeting of October 11, 2000 – Pg 23**

Stacy Medley

**B. Draft STA TAC Minutes of October 25, 2000 – Pg 31**

Kim Cassidy

**C. Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointment**

Dan Christians

*Recommendation: Appoint Scott Reynolds as the City of Fairfield's citizen representative to the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending December 2003 and approve new three year terms for Jim Fisk, Mick Weninger and Rob Powell - Pg 37*

**D. Agreement Between STA and Suisun City To Transfer State Funds to Construct Park and Ride Improvements at Suisun Capitol Corridor Station**

Dan Christians

*Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with the City of Suisun to transfer State TCI funds on a reimbursement basis to construct park and ride improvements at the Suisun Capitol Corridor Station – Pg 41*

**E. Contract Amendment to Provide Technical Assistance to Advance the Three Capitol Corridor Train Station Sites**

Dan Christians

*Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to: 1.) Approve a Scope of Work for technical assistance for the three proposed Capitol Corridor rail stations; and 2.) Approve a contract amendment with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide technical assistance to advance the proposed rail stations at Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville using Advanced Project Development Element Funds (ADPE) from the 2002 STIP in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 – Pg 43*

**F. Distribution of Local RABA Funds**

John Harris

*Recommendation: Approve the STA TAC recommended selection criteria for distribution of RABA local road repair funds – Pg 57*

- G. TLC Candidate Project Application Jepson Parkway Plan** Dan Christians  
*Recommendation:* 1.) Approve \$5,000 of Project Development fund balance for application of TLC Capital grant; 2.) Authorize the Executive Director to request proposals, select a consultant and enter into a contract to develop graphics and an application for a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program capital grant for a candidate project of the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan; and 3.) Co-sponsor a TLC Capital application with the City of Suisun to design and implement a bike route/lighting/landscaping project located between Highway 12 and Bella Vista Road. – Pg 59
- H. STA Quarterly Financial Report** Stacy Medley  
*Recommendation:* Receive and file the First Quarter STA Quarterly report – Pg 61
- I. Opposition to Utilizing TLC Funds to Fund HIP Program** Daryl K. Halls  
*Recommendation:* Authorize the STA Chair to send a letter to MTC opposing the transfer of \$9 million funding from the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program to the Housing Incentive Program (HIP) – Pg 65

#### VIII. ACTION ITEMS - FINANCIAL

- A. 1999-00 STA Audit** Stacy Medley/  
Gary Caporicci  
*Recommendation:* Accept the Audit of STA's 1999-00 Budget (4:25-4:30) - Pg 71
- B. 2000-01 STA Amended Budget and Project Development Funds and Additional Staff** Daryl K. Halls  
*Recommendation:* Approve 1.) 2000-01 STA Amended Budget; 2.) Additional 2000/01 Project Development Program Fund Requests; and 3.) Additional Staff positions (4:30-4:40 p.m.) – Pg 75
- C. STA Staff Adjustments** Daryl K. Halls  
*Recommendation:* Approve 1.) reclassification of part time clerical assistant position to full time administrative assistant effective December 1, 2000 and establishment of salary range as prescribed, 2.) reclassification of part time planning intern position to full time planning assistant effective December 1, 2000 and establishment of salary range as prescribed, 3.) adjustment of salary range for Office Manager/Clerk of the Board effective December 1, 2000 as prescribed, and 4.) adjustment of hourly compensation rate for Project Intern position effective December 1, 2000 as prescribed - (4:40-4:50 p.m.) – Pg 83

#### IX. ACTION ITEMS – NON FINANCIAL

- A. Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan** Dan Christians

*Recommendation: 1.) Approve Functional Road Classification System maps: 2.) Receive the Needs Assessments for each member jurisdiction 3.) Approve policy questions and planning products developed by Transportation Steering Committee (4:50-4:55 p.m.) – Pg 91*

- B. I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study** Dan Christians  
*Recommendation: 1.) Approve the attached preliminary Scope of Work and schedule for I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study; and 2.) Authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for the study (4:55-5:00 p.m.) – Pg 117*

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS (Discussion Necessary)**

- A. Status of Express Bus Program Proposal and Transit Working Group Activities** John Harris  
*Informational (5:00-5:10 p.m.) – Pg 125*
- B. Project Monitoring Program** John Harris  
*Informational (5:10-5:15 p.m.) – Pg 127*
- C. Highway 12 Enforcement** Dan Christians  
*Informational (5:15-5:20 p.m.) – Pg 129*
- D. Countywide Bicycle Plan and Update Public Input Process** Dan Christians  
*Informational (5:20-5:25 p.m.) – Pg 131*

**(No Discussion Necessary)**

- E. Highway 12 Major Investment Study** Dan Christians  
*Informational – Pg 133*
- F. SolanoWORKS Transit Plan Update** Elizabeth Richards  
*Informational – Pg 135*

**XI. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - (For Information Only) – Pg 137** Robert Guerrero

- A. 2000-01 Solano TFCA Program Manager Funds – November 15, 2000**
- B. 2001-02 Environmental Enhancements Program – November 17, 2000**
- C. Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP) – December 1, 2000**
- D. Transportation for Livable Communities Program (Capital) – Approximately December, 2000**
- E. Bay Trail Program – Approximately January, 2001**
- F. Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program – Approximately February, 2001**
- G. Safe Route to Schools, Second Cycle – March 1, 2001**

**XII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** (Next meeting: December 13, 2000, Suisun City Hall)



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Daryl K. Halls  
RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – November 2000

**The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects being advanced by the STA. An asterisk (\*) notes items included in this month's Board agenda.**

**Proclamation of Appreciation**

Last month, the STA Board recognized Assembly Member Helen Thomson for her efforts on behalf of the I-80/680. This month, the STA is recognizing Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins for her successful efforts in obtaining \$7 million in Transportation Congestion Relief Funds for Highway 12 between Solano and Napa Counties. STA chair Dan Donahue will provide her with a proclamation at the Board meeting. Assembly Member Wiggins and State Senator Wes Chesbro are scheduled to serve as featured speakers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STA Awards the evening of November 8, 2000 in Vallejo.

**\* Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

To date, STA staff has completed all eight City Council/Board of Supervisors presentations and six of seven Community Input Events. Each input event has experienced active participation from members from the STA Board, STA TAC and SolanoLinks Transit Consortium. Public attendance has ranged from 15 to 35 per meeting. As of October 31, 2000, a total of 253 public comments have been received through various sources (i.e., written, e-mail, fax, public meetings, etc.). The last scheduled Community Input meeting is set for Fairfield on November 14, 2000. An overview of public comments received will be provided to the STA Board in December.

**\* STA Annual Audit/Revised STA 2000/01 Budget**

STA's auditors (Caporicci, Cropper and Larson), Vacaville Accounting staff and Stacy Medley have completed the 1999/2000 annual audit. No significant issues were identified. Gary Caporicci and STA staff will be available to answer questions you may have. Staff has reviewed the results of the audit, available carry over funds and provided recommendations for revisions to the 2000/01 Budget. I will be providing you with a short presentation on the recommended

budget adjustments, proposed staffing modifications, and allocation of additional funds for project development.

- **STA Awards/SEDCORP Breakfast**

Staff is working to prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STA Awards on November 8, 2000. Short speeches are being prepared for each Board Member invited to serve as an award presenter. STA chair Dan Donahue will be serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

The monthly SEDCORP breakfast is scheduled for November 8 with a focus on transportation. STA Board Member Jim Sperring and three business members of the STA/SEDCORP Transportation Action Team have been invited to speak on the importance of transportation.

### **STA Coordination with Caltrans**

The past two weeks, John Harris and I have been working with the City of Rio Vista to address inadequate signage and traffic enforcement near the construction zones on Highway 12. At the request of the City of Dixon, we have arranged a meeting with Caltrans Headquarters to discuss specific maintenance concerns on Highway 113 in downtown Dixon.

### **Highway 12 Rally**

Today, Dan Donahue and I attended a Highway 12 rally in support of funding for Jameson Canyon between Napa and Solano Counties. The event, sponsored by the Napa Valley Economic Development Corporation and South Napa Chamber, was attended by over 100 business and community leaders. Caltrans provided an update of the project and the STA and Napa County Transportation Planning Agency were commended for their advocacy efforts.

- \* **New SCI Commute Consultant Selected**

Theresa Cammarota has been selected by Elizabeth Richards to fill the vacant Commute Consultant position with STA/Solano Commuter Information. Theresa is currently employed with Contra Costa Transportation Authority and is a resident of Vacaville. She has been invited to attend the Awards program and is scheduled to officially begin employment with the STA on November 20, 2000.

*Attached for your information are a status of priority projects, STA's list of transportation acronyms, key correspondence and newspaper articles on transportation.*

**Solano Transportation Authority**  
**Acronyms List**  
*Updated 11/3/00*

ABAG	Association of Bay Area Governments	LOS	Level of Service
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	LTF	Local Transportation Funds
APDE	Advanced Project Development/Element (STIP)	MIS	Major Investment Study
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
BAAQMD	Bay Area Air Quality Management District	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
BCDC	Bay Conservation and Development Commission	MTC	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation	MTS	Metropolitan Transportation System
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	NEPA	National Environmental Policy
CARB	California Air Resource Board	NCTPA	Napa County Transportation Planning Agency
CCTA	Contra Costa Transportation Authority	NHS	National Highway System
CHP	California Highway Patrol	OTS	Office of Traffic Safety
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	PCC	Paratransit Coordinating Council
CMA	Congestion Management Agency	PMS	Pavement Management System
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	POP	Program of Projects
CMP	Congestion Management Program	PSR	Project Study Report
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas	PSR	Project Study Report
CTC	California Transportation Commission	RABA	Revenue Alignment Budget Authority
DBE	Disadvantage Business Enterprise	RFP	Request for Proposal
DOT	Federal Department of Transportation	RFQ	Request for Qualification
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
EPA	Federal Environmental Protection Agency	RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	SCI	Solano Commuter Information
GARVEE	Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles	SCTA	Sonoma County Transportation Authority
GIS	Geographic Information System	SHOPP	State Highway Operational Protection Program
HOV Lane	High Occupancy Vehicle Lane	SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act	SRITP	Short Range Intercity Transit Plan
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program	SRTIP	Short Range Transit Plan
JPA	Joint Powers Agreement	STA	Solano Transportation Authority
LEV	Low Emission Vehicle	STAF	State Transit Assistance Fund
		STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
		STP	Surface Transportation Program

TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone
TCI	Transit Capital Improvement
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program
TDA	Transportation Development Act
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activity
TEA-21	Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TLC	Transportation for Livable Communities
TOS	Traffic Operation System
YSAQMD	Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle

# BENICIA HERALD

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## City official, department up for transit awards

County transit group nominates Nadritch, Public Works Dept.

By Dana Guzzetti  
STAFF WRITER

The Benicia Public Works Department and Alan Nadritch, the city's director of finance and transportation coordinator, are nominat-

ed for awards by the Solano Transportation Authority.

"This is the third year we have recognized partners, people, agencies, and businesses that have worked with us on transportation during the past year," Dan Donohue, STA board chairman, and Vallejo city council member said.

Guest speakers are California State Sen. Wes Chesbro and State Assemblyperson Patricia Wiggins.

The STA is presenting the STA Special Award, and seven awards

in the following categories: Project of the Year, Advisory committee Member of the Year, Business of the Year, Transit Employee of the Year, Agency of the Year, Partner of the year, and Best Project Delivery for the Year. Members of the STA Awards Review Subcommittee select the winners. This year they are Dan Donohue, Marci Coglianese, Risha Slade, and John Silva.

Nadritch, nominee for Transit Employee of the Year (Benicia

City employee), "has been great working with me on the rail station; and cooperating with Vallejo on the ferry," Donohue said.

"Benicia Public Works was nominated for 'Best Delivery', and 'Best project' because they have performed wonderfully, applying for grants, and delivering well done, and timely projects," Daryl Halls, STA spokesperson said.

The STA "partners" with businesses, Caltrans, and other agencies to promote transportation in

Solano County Halls said.

One such partner is Ray's Cycle who helped support the STA "Bike Work Week", and contributed to the "Bike Link maps" project.

"In 1998, John Ash of Benicia Industries, was recognized for his work on the passage of Advisory Measure F, gauging public interest (in transit)," Halls said. "He is also working on the Joint committee for the Benicia/Martinez Bridge project with Contra Costa County.

"Teams" of Caltrans employees,

headquartered in Oakland, have also been chosen for possible awards Halls said.

"Local Assistance, Design Team East, and Capital Corridor group, which serves the Joint Powers Agency all deserve recognition for their work," he said.

Winners will award a small, engraved sculptured trophy designed for the STA. The public is invited, and refreshments will be

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served.

The following companies have contributed between \$100 and \$500 each to sponsor this event: Alat Transportation Consulting, Fehr & Peers Associates, Grandy & Associates, Jones & Stokes, Korve Engineering, Mark Thomas & Company, Norcal Waste Systems, and Wilbur Smith Associates.

"We expect about 120 people," Donohue said.

The event is customarily held in the Board Chairpersons Community. The first year, Chairperson, Jim Sperring, held the event in

Suisun. Last year, Risha Slade chaired the Board and program was in Vacaville

The awards ceremony will be on Nov. 8, at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo at 6:30 p.m.

# STA looks for input on transportation from Dixon at meeting next Thursday

*Dixon Trib.  
(10.13.00)*

Dixon residents will have the opportunity to participate in the planning for the future transportation needs for Solano County. The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and each of the cities in Solano County are in the process of developing a 20-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan. On Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dixon City Hall, the STA and the City of Dixon will make short presentations on the planning process and plan schedule. Then the public will be asked to provide their insight as to how they see future transportation needs.

"Now is the time for Dixon residents to share their ideas about future transportation issues and how they affect growth in Solano County", said Don Erickson, Mayor of Dixon and Board Member of the Solano Transportation Authority. "Each person should consider how they want Solano County transportation to look 20 years from now". Erickson said.

"Developing a plan of this magnitude is an

important step to ensuring that we will receive state and federal funds in the future. Before that plan can be developed, we need the public to get involved. They need to know where the money comes from, where it can be used, and what the trade-offs are", said Daryl Halls, Executive Director of the STA.

Three sub-committees are hard at work developing policies and procedures in preparation for the planning process expected to be completed in November 2001. By that time we will be working with consultants to determine what improvements should be made to roads, highways, freeways, transit, and other alternative modes. "We hope to be totally prepared for the upcoming funding cycle", Hall said.

For more information about the upcoming Dixon event on Oct. 19 or any other event in Solano County, contact Janice Sells at (707)438-0655

# Dixon residents voice concerns regarding future transportation

*The Dixon Tribune*

*(10.22.00)*

Dixon residents met with members of Solano Transportation Authority and Dixon City Officials Thursday evening to discuss a 20-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Dixon and all other cities in Solano County.

Several concerns were dis-

cussed including Widening I-80 from 6 to 8 lanes. Improving transportation for our seniors and disabled. The status to date; they are seeking additional funding and are making an on-going effort to maintain and improve service. Continuing to repair local street and potholes. The

status to date; approximately \$13 million of federal and state rehabilitation funds are programmed and STA programmed an additional \$4 million in Feb. this year.

Other questions asked were concerning the promised signals to be installed at various Dixon intersections. The Highway 113 over-lay project that is way past due. Mary Ann Courville, Vice-Mayor and Mayoral Candidate said, Highway 113 needs to be improved now. She also suggested that more truck traffic be moved to Pedrick Rd.

Amrtack was another big subject discussed at Thursday nights meeting. Should we or shouldn't we have an Amtrack station in Dixon?

Robert Salaber who is president of the DDBA thinks a rail station in Dixon is a good idea; "The rail is the key to a successful transit program here," he said

Mike Ceremello disagreed  
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## CONCERNS.

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with Salaber, saying "It doesn't really solve the problem of congestion, which is getting people off the road." Dixon is too small in population."

Daryl Halls, STA's executive director, "Our goal is to ultimately have three or four stations." Halls said the STA has three possibilities for rail stations, Dixon, Benicia and the Vanden Rd. area of Vacaville.

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**It was two Algonquin tribes, the Michi Gama and the Michi Sepe, that gave the names to the states of Michigan and Mississippi.**

For more information please feel free to contact Janice Sells at (707)438-0655.



**Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Community Input Meeting  
Thursday, October 19, 2000  
6:30 PM  
Dixon City Hall  
600 East "A" Street**

The Solano Transportation Authority and the City of Dixon invite you to participate in the development of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Solano County. This is your opportunity to learn more about the vast array of transportation projects and service in development throughout Solano County.

*If you can not attend, simply clip and mail the comment sheet below or you can express you transportation priorities by phone at 707.422.6491; writing to STA at 333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200, Suisun City CA, 94585; e-mail at staplan@hotmail.com; or our website at www.solanolinks.com.*

***Tell us about your transportation priorities***

What is your work destination? \_\_\_\_\_

How long does it take to get to work? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you usually get to work? (circle) **car bus car/vanpool ferry rail bicycle walk**

Number the following in order of your priority: (1-10)

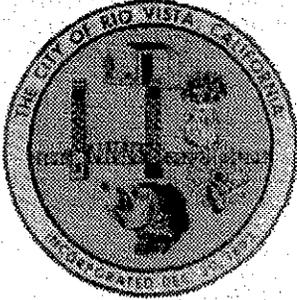
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| _____ Enhancement<br>Landscaping, etc. | _____ Paratransit Services | _____ Rideshare       |
| _____ Express Bus Service              | _____ Park and Ride Lots   | _____ Roads           |
| _____ Ferry                            | _____ Pedestrian Paths     | _____ Transit (local) |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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The following information is optional and will be used to update you on plan progress and upcoming events.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Reporter (10.15.00)*



*River-News Herald & Chronicle*  
*(10.18.00)*



**Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Community Input Meeting  
Wednesday, October 25, 2000  
6:30 PM  
Rio Vista City Hall  
1 Main Street in Rio Vista**

The Solano Transportation Authority and the City of Rio Vista invite you to participate in the development of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Solano County. This is your opportunity to learn more about the vast array of transportation projects and service in development throughout Solano County.

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| _____ Express Bus Service                | _____ Park and Ride Lots  | _____ Roads           |
| _____ Ferry                              | _____ Pedestrian Paths    | _____ Transit (local) |

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e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

# Finally, Green Valley set to unveil bike path

By Ian Thompson  
DAILY REPUBLIC

GREEN VALLEY — It took nine years, but Green Valley residents on Saturday will finally cut the ribbon on a three-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail that officials hope will cut down on car traffic in the area.

Money from a 20-year-old Green Valley fund bolstered by building permits paid for most of the trail, which runs from where Rockville Road meets Green Valley Road to Vintage Green Valley Park near Nelda Munday Elementary School at the intersection of Mangels Boulevard and Vintage Valley Road.

"The project has been in the works quite a while," Solano County Trans-

**"It looks like a trail that will get a lot of use. It is the first trail that the county has built that is separate from a roadway."**

— John Gray,  
Solano County Transportation Director

portation Director John Gray said.

It was initially planned in 1991 as part of Green Valley Road after road shoulders were added to allow bicycles and pedestrian use.

But residents didn't like that because they said it was dangerous and could encourage cars to speed up, Gray said.

The idea for a separate path eventually got the support it needed and work on the path started in July.

"It provides a way for kids to get from Green Valley to Nelda Mundy as well as Costco and other stores," Gray said. "It looks like a trail that will get a lot of use. It is the first trail that the county has built that is separate from a roadway."

"This will allow a lot of people who live locally and work locally to use the path," said Ken Smith, president of the Cordelia Area Homeowners Association. "It is a huge recreational

thing for us over here."

The Green Valley trail is part of an upsurge in bike trail construction that has hit the county.

"Our goal is to increase walking and biking to 4 percent of all trips in Solano County," said Dan Christians, Solano Transportation Authority deputy director of planning.

Work on the Vallejo portion of a countywide bike trail system started last week, Christians said.

The design is almost finished for a major Suisun City bike and pedestrian path that will link the entire city, running along Highway 12 from the Amtrak train station on Main Street to Walters Road, Suisun City planners said.

This path will also be separate

from the main thoroughfare, running along the northern side of Highway 12. This will include a pedestrian and bike bridge over McCoy Creek.

"This is what's needed to develop an alternative mode of transportation in Suisun City," Councilman and Bicycle Advisory Committee member Mike Segala said. "It will allow people to go the full length of Highway 12."

Given no complications, Segala hopes to see the entire path completed by the middle of 2001.

The Green Valley Bike/Pedestrian Trail grand opening will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Falls School Multipurpose Room at 1631 Rockville Road.

*Ian Thompson can be reached at [ithompson@dailyrepublic.net](mailto:ithompson@dailyrepublic.net).*

## Thomson tops Assembly in most bills passed, signed into law

Assemblywoman Helen Thomson (D-Solano) just completed the two-year legislative session at the top of three categories measuring effectiveness of the 80-member State Assembly.

A review of the final bill tally of assemblymembers shows Thomson with the most bills signed by the Governor (34); the most bills passed by the Legislature (40); and the highest percentage of bills introduced that were signed into law (69 percent).

"This has clearly been a very productive session for the state and for the 8th Assembly District," said Assemblywoman Thomson. "We passed two state budgets on time and in balance, and we made major progress in investing in our public education system, reforming health care, and investing in important traffic congestion relief."

Health care, agriculture, public safety, consumer and district issues occupied most of Thomson's legislative

agenda. The newly appointed Chair of the Assembly Health Committee authored 11 new health care laws.

"I am certainly most proud of AB 88, the mental health parity bill signed into law by Governor Davis last year which guarantees the same benefit coverage for serious mental illness as other physical diseases."

"But we still have a lot of work to do in rebuilding California's mental health system," Thomson noted.

Thomson said that many of these bills were "less earthshaking" than AB 88, but will still mean a lot to the people they help.

"For example, the Girls Scouts will have a new way to raise funds with the Girl Scout License plate," Thomson said. "People in mobile homes and condominiums will know they can keep their companion pets."

"Rice growers will get some support in finding an alternative to burning

rice straw, and emergency 911 calls from cell phones will be properly routed for a faster response."

"Each of these bills took a concerted effort by supporters working with staff in my office and in the Governor's office to work out the details and, in some cases, hammer out compromises to remove objections from those who opposed a measure in an earlier form," Thomson said.

## County looking for transportation ideas

(10.17.00)  
Times-Herald staff report

The county is creating a 20-year transportation plan, and wants members of the public to help set priorities in their city.

Vallejo's residents are being invited to a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, to help identify the city's transportation needs. The purpose of the plan is to aid Solano County in its efforts to get state and federal funding.

"Developing a plan of this magnitude is an important step to

ensuring that Solano County will receive state and federal funding in the future. Before that plan can be developed, we need the public to get involved. They need to know where the money comes from, where it can be used, and what the tradeoffs are," said Daryl Halls, executive director of Solano Transportation Authority (STA).

At the meeting, to be held at the Baylink Ferry Terminal on Mare Island Way, officials from the Solano Transportation Authority and the city of Vallejo

will first make a short presentation on the planning process and schedule.

"Vallejo residents will have the opportunity to share their ideas about transportation issues and how they see Solano County's transportation future," said City Council member Dan Donahue, who is also chair of STA's board of directors.

Three sub-committee are developing policies and procedures in preparation for the 20-year plan which is scheduled for completion in November 2001.

The authority also will be working with consultants to determine what improvements should be made to roads, highways, freeways, transit and other alternative modes.

"We hope to be totally prepared for the upcoming funding cycle," Halls said.

For more information about the Vallejo event on Wednesday, contact Janice Sells at 438-0655 or e-mail the STA at [staplan@hotmail.com](mailto:staplan@hotmail.com) or visit the website at [www.solanolinks.com](http://www.solanolinks.com).

# FasTrak booth opens on Martinez bridge

By Tim Fields  
DAILY REPUBLIC

**BENICIA** — Commuters crossing the Benicia-Martinez Bridge today are in for a change, or rather a lack of it.

An electronic toll collection system began today with toll booth No. 6 and bridge users are encouraged to apply for the service, state Department of Transportation officials said.

Motorists with the FasTrak device won't have to stop while paying tolls so they will spend less time commuting and have less wear on their nerves, Caltrans Director Jeff Morales said in

a press release.

A small wireless transponder is installed on the car's windshield. When a commuter uses a designated FasTrak lane to cross the bridge, the toll is automatically debited from a pre-paid or credit card account. Also FasTrak members receive a 15 cents discount on every crossing.

"Electronic toll collecting is the wave of the future and the time has come to roll it out," Caltrans spokesman Colin Jones said.

Caltrans will install more designated FasTrak lanes if there is an overwhelming demand from the public, he said. Electron-

ic toll collection is definitely here to stay, yet there will always be a need for human toll collectors, he added.

"The project's goal is to make toll collection more efficient and less time consuming," Jones said.

In 1997, Caltrans outfitted the Carquinez Bridge with FasTrak to use for testing the project.

"All technical and budget issues have been worked out and the system's ready to go," Jones said.

By year's end, Caltrans is set to install the system on the Bay Area's seven state toll bridges, Golden Gate Bridge and

Southern California toll roads.

Caltrans officials scheduled FasTrak openings for Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on Nov. 15; San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Nov. 29; Dumbarton Bridge on Dec. 20; and San Mateo-Hayward and Antioch Bridges on Dec. 31.

Applications for FasTrak can be found on the Internet at [www.dot.ca.gov/fastrak](http://www.dot.ca.gov/fastrak) or by calling (888) 725-TRAK. Also extra Caltrans staff will operate a service center at Park 'n' Shop Shopping Center, 1849 Willow Pass Road, Concord.

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— Colin Jones,  
Caltrans  
spokesman

## Safety concerns along Highway 12

Reporter Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my frustration and concerns over the road conditions on the stretch of Highway 12 between Rio Vista and Fairfield.

My family and I live on Shiloh Road. We own a business in Rio Vista and our children attend school here. We travel Highway 12 daily and sometimes several times a day. We are very familiar with the road and drive it with much care and caution. My concerns are as follows:

- The new barriers that have been placed along the edge of the road are a hazard. I have personally seen large trucks cross over the double-yellow line, in an attempt to maneuver through the barriers on the road. Recently I had to get out of the way of one truck as it crossed over into my lane. The speed limit needs to be low-

ered and the barriers moved over to allow more room on the road.

- My second concern is the stop light at Trilogly. I have witnessed several trucks not able to or just not stopping at the red light and continuing through. What is going to happen when the foggy season is here? There is not enough warning for the light and the traffic is traveling too fast to stop. Some are using the lanes to pass. The speed limit needs to be lowered and we need more warnings that a traffic light is approaching.

I understand the importance of driving carefully and following the traffic laws. It is the responsibility of our state and county government to provide safe roads to travel on and not to add hazards that could jeopardize lives.

Cindy Stewart  
Rio Vista

Rep. (10.25.00)

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# Petition seeks Cordelia Road closure

By Ian Thompson  
DAILY REPUBLIC

(10.19.00)

## Residents cite traffic concerns during peak hours

CORDELIA — Tired of seeing Cordelia Road become a thoroughfare, Cordelia residents want Solano County to close a portion of the road on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

"The homeowners have reached a breaking point," resident Frances Rott said.

Last week, the residents handed a 52-name petition to the Solano Coun-

ty Board of Supervisors. On Tuesday, they gave another one to the Fairfield City Council.

The group would like to see the eastbound lane between Pittman and Hale Ranch roads shut down from 3:7 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

According to Solano County Department of Transportation car-

counts, that's when commuters trying to get around the traffic clog at the Interstate 80/Interstate 680 interchange use the two-lane road the most.

The highway congestion and its growing spillover onto Cordelia area streets is becoming an increasingly sore point for residents who want

something done.

And it will only get worse, according to Rott, citing the construction of The Ranch subdivision, the activation of the Nelson Hill rock quarry and the opening of Rodriguez High School.

"Cordelia Road will become a death trap," Rott said, adding that

traffic accidents have increased.

An average 2,900 vehicles a day pass Thomasson Lane on Cordelia Road Monday through Wednesday, said John Gray, county transportation director. On Thursday, that number jumps to 3,800 vehicles and on Friday, it climbs further to 7,600 vehicles.

"During the four hours they are concerned about, the number is 1,100

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cars an hour," he added.

The supervisors will deal with the request at the Nov. 7 meeting. The Transportation Department is not sure yet of what position it will take and the petition is now in the hands of the County Counsel to determine its legality.

"There is some question of whether it's legal to close a public road for these reasons," Gray said.

Residents cite the precedent

of Bridgeport Road which forbids left turns onto Cordelia Road five days of the week.

On Tuesday, the supervisors will consider a little relief for Cordelia Road residents: imposing a 45 mph speed limit on Cordelia Road and forbidding left turns from Bridgeport Road onto Cordelia Road during part of the day.

"People go way too fast and we are trying to slow down the speeds and make that road

somewhat safer," Supervisor Duane Kromm said. "Inch by inch, increment by increment, we are trying to do what we can."

Kromm, who represents that area, wants to make it as inconvenient as possible for drivers to use Cordelia Road as part of their commute route instead of the freeway.

The Fairfield City Council recently approved pushing ahead with plans to put in

additional lanes on I-80 to ease traffic through the I-80/680 intersection along with plans to add another merge lane from I-680 to I-80.

But that will take years and in the meantime, Cordelia Road residents said, the traffic on Cordelia Road will only get worse.

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# Shuttle plan aims to ease traffic congestion

"It's a problem that could kill the golden goose. People will stop coming if we don't solve this (Upvalley traffic) problem."

Ken Slavens  
Mayor of St. Helena

By KEVIN COURTNEY

Register Staff Writer (10-20-00)

## NAPA

Warning that traffic congestion could kill the "golden goose" that is tourism, Napa Valley cities may launch an experimental shuttle for workers and visitors.

Buses could ferry people up and down the valley with stops at popular shopping destinations. A shuttle through Jamieson Canyon for workers who live in Solano County is also a possibility.

Highway backups are testing the patience of both residents and those who come here for the wine, restaurants and spas, spending \$656 million in 1998, officials said.

"It's a problem that could kill the

golden goose," said St. Helena Mayor Ken Slavens. "People will stop coming if we don't solve this problem."

Jim McCann, Calistoga's city manager, said visitors are worn out when they reach Calistoga, having had to run a gauntlet of congestion once they enter the county from the south.

"We hear increasingly that this may be our last trip to the valley because the trip can be exhausting," he said.

Mike Zdon, executive director of the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency, quoted from San Francisco newspaper articles about traffic conditions here.

Tour bus passengers don't want to spend \$39.95 for a day in wine country if they spend much of the day sitting in

a traffic jam, one article said.

Tourists represents 7 to 10 percent of Napa County traffic, but on weekends it could be as high as 20 percent, Zdon said. Highway 29 and Jamieson Canyon Road bear the brunt of the wine seekers.

While tourism adds to the county's traffic woes, Napa would still have traffic problems without it, Zdon said.

The impact of tourism traffic on local communities was the subject of a Thursday morning workshop for local city councils and the Board of Supervisors at the Yountville Community Center.

Several government officials despaired of ever solving the problem.

"Objectively speaking, the infra-

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structure doesn't allow what we're doing," said Mark Joseph, American Canyon's city manager, citing the limited number of roads that run the length of the Napa Valley.

"I'm sort of the mind that we're going to have a traffic problem no matter what because Napa is popular," Supervisor Mark Luce said.

Officials liked the idea of a shuttle that could ferry tourists from a central down valley place to Upvalley attractions. Such a service would have to be first-quality, offer frequent pickups and be relatively inexpensive, they said.

Napa City Manager Pat Thompson won group support for doing an experimental shut-

tle. The transportation planning agency will put together a proposal for hiring a consultant to see how best to do this and local government would have to pay for it.

Napa is trying to establish a transportation center downtown where tourists could park and connect to regular VINE buses and special shuttles. A parking garage next to the county Administration Building might serve that function.

City officials are talking about also having a shuttle between downtown and the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts which will open next fall.

Over the next 20 years, one of the best ways for moving tourists out of their cars and onto public transit might be to revive rail passenger service from the Vallejo ferry dock to Calistoga, Zdon said.

The NCTPA is seeking a

\$200,000 state grant to study the feasibility of such a service.

If Napa had a convention center, such as is being talked about for Napa Valley Exposition, that would help get visitors off the highway, officials said. Conventioneers and their spouses like riding buses to attractions, they said.

As bad as traffic is now, it could get even worse over the next few years when construction starts on the Highway 29/Trancas Street underpass, officials said. Bridge replacements on the Napa River will also be occurring.

"Things could get dicey for a couple of years," said Thompson, who suggested wineries might want to consider free tastings for those who brave possible traffic delays.

The city and Caltrans will be crafting a \$600,000 traffic management plan to deal with problems.

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# Amtrak station among items discussed in Dixon

By Barbara J. Smith  
Staff Writer

Rep.  
(10.20.00)

An Amtrak train station in downtown Dixon was at the top of Dixon residents' concerns at a meeting held Thursday night by the Solano Transportation Authority.

It was the STA's third stop in a series of community meetings as it develops a 20-year, multi-faceted master plan with representatives from seven Solano County cities to provide more freeway capacity, better alternate routes and expanded rail and

inter-city bus service.

Daryl Halls, STA's executive director, said Solano is the fastest growing county in the Bay Area, and focusing on transportation needs now is important because the county will be in competition with its peers in the next five to 20 years for "very significant funding" that will be available at the state and local level.

Fifteen-year Dixon resident Katrina Meek said that it is essential that Dixon have a rail station.

"We are situated in such a way to make us a commuter town ... to Sacra-

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mento or parts west. It's an environmental issue, it's a convenience issue," she said.

Robert Salaber, president of the Downtown Dixon Business Association, said he thought a rail station would benefit Dixon for a number of reasons.

"The rail is the key to a successful transit program here,"

Salaber said. "A rail would be a godsend. It would bring help in our efforts to revitalize our downtown. Having that here would only further boost our economic viability."

Dixon resident Michael Ceremello said he was opposed to the rail station, at least for now.

"It doesn't really solve the

problem of congestion, which is getting people off the road," he said. "Dixon is too small in population. The Fairfield/Vacaville station would be better because there is a larger population base to draw from."

Halls said the STA has three candidate rail stations — Dixon, Benicia and Vacaville — in the Vanden Road area.

"Our goal is to ultimately have three or four stations," he said.

Other regional and county-wide projects presented at the meeting were the past-due overlay of state Highway 113, installation of signals at six Dixon intersections, interchange improvements at four locations along Interstate 80, and the widening of Interstate 80.

# Vallejo to expand ferry service to S.F.

By Perry Swanson/Staff Writer

Rep. (10.26.00)

New federal dollars approved Tuesday were the icing on the cake for Vallejo's plan to expand ferry service to San Francisco, said Transportation Superintendent Pam Belchamber.

President Clinton on Tuesday signed a bill that, among other things, set aside \$879,000 to help Vallejo buy a new ferry boat. The city already had enough money to buy a third boat, Belchamber said — \$5 million in state dollars and \$5 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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Some 800,000 commuters use the ferry service annually.

A new boat will cost around \$10 million, Belchamber said, but the extra federal money allows the city to buy a few upgrades.

"It gives us just the breathing room we need," she said.

The ferry, which makes 11 round trips from Vallejo to San Francisco daily, is already at full capacity. The Vallejo City Council in September shut down a bus service to the ferry terminal because too many people wanted to use it.

"This third boat can't get here too soon," she said.

But the new boat probably won't be in service until sometime in 2002, she said.

People who ride the ferry can either pay \$12 for an all-day pass or \$175 for a monthly pass. Those prices will increase on Jan. 1, Belchamber said. User fees account for about 70 percent of the cost of running the ferry, she said, although it's likely to be less than that this year because of rising fuel costs.

# Commission delays Cordelia Rd. vote

By David Ryan.  
DAILY REPUBLIC

(10.26.00)

FAIRFIELD — Cordelia residents upset at traffic congestion on Cordelia Road won a small reprieve Wednesday night. The Fairfield Planning Commission voted to delay its vote on sweeping changes to the city's blueprint that would have allowed the road to be widened.

The planning commission voted to make up its mind at a special meeting on Nov. 1 instead, when commissioner Thomas Mattis would be able

to join the rest commission and vote on the general plan. Mattis was absent Wednesday night when dozens of residents criticized what the planning department called its proposed "livable city" general plan.

The plan would allow for more dense and varied uses of existing city land, plus a technology park north of Travis Air Force Base and areas to expand the military installation, while severing the Rockville Park area and selected portions of the Suisun Valley and Cordelia from the city's urban limit line.

The plan is designed to be a bulwark against Southern California-style sprawl. It would not, however, stop controversial plans to widen Cordelia Road.

The livable city plan represents 10 months of development and discussion among the city council, citizen's groups and the planning commission on how to implement a smart-growth philosophy.

From Jan. 1, 2000 to the unscheduled build-out of the proposed general plan would allow 14,500 housing units and about 25.5 million square

feet of retail, office and industrial development to appease the booming housing and economic market.

Critics of the livable city plan said efforts to widen Cordelia Road would destroy the rural peace of Cordelia, where traffic-weary commuters cut through Cordelia Road to avoid the exchange between I-80 and I-680.

"Widening the road will only attract more traffic and take attention away from the real problem: getting Caltrans to fix the I-80 I-680 interchange," Cordelia Resident Daphne Nixon said.

Other residents worried whether 25.5 million square feet of allowed commercial and industrial growth would be able to grow jobs for future residents.

"How do we translate square feet into jobs?" Cordelia resident Bill Frasier said. "What is the formula?"

The planning commission will meet again on Nov. 1, 7 p.m. at the Senior center.

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NVR (10.27.00)

## Napans can get on the FasTrak BENICIA

Napa commuters who must cross the Benicia-Martinez bridge have a new high tech aid in speeding up the toll collection process.

The FasTrak electronic toll collection system began operation at Toll Booth #6 on a 24 hour a day, seven day a week basis.

Under the plan, motorists purchase a tag which is read electronically as they pass through the booth. The toll amount is automatically deducted from their pre-paid total.

FasTrak is available on the Carquinez bridge and will eventually be available on all the bridges in the Bay Area.

To obtain a tag or to get additional information, call 888-725-TRAK./Register

# Vallejo <sup>Rep. (1021-00)</sup> budget outlook improves

**In brief** A first quarter report for 2000-01 shows a projected \$5.8 million undesignated reserve balance.

The first quarter financial report for fiscal year 2000-01 for the city of Vallejo shows a projected General Fund undesignated reserve balance of \$5.8 million — a major improvement over earlier projections.

The report will be presented at tonight's Vallejo City Council meeting.

The projections in the final budget document prepared for fiscal year 2000-01 showed an undesignated reserve balance of \$5.2 million. The balances are based on projections before completion of last fiscal year's audit, which will be available by December.

"I'm very pleased with the continued progress in the growing of undesignated budget reserves," said Vallejo City Manager David Martinez. "This brings us closer to the city council's goal of a 15 percent reserve."

The \$5.8 million projection is equal to 9.8 percent of the General Fund, based on expenditures of about \$60 million.

Martinez said the growth in the reserve is based primarily on increased revenues in various categories in the budget as well as a decrease in expenditures. Martinez inherited a budget with a deficit of \$1.1 million when he took the job of Vallejo city manager in 1998. Since then the city's reserves have grown to the projected \$5.8 million — or a turnaround of almost \$7 million.

Finance Director Fred Wright indicated that it's still too early in the fiscal year to make anything more than general budget projections.

"I'm optimistic," Wright said, "that these numbers will continue to show improvement, with a more complete picture at midyear."

While the General Fund reserve continues to grow, increased fuel costs continue to impact other areas of the city's budget.

At tonight's City Council meeting, city staff will request an adjustment in the budget of \$460,000 to pay for rising fuel costs for the city's fleet of vehicles, buses and ferry boats. The money will come from non-General Fund accounts such as the Transportation Fund and Corporation Shop Fund.

## SOLANO COUNTY

### Bill signed by governor brings \$1.6 million to Vallejo

VALLEJO — Governor Davis has signed three bills bringing \$1.6 million to Vallejo for various projects. Vallejo will receive approximately \$825,000 from the new Traffic Congestion Relief Fund created by AB 2928, and will use the money for street repairs. The city will receive \$417,000 in reimbursement for booking fees from SB 225. It will also receive some money from the one-time discretionary relief for local governments provided by AB 1396.

In other news, the first parcel of property on Mare Island, a 182 acre golf course, has been turned over to the City of Vallejo from the Navy. Mare Island Golf Course and Resort, LLC, which has a 15-year lease on the property, will have an option to buy the property one year from the date the city takes ownership.

The Governor has signed SB 2041 into law, creating the Mare Island Utility District and allowing development on the island to begin. The city of Vallejo will appoint five persons to the board of directors of the district.

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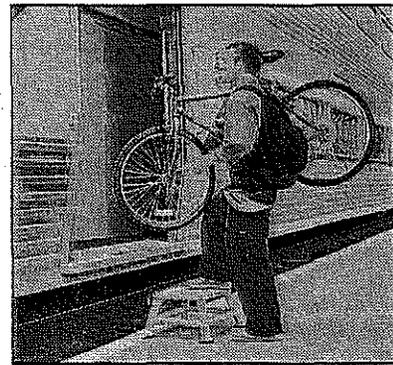


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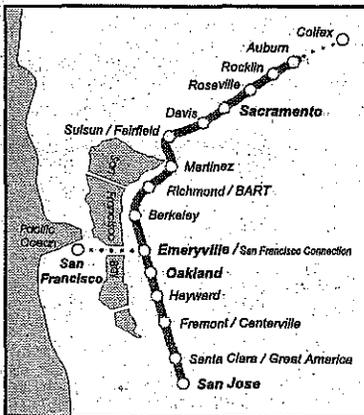
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DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Stacy Medley, Clerk of the Board  
RE: CONSENT AGENDA (Any consent agenda item can be pulled for discussion)

Recommendation

That the STA Board approves the following attached consent items:

- A. Minutes of Meeting of October 11, 2000
- B. Draft Minutes of October 25, 2000 STA TAC Meeting
- C. Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointment
- D. Agreement between STA and Suisun City to Transfer State Funds to Construct Park and Ride Improvements at Suisun Capitol Corridor Station
- E. Contract Amendment to Provide Technical Assistance to Advance the Three Capitol Corridor Train Station Sites
- F. Distribution of Local RABA Funds
- G. TLC Candidate Project Application Jepson Parkway Plan
- H. STA Quarterly Report
- I. MTC's Proposed Housing Incentive Program



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of Meeting of**  
**October 11, 2000**

**I. CALL TO ORDER - CONFIRM QUORUM**

Chair Donahue called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Dan Donahue (Chair)	City of Vallejo
Marci Coglianese (Vice-Chair)	City of Rio Vista
Pierre Bidou	City of Benicia
Don Erickson (Alternate)	City of Dixon
Steve Lessler	City of Fairfield
Jim Spering	City of Suisun City
Rischa Slade	City of Vacaville
Barbara Kondylis (Alternate)	County of Solano

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:**

John Silva	County of Solano
Chris Manson	City of Dixon

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:**

Daryl K. Halls	STA-Executive Director
Dan Christians	STA-Deputy Director for Planning
John Harris	STA-Deputy Director for Projects
Janice Sells	STA-Program Manager/Analyst
Stacy Medley	STA-Clerk of the Board
Melinda Stewart	STA Legal Counsel/Vacaville
Robert Guerrero	STA Planning Intern
Jennifer Tongson	STA Project Intern

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

Alan Nadritch	City of Benicia
Ron Hurlbut	City of Fairfield
Bernice Kaylin	League of Women Voters-Solano County
Barbara Padilla	Solano Commuter Information
Brian Hoefl	CH2M Hill
L. Grubbe	City of Vallejo
Pam Belchamber	City of Vallejo
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Rob Powell	Bicycle Advisory Committee

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Member Erickson, and a second by Member Slade, the STA Board unanimously approved the agenda, with the removal of consent item VIII.I and placed it as a Financial Action item.

### IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Powell, STA BAC representative, came forth to ask for support in completing the Solano Bikeway Plan.

### V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following items:

- Larry Dahms, MTC Executive Director announced his retirement
- Proclamation of Appreciation
- California Rideshare Week
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- STA Annual Audit/Project Development Budget

### VI. COMMENTS FROM STAFF, CALTRANS, AND MTC

Dan Christians stated that the MTC Unmet Needs Hearing is scheduled to take place on November 6, 2000.

### VII. PRESENTATIONS

The presentation from Assemblywoman Helen Thomson was delayed until her arrival.

The proclamation presentation was not made for Kay Woodson, retiring representative to Senator Wesley Chesbro, due to her departure from the area. The proclamation will be forwarded to her.

### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Member Slade, with a second by Member Lessler, the following consent agenda was approved, with the exception to item I, which was moved to a financial action item:

- A. **Minutes of the STA Board Meeting of September 13, 2000**  
Recommendation: Approve minutes of the STA Board meeting of September 13, 2000
- B. **Draft Minutes of September 27, 2000 STA TAC meeting**  
Recommendation: Review draft minutes of the STA TAC meeting.
- C. **BikeLinks Map Update**
- D. **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program Agreement**
- E. **Time Extension for YSAQMD Funded Guaranteed Trip Program**
- F. **Interagency Agreement with MTC for FY 2000-01 through FY 2002-03**
- G. **Resolution of Support Between the STA and PERS**
- H. **Sponsorship of SEDCORP Transportation Meeting**
- J. **Revised 2000-05 Five-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and 200-01 Article 3 Claim for City of Vallejo**

## IX. ACTION ITEMS: FINANCIAL

### I. Amendment to Employment Agreement between STA and STA's Executive Director

Member Coglianesse provided an update regarding the approved process for future evaluations of the Executive Director's performance review. The Executive Director will receive a 10% salary increase, along with the 3% COLA that staff received on July 1, 2000, with retroactive salary pay effective from June 7, his one year anniversary date and he will begin receiving the regular COLA's with the rest of the staff. The STA Board will begin the evaluations in April, which will be approximately 2 months before his annual review in order to avoid future delays in salary increases.

Recommendation: By simple motion, to approve the change in compensation and other matters in the Agency Director's contract as set forth in the oral report of the compensation subcommittee and authorize the Agency Chairman to execute the amendments to the employment contract of the Agency Director as prepared by the Agency Counsel.

On a motion by member Bidou, and a second by Member Lessler, the STA Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

### A. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Janice Sells presented this item. Local agencies are required to submit a local DBE program and a set of goals.

Recommendation: Approve \$4,000 of Project Development fund balance and authorize a contract with County of Solano to develop a new DBE program.

On a motion by Member Kondylis, and a second by Member Slade, the STA Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

### B. Additional 2000-01 Project Development Budget

Daryl Halls presented this item. Annual audit to come back in November for programming. Need to reserve \$4000 for DBE program. Staff is asking for a call for projects to program fund balance. Agencies have been made aware of this call request, which will come back at next months meeting. These requests will be limited to \$10,000 or less per request.

Recommendation: 1.) Approve reserving \$4,000 in 2000/01 Project Development funds for development of a new DBE program for the STA and, 2.) Request STA Member Agencies forward requests for 2000/01 Project Development Program funds to the STA by October 13, 2000.

On a motion by Member Slade, and a second by Member Bidou, the STA Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendations.

**C. Extension of State Lobbyist Contract**

Daryl Halls presented this item. STA entered into this contract in April 2000 and employed Shaw and Yoder to advocate our projects. Contract expired on September 30, 2000. Staff indicated that they did a very good job in advocating and keeping staff informed. The next two months represents a good time to start scheduling meetings with our legislative staff to advocate for future projects.

Recommendation: Authorize Executive Director to extend contract with Shaw & Yoder, Inc. for legislative advocacy services through July 31, 2001 at a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.

On a motion by Member Coglianesse, and a second by Member Slade, the STA Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

**X. ACTION ITEMS: NON FINANCIAL**

**Jim Spering arrived at 6:30 p.m.**

**A. Priority Projects for Next Federal Authorization**

Daryl Halls presented this item. The third round will heat up next year, although activity will begin in November/December 2000. Staff recommends focusing our efforts with our federal delegations. There are three projects staff is recommending for federal authorization. (I-80/680 Interchange, Jepson Parkway and Baylink Ferry Support Facilities.) If the Board is comfortable with these recommendations, staff will come back in the future with more detailed information.

Recommendation: Adopt a list of priority projects for Federal Authorization Funds.

On a motion by Member Bidou, and a second by Member Slade, the Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

**B. Request from cities of Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield for Technical Assistance for the Three Capitol Corridor Train Station Sites**

Dan Christians presented this item.

**Assemblymember Helen Thomson arrived at 6:40 p.m.**

Recommendation: 1.) Form a Subcommittee of the staffs of the three Project Sponsors, and 2.) Develop a Scope of Work and negotiate a contract amendment with Wilbur Smith and Associates to provide additional technical assistance to advance the proposed Capitol Corridor Rail Stations at Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville using Advanced Project Development Element funds (APDE).

On a motion by Member Bidou, and a second by Member Spering, the Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

Assemblywoman Helen Thomson made a presentation regarding the status of transportation projects in the legislature.

Vice Chair Marci Coglianese presented a proclamation to Assemblywoman Helen Thomson for her strong support of Solano County's transportation projects.

**C. Enhanced Transit Coordination**

Daryl Halls presented this item. A number of issues are going on, which the Board is aware of. Discussion has taken place with the Consortium in ways to enhance transit. Proposed goals have been set for Board consideration.

Recommendation: Approve proposed policies on enhanced transit coordination for Intercity and proposed Express Bus Service.

On a motion by Member Erickson, and a second by Member Lessler, the Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

**D. 2000 Solano Countywide Traffic Model Update**

Dan Christians presented this item. The model has been updated during the past couple of years. It will come back later for final STA Board approval. Ron Milam, Fehr & Peers provided a brief update regarding the model.

Recommendation: Approve the process and schedule for development and approval of the 2000 Solano Countywide Traffic Model Update.

On a motion by Member Coglianese, and a second by Member Kondylis, the Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

**E. 2000 STA Awards Program**

Janice Sells presented this item. STA will hold their third annual awards ceremony on November 8. Nominations have been received. The executive committee will meet soon to make the final decision.

Recommendation: Approve the list of nominees for 2000 STA Awards and request Executive Committee review nominees and select award recipients for each category.

On a motion by Member Kondylis, and a second by Member Slade, the Board unanimously approved the staff's recommendation.

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS: (NO ACTION NECESSARY) (Discussion Necessary)**

**A. Final 2000 Legislative Report**

Daryl Halls presented information on this item. SB 1333 has been vetoed. Staff has a year from this point to work on reversing this bill.

**B. Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Dan Christians presented information on this item. Staff has been working with city staff to finalize this plan and working with the STA TAC and consultant to update a map used to analyze this plan. Community input events have starting to take place. Staff will track public comments, which will be tabulated.

**C. Distribution of Local RABA Funds**

John Harris presented information on this item. Solano County has obligated all of these RABA funds. Staff is developing a criteria to disburse these funds. Staff will take a policy to the STA TAC for consideration and to the Board for final approval.

**D. Red Top Slide Update**

John Harris presented information on this item. Last week there was a meeting on the status of this project. The East slide is the main concern at this time. Procurement for contractor scheduled for January 2002 and construction to begin after the rain in 2002. Drilling will be cover about 1 meter per day, (a very lengthy process).

Member Slade noted that she is disappointed at the fact that this project is delayed until 2002 and feels Caltrans are waiting for the slide to completely collapse before they do anything.

**E. Express Bus Program Update**

John Harris presented information on this item. Funding amounts and matches are still under review.

**(No Discussion Necessary)**

**F. Safe Route to School Funding**

**G. STIP Construction Award Deadline**

**H. SCI and 2000 California Rideshare Week Update**

## **XII. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Bus Program – Deadline: October 15, 2000

Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Projects – Deadline: October 30, 2000

Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP) – Deadline: November 2000

2001-02 Environmental Enhancements Program – Deadline: November 17, 2000

Transportation for Livable Communities Program (Capital) – Deadline: Approximately December 2000

Bay Trail Program – Deadline: January 2001

Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program – Deadline: Approximately February 2001

Safe Route to Schools, Second Cycle – Deadline: March 1, 2001

## **XIII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Member Coglianesse inquired whether the funding opportunities are still being faxed out and has asked that STA staff start this process again.

Member Bidou commented that Daryl Halls and STA staff did a wonderful job at the 20-year plan presentation to the Benicia City Council.

Member Slade mentioned that the Vacaville City council has been asked that a future train station be discussed for the City of Vacaville after the current three stations are reviewed and analyzed.

Member Coglianesse stated that three people have passed away by an accident related to Highway 12. She asked that the memory of this tragedy be remembered.

Member Donahue complimented the staff's efforts put into the CRSW week. He noted it was a very successful week.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The STA Board meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held at the Naval Museum, 724 Marin Street, Vallejo.



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**October 25, 2000**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Solano County Transportation Department Conference Room.

Present:

Julian Carroll	Caltrans
Hilmer Ace Forsen	Caltrans
Michael Throne	City of Benicia
Janet Koster	City of Dixon
Charlie Beck	City of Fairfield
Kevin Daughton	City of Fairfield
Ron Hurlbut	City of Fairfield
Jim Holden	City of Rio Vista
Mike Duncan	City of Suisun City
Julie Pappa	City of Suisun City
Dale Pfeiffer	City of Vacaville
Gian Aggarwal	City of Vacaville
Ed Huestis	City of Vacaville
Mark Akaba	City of Vallejo
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Paul Wiese	County of Solano
Bob Grandy	Grandy and Associates
Ashley Nguyen	MTC
Bryan Porter	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Elizabeth Richards	SCI/STA
Daryl Halls	STA
Dan Christians	STA
John Harris	STA
Janice Sells	STA
Kim Cassidy	STA
Jennifer Tongson	STA
Robert Guerrero	STA
Dan O'Brien	YSAQMD

## **II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **III. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC AND STA STAFF**

Ashley Nguyen said that MTC recently put out a "Call for Projects" for additions/changes to the Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS). She requested the STA update project information.

## **IV. CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

John Harris presented the Consortium update

## **V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following Consent Calendar was approved unanimously:

- A. Minutes of Meeting of September 27, 2000
- B. Review Funding Opportunities Calendar

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut, and a second by Jim Holden the STA TAC unanimously approved the consent calendar.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Additional 2000/01 Project Development Fund Requests**

Dan Christians explained that the STA staff received a draft of the completed 1999/2000 annual STA audit and has reviewed the available carryover funds for programming in the 2000/01 STA budget. Two project requests have been made: one by the City of Vallejo for a \$3000 TLC match and the other by the STA for \$5000 for a TLC capital application for a Jepson Parkway candidate project. The STA Board has also requested the remaining \$40,000 from the available Project Development funds be used for production of an annual report and additional consultant projects. A final proposed budget will be presented at the November STA Board meeting.

Recommendation: Forward recommendation to the STA Board reserving \$3,000 in 2000/01 Project Development Funds for the City of Vallejo for a TLC match and \$5,000 for the STA to prepare a TLC Capital application for the Jepson Parkway Project

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut and a second by Mike Duncan, the STA TAC unanimously approved the staff recommendation.

**B. Contract Amendment with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide Technical Assistance to advance the Three Capitol Corridor Train Station Sites**

Dan Christians explained the requested amendment to the Transit Element contract with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide additional technical assistance for the three candidate rail stations.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the Executive Director to: 1.) Finalize a Scope of Work for technical assistance for the three proposed Capitol Corridor rail stations; and 2.) Authorize a contract amendment with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide technical assistance to advance the proposed rail stations at Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville using Advanced Project Development Element Funds (ADPE) from the 2002 STIP in an amount not to exceed \$250,000

On a motion by Janet Koster, and a second by Michael Throne, the STA TAC unanimously approved these recommendations.

**C. Distribution of RABA Funds**

John Harris explained that a criterion would be developed for STA Board approval at the January meeting. A \$75,000 minimum and a \$250,000 maximum for individual projects was proposed. (Further discussion will be held at the November 29, 2000 meeting.)

Recommendation: A \$75,000 minimum and a \$250,000 maximum for individual projects.

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut , and a second by Dale Pfeiffer, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

**D. Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Dan Christians presented the final comprehensive needs list by jurisdiction.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Arterials, Highways and Freeways Subcommittee and the STA Board to approve the Functional Road Classification System.

On a motion by Dale Pfeiffer, and a second by Ron Hurlbut, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation, with the portion of Peabody Road within the City of Vacaville and Alamo Drive between I-80 and Peabody Road shown as Urban Major Arterials.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Arterials, Highways and Freeways Subcommittee and the STA Board to approve the Needs Assessments for each member jurisdiction.

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut, and a second by Paul Wiese, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

**E. 2000 Solano Countywide Traffic Model Update**

Dan Christians presented the methodology used in the model development along with the major findings, traffic projections and levels of service expected through 2025. The discussion will continue at the November 29, 2000 TAC meeting.

Recommendation: Continue to the November 29, 2000 TAC meeting.

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut, and a second by Michael Throne, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

**F. I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study**

Dan Christians and Julian Carroll, Caltrans, explained the scope of the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study and the critical issues identified by Caltrans. The study will address all major transportation needs along the corridor. It is proposed that a Request for Proposals be released during the next few weeks and consultants be selected by the December TAC and January STA Board meetings. A steering committee will be formed to meet with the consultants on a periodic basis. Major findings and recommendations will be presented periodically to the TAC and STA Board.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to 1.) Appoint two members of the TAC to serve on a review committee to select a consultant for the I-80/680/I-780 Corridor study.

On a motion by Dale Pfeiffer, and a second by Michael Throne, the STA TAC unanimously approved the appointment of Ron Hurlbut and Mark Akaba to serve on a review committee for a consultant selection.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to 2.) Approve the list of critical issues and preliminary schedule for use in developing a Scope of Work and 3.) Authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for the study.

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut, and a second by Mark Akaba, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

**G. TLC Candidate Project for Jepson Parkway Concept Plan**

Dan Christians explained that the Jepson Parkway between Hwy 12 and Bella Vista has been identified as a candidate project for the future TLC cycle. It is also proposed that the STA retain a consultant to prepare some special graphics and help package a professional application and co-sponsor it with the City of Suisun.

Recommendation: Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to 1.) Approve \$5,000 of Project Development fund balance; 2.) Authorize the Executive Director to request proposals, select a consultant and enter into a contract to develop graphics and an application for a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program capital grant for a candidate project of the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan; and 3.) Co-sponsor a TLC

Capital application with the City of Suisun City to design and implement a bike route/lighting/landscaping project located between Highway 12 and Bella Vista Road.

On a motion by Ron Hurlbut, and a second by Mike Duncan, the STA TAC unanimously approved the recommendation.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Status of Regional Express Bus Program**

John Harris explained that \$11M for possible operational support has been reduced to \$3M. The remaining \$3M is proposed to be distributed as follows: \$1M for small operators and \$2M for Express Bus. The goal is to present an Express Bus proposal at the December meeting.

### **B. Project Monitoring Program**

Jennifer Tongson presented the draft for the Project Monitoring Program. This item will be re-agendized at the November 29, 2000 TAC meeting; TAC members were asked to review and update the draft listings.

### **C. Highway 12 Major Investment Study**

Dan Christians discussed the background of the Highway 12 Major Investment Study. In the next few weeks, an existing conditions report will be prepared and community input events will be scheduled. Alternatives will be developed and various transportation projects will be identified and prioritized. Periodic progress reports will be made to the TAC. Participation from each of the four jurisdictions is critical to help identify needed projects along the corridor.

### **D. 2001-02 MTC Unmet Needs Hearing – November 6, 2000**

John Harris announced the Unmet Needs Hearing to be held at Suisun City Hall on November 6, 2000. He explained that attendance of Solano County transit operators and public works staffs is important.

### **E. 3rd Annual STA Awards Banquet – November 8, 2000**

Janice Sells reviewed events planned for November 8, 2000. Nominee names have been submitted and winners will be selected by the STA Board's Executive Committee.

### **F. Welfare to Work Transit Plan Update**

Elizabeth Richards explained that the planning process to complete a study evaluating the transit needs of SolanoWorks clients has begun. Among those invited to be part of the Advisory Committee are: Transit operators, other invitees from HSS, community-based organizations, job trainers, educators, and business leaders.

**G. Monthly Issues**

Elizabeth Richards highlighted updates to the monthly transit schedule matrix, as well as, the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Rideshare Week campaign.

**H. Countywide Bicycle Plan Update**

Dan Christians reviewed the changes in the Countywide Bicycle Plan. A tentative schedule for review and adoption of the plan was outlined.

**I. 1999-00 STA Audit**

Daryl Halls explained that the STA 1999/00 Audit is complete with draft audit results will be included in the November 29, 2000 TAC meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR DECEMBER 2000 TAC MEETING:** The Technical Advisory Committee will meet on December 20, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.



DATE: October 30, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointment

**Background:**

The Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was established by the STA's Joint Powers Agreement to advise the STA Board on various matters pertaining to the planning and funding of bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the cities and county of Solano. The BAC is a nine-member citizens advisory committee appointed by the STA Board and includes one representative of each of the eight STA member agencies and one member-at-large. Terms are set at three years. The Mayor of each city or Chair of the Board of Supervisors nominate new BAC members for their respective jurisdiction and the STA Board makes the formal appointments.

**Discussion:**

There are currently vacancies for the cities of Benicia, Fairfield and Rio Vista. George Pettygrove, Mayor of Fairfield, has nominated Scott Reynolds to serve as the their representative. Mr. Reynolds is an active bicyclist and has been actively involved in the annual Solano Bicycle Classic.

There are also three other BAC member whose terms expire in December 2000 (Jim Fisk, Mick Weninger and Rob Powell). Staff is also recommending that the terms of each of these members each be extended an additional three years. With the addition of Scott Reynolds the membership and terms of the BAC would be as follows:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Benicia	Vacant	-----
Dixon	Jim Fisk	12-03
Fairfield	Scott Reynolds	12-03
Member-at-Large	Mick Weninger	12-03
Rio Vista	Vacant	-----
Solano County	Randall Carlson	12-01
Suisun City	Michael Segala	12-01
Vacaville	Mike Posey	12-02
Vallejo	Rob Powell	12-03

If STA Board members have any potential nominees for the vacancies representing Benicia and Rio Vista, STA's staff is ready to contact them and invite them to attend future BAC meetings.

**Recommendation:** Appoint Scott Reynolds as the City of Fairfield's citizen representative to the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending December 2003 and approve new three year terms for Jim Fisk, Mick Weninger and Rob Powell.



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May 16, 2000

Scott Reynolds  
1261 Travis Boulevard, Suite 350  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee Appointment

Dear Scott:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee. First of all, I'd like to thank you for your willingness to devote your time and energy to City affairs. As a growing and active community, Fairfield provides plenty of challenge and work for the people who are associated with the commissions and committees that advise the City Council.

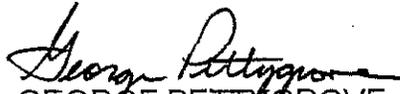
Secondly, I'd like to share with you some of my expectations for what makes a good commissioner or committee member:

- I'm interested in people who exercise leadership on behalf of the entire city and not for one narrow interest group.
- I'm interested in people who want to make decisions that will endure the test of time and not in those who make decisions based upon short term expediency.
- I'm interested in people who have highest standards of quality in design and programs.
- I'm interested in people who do their homework, coming to the meetings knowledgeable on the important issues facing the city.
- I'm interested in people who listen to the public and try to address the concerns of the community at large.

Scott Reynolds  
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May 16, 2000

You are a team member in a very important effort to build this community to the best quality possible. Your work is important and I value it greatly. I am interested in ensuring that we are all cognizant of the demands placed on us as members of the policy-making group for the City of Fairfield. I hope you will feel free to comment to me on this letter and share any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

  
GEORGE PETTYGROVE  
Mayor

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DATE: October 30, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Agreement between STA and Suisun City to Transfer TCI State Funds to Construct Park and Ride Improvements at Suisun Capitol Corridor Station

**Background:**

In 1997-98 the STA successfully applied for a \$591,000 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) grant for acquisition and improvement of a 1.55 acre parking lot on the southeast corner of Ohio and Jefferson Street (north of Highway 12 and the Union Pacific tracks) for the Suisun City Capitol Corridor Rail Station. On May 10, 2000, the CTC approved an allocation of those funds which need to be obligated within one year of that date. In the agreement with the State, the STA is defined as the "Contractor" and Suisun City is the "Project Manager" for the grant.

The City of Suisun has requested moving some of these funds to construct parking lot improvements at a vacant Caltrans property, adjacent to their existing park and ride lot on the south side of Highway 12, in tandem with acquiring the Solano Garbage Company lot on the north side of Highway 12 at this time. The final scope changes are being reviewed by staff at the Caltrans Intercity Rail program. On September 13, 2000 the STA Board authorized the Executive Director to approve a "Fund Transfer Agreement" with Caltrans for the disbursement of these funds.

**Discussion:**

Since there are a number of obligations that the STA is required to meet as a condition of receiving the funds, the STA Legal Counsel has recommended that the STA Board enter into a transfer agreement with Suisun City. This agreement will require Suisun City to comply with all applicable state requirements as a condition of receiving any funds from the STA and the State.

Under the agreement, the STA is responsible for monitoring the project, making reimbursements requests to Caltrans, and reimbursing the City of Suisun. The City of Suisun is responsible for retaining design consultants, acquiring the property, obtaining necessary permits and constructing the improvements.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No impact to the STA General Fund. All funds are from a state funded Transit Capital Improvement Grant.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement with the City of Suisun to transfer State TCI funds on a reimbursement basis to construct park and ride improvements at the Suisun Capitol Corridor Station.



DATE: October 30, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Contract Amendment to Provide Technical Assistance to Advance the Three Capitol Corridor Train Station Sites

**Background:**

The Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Agency (CCJPA) is continuing to improve its infrastructure and operations. Current plans are to expand the service to nine trains a day by May 2001 and ten and eleven trains by October 2001. Once nine or ten trains are reached, an additional stop in Solano County can be requested. To comply with the CCJPA station criteria, additional improvements will need to be made at each of the three proposed station sites planned in Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville.

At the October 11, 2000 STA Board meeting, the Board directed staff to work with the project sponsors to develop a detailed Scope of Work and cost estimate for these technical services.

**Discussion:**

Each of the three Solano train station sites is at different stage of implementation. As part of the Transit Element of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the ridership demand, CCJPA location criteria and order of priority will be analyzed for each of the proposed station locations. However, in order to be ready for the next station in Solano County after the ninth or tenth train is provided, a number of improvements will need to be addressed such as station platforms, access, parking, shelter and pedestrian amenities. Approvals will also be needed from the CCJPB, Amtrak and Union Pacific.

The cities of Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield have requested technical assistance to help them on the planning, schematic design and cost estimates for each of their stations. In 1995, the Solano Rail Facilities Plan provided some initial schematic renderings and cost estimates for each of the stations. In each case, the station plans and cost estimates need to be updated to obtain future approvals and funding requests. The three project sponsors believe it would be beneficial to procure additional technical assistance to advance the preliminary design of each site and have one primary point of contact with the various approval agencies.

On October 13, the three project sponsors met to discuss the status of each of the three rail stations and the technical assistance and approvals needed to implement them.

It is proposed that an amendment to the Transit Element contract be approved with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide additional technical assistance for each of the three stations proposed in Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville. A Proposal and a Scope of Work in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 has been prepared for these services (see attachment). The STA proposes that 2002 STIP funds be programmed from the Advanced Project Development Element (ADPE) program for these services. These funds can not be used for capital purposes and are intended only for Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS& E).

**Fiscal Impact:**

There will be no effect on the STA General Fund. The services are proposed to be paid from Advanced Project Development Element Funds (ADPE) from the 2002 STIP.

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the Executive Director to: 1.) Approve a Scope of Work for technical assistance for the three proposed Capitol Corridor rail stations; and 2.) Approve a contract amendment with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide technical assistance to advance the proposed rail stations at Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville using Advanced Project Development Element Funds (ADPE) from the 2002 STIP in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Attachment – Proposal and Proposed Scope of Work dated October 17, 2000 from Wilbur Smith Associates

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October 17, 2000

Mr. Dan Christians  
Solano Transportation Authority  
333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200  
Suisun City, CA 94585

Dear Mr. Christians:

Wilbur Smith Associates is pleased to submit our proposal to extend our current Transit Element consulting service assistance to STA to include the advancement of intermodal rail stations for Benicia, Vacaville/Fairfield and Dixon towards implementation. This proposal for additional services is based on the three letters to STA from the three cities requesting station implementation assistance. It also reflects the needs outlined in your draft scope of services and subsequent discussion at our October 13, 2000 meeting with these cities. Because several efforts are difficult to predict, we suggest a time and materials contract similar to our base contract for the Transit Element project. Levels of effort would be reviewed on a monthly basis in order tailor efforts to match needs and efficiently manage project resources.

Eight work efforts are envisioned:

1. Schematic site planning
2. Railroad facilities planning
3. Access and on-site circulation planning
4. Cost estimation
5. Development of funding strategies
6. Negotiations/coordination with railroads
7. Meetings and Coordination with agencies
8. Development of marketing plans

An additional "to be define" or contingency task is also suggested as a ninth work task to cover unforeseen planning/engineering assistance.

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### **TASK 1 SCHEMATIC SITE PLANNING**

Two of the three station sites have shifted their location since the 1995 station site plans were first developed, and the third station at Dixon has progressed further towards phased implementation. This task would update the programming needs for the three sites, building upon the patronage forecast updates in our base workscope. Development opportunities and constraints would be defined for the new sites including consideration of joint development. Site plans would be developed along with station concept renderings.

### **TASK 2 RAILROAD FACILITIES PLANNING**

Various important railroad issues would be addressed including needs for: station sidings, multiple passenger loading platforms, new track switches, grade crossing protection upgrades, and signal house relocations. The need to maintain the present spur track at Dixon and the clearance requirements relative to track centerlines and underground railroad utilities would be defined.

### **TASK 3 ACCESS AND ON-SITE PLANNING**

Circulation needs for buses and station patron cars would be defined along with needs for pedestrians and bicyclists. Special attention would be given to track crossing needs and linkages to surrounding circulation systems.

### **TASK 4 COST ESTIMATION**

Development costs would be estimated for each of the station sites in terms of: site preparation and improvement costs; station buildings and station furniture costs; railroad facilities improvement costs; lighting costs; landscaping costs; signage costs; parking costs; architectural and engineering costs; etc. These would be provided at a similar level of detailed as in the 1995 Study. Estimates of operating costs and revenue potential would also be developed.

### **TASK 5 DEVELOPMENT OF FUNDING STRATEGY**

Potential funding sources would be specifically identified for each of the three station projects, including timing and schedule for obtaining the funds, who controls the funds, and the strategy for pursuing the funds. Assistance would be provided for grant writing and preparation of advocacy documents such as project fact sheets or summaries for use with the funding agencies.

### **TASK 6 NEGOTIATIONS/COORDINATION WITH RAILROADS**

A number of important right of way and operational issues exist with the railroad operators. WSA would provide technical assistance and presentations necessary to obtain railroad approvals for the three station projects. This coordination effort is seen to include Union Pacific, Amtrak, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board, and the PUC.

### **TASK 7 MEETINGS AND COORDINATION WITH AGENCIES**

In addition to the railroads, coordination and support from MTC, Caltrans, BCDC and other agencies probably will be needed to advance the three projects. WSA would assist STA in this effort, including gaining the incorporation of STA projects in plans and programming documents of these agencies.

### **TASK 8 DEVELOPMENT OF MARKETING PLANS**

WSA would prepare summary marketing brochures for each of the three station projects for use promoting them with government agencies and potential private sector development partners.

### **WORK EFFORT BUDGET**

As noted above, it difficult to predict the amount of effort that will be required with respect to railroad and agency coordination. The other work efforts are more easily understood. A best estimate is provided, therefore for, Tasks 6 and 7, and a contingency sum of \$30,000 is allocated in the event coordination/negotiation efforts are more protracted than currently envisioned or other unforeseen work efforts arise. The later could include boundary surveys, hazmat assessments, environmental clearances, etc.

Task 1	\$55,000
Task 2	25,000
Task 3	15,000
Task 4	20,000
Task 5	15,000
Task 6	40,000
Task 7	20,000
Task 8	30,000
Task 9 (Contingency)	30,000
TOTAL	250,000

Mr. Dan Christians

October 17, 2000

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## **TEAM RESOURCES**

In order to deal with the civil engineering/cost estimation and the site planning/architectural work efforts, WSA proposes to expand its Team to include the firms: Thompson & Associates and Santina & Thompson. Thompson & Associates is a Bay Area firm that specializes in station projects and was our subconsultant for the 1995 Rail Facilities Plan. We have worked with this firm for 20 years on a wide range of station projects. Santina & Thompson is a Bay Area firm that specializes in railroad and civil engineering projects. Brief qualifications for both of these two firms are appended to this proposal. WSA would continue to lead the team, with Peter Martin as Project Director. Approximately \$35,000 of the additional budget would be allocated to Thompson & Associates, and about \$25,000 would be allocated to Santina & Thompson.

We trust that this proposal addresses the needs identified by the three cities in their letter to STA as well as needs defined on our October 13, 2000 meeting with the sponsoring cities. Please let us know if further amplifications or adjustments to this proposal are desired. We are excited by the opportunity to help move these three important projects towards implementation.

Very truly yours,

**WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES**



Peter C. Martin, P.E.

Senior Transportation Engineer

PCM/pfh

## **THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES JOBS AND REFERENCES**

### **Stockton Southern Pacific Rail Station Master Plan, 1997**

Project architects and planners for master planning of four city blocks surrounding the station. Tasks also included detailed structural/architectural design development of this historic old Depot.

*Client:* San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
Harry Montgomery, 209-468-3025

### **Lodi Rail Station 1997**

Project architects and consultant team managers for master planning and architectural development of this joint use transit complex. The work include architectural design of a new clock tower, drivers break room, restoration of a historic 1903 Depot and a new joint use commercial building. As project managers Thompson and Associates also conducted critical liaison with Amtrak, Cal Trans, and the State Office of Historic Preservation.

*Client:* City of Lodi,  
Richard Prima, Director of Public Works, 209-333-6759

### **Colfax Train Station, Colfax, CA, 1997**

Project Architect responsible for overall site masterplanning and architectural design and coordination with other subconsultants. Improvements include historical renovation of existing Depot new park and ride lot, clock tower and miscellaneous architectural thematic elements. Project is on schedule.

*Client:* Placer County Transit  
Greig Asher, Project Manager, 916-823-4090

### **Folsom Lightrail, Folsom, CA, 1997 on going**

Project Architect responsible for masterplanning of 5 new light rail stations. Stations range in size from small "walk - on" platforms to larger stations with 200 stall park and ride lots and bus drop off areas.

*Client:* Smith & Kempton, Project Managers  
Robert Grandy, project manager, 916-446-5508

### **South Sacramento Light Rail Line, Sacramento Regional Transit, 1996 on going**

Project Architect responsible for the overall and detailed site design for 5 proposed light rail stations. Stations varied in size from downtown walk on platforms to large facilities which contained 1,000 stall park and ride lots, kiss and ride drop off, and bus berthing areas for 6 buses. Work also included conceptual design and cost estimates for a variety of architectural elements including clock towers, signs, pedestrian canopies, and shade pavilions. Project schedule was met and project later received federal funding

*Client:* Sacramento Regional Transit  
Deborah Jones, 916/321-2870

**Cloverdale Transit Center, Sonoma County Transit, 1995 (Design Phase)**

Project Architect and consultant team manager for design and construction of an intermodal facility. Phase I improvements to include park and ride lot for 60 cars (including electric charging stations), bus platform and bus related support facilities. Amenities to include large covered canopy area, restrooms, sheriff sub station office and community multipurpose display space totaling 4,000 sq. ft. Phase II will include rail improvements such as passenger platform, additional covered waiting areas and support commercial uses. Project is on schedule with Phase I Site Improvements completed.

*Client:* Sonoma County Transit  
Dave Knight, Transit Manager, 707/585-7516

**Carlsbad, Commuter Rail Station, County of San Diego, CA, 1995**

Project architect/team manager for a new downtown intermodal facility that combines facilities for North County commuter rail, and a bus station serving seven vehicles. Facilities include park and ride (200 stalls) and commercial-retail/ passenger amenities station at 5,000 sq.ft. Project is below projected budget with all tasks completed on schedule.

*Client:* County of San Diego  
Steve Ron, Project Manager, 619/694-3558

**Redding Intermodal Transit Center, Redding Area Bus Authority, City of Redding, CA. 1995**

Project architect/team manager for a new downtown facility that combines facilities for local buses (RABA), Greyhound, private carriers, and Amtrak. Facilities include a 6,000 sq. ft. open air covered structure, administrative facilities of 2,400 sq.ft., and a Phase II 4,500 sq. ft. intermodal terminal building. Project schedule delayed due to extensive environmental clean up (not part of consultant contract).

*Client:* City of Redding  
Ray Druyee, Transit Manager, 916/225-4174

**Centerville Train Station, City of Fremont, CA - 1995**

Project planner and architect for site and building renovation of an historic train station. Work products included site plan, sketch design for building renovation and cost estimate. Phase I work includes moving the old station to its new location with upgraded structural foundation. Phase II work funded by ISTE grant for \$500,000 will begin soon and include complete station renovation. Phase I work completed as per City schedule.

*Client:* Fremont Public Works Dept  
Bob Schneider, Project Manager, 510/494-4725

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Project planner and architect for site and building renovation of an historic train station. Work products included site plan, sketch design for building renovation and cost estimate. Phase I work includes moving the old station to its new location with upgraded structural foundation.

Phase II work funded by ISTEA grant for \$500,000 will begin soon and include complete station renovation. Phase I work completed as per City schedule.

*Client:* Fremont Public Works Dept.  
Bob Schneider, Project Manager, 510/494-4725

#### **Westside Transit Center, Santa Rosa, CA - 1995 (Design Phase)**

Project manager and project architect for Santa Rosa's 2nd Satellite bus center. This facility will take the load of the downtown transit mall currently operating at its maximum capacity. Facilities include berthing for 6-8 buses, landscaped pedestrian areas, and a drivers' building with restroom and service facilities. (Note: budget and final schedule still under consideration).

*Client:* City of Santa Rosa  
Eric Harris, Transit Planner, 707/543-3335

#### **Pacific Northwest High Speed Rail Study, Eugene, OR - 1995**

Project urban designer responsible for site master planning for high speed rail terminals at Eugene and Springfield, Oregon. Preliminary architectural sketches were also prepared for possible renovation of the existing historic Eugene Amtrak station. Project schedule, although tight, was adhered to.

*Client:* Wilbur Smith Associates, Lead Consultant  
Richard Tower, Project Manager, 415/896-0670

#### **Contra Costa College Transit Center for AC Transit, San Pablo, California - 1994**

Project architect and team manager for a 12-bus Transit Center. Amenities include extensive landscaping, bus shelters, drivers' rest rooms, small concession space, street furniture, new security lighting and information kiosk. An interim center was constructed that will be removed to make way for the final facility in 1995. Facility was built on budget and on schedule.

*Client:* Tina Konvalinka, Project Manager, 510/891-4754

#### **Solano County Rail Facilities Plan, Solano County - 1994**

Project urban designer responsible for development of alternative site layouts for candidate sites for rail related intermodal transit centers in 3 separate cities (Dixon, Benicia and Fairfield-Vacaville). Project deliverable dates were met as defined by lead consultant.

*Client:* Wilbur Smith Associates, Lead Consultant  
Richard Tower, Project Manager, 415/436-9030

#### **University of California at Davis, UNITRANS - 1994**

Project urban designer for evaluation of 3 sites, 2 on campus and 1 downtown, designated for bus transfer facility. Work products included several master plan layouts and character sketches for alternative layouts, evaluations, and cost estimates. The work entails working closely with both city staff, private businesses and University planning staff. Project schedule has been extended due to ongoing review by University staff.

*Client:* UNITRANS  
Jim McElroy, General Manager, 916/752-2877

**5 Light Rail Stations along Antelope Rail Extension, Sacramento Regional Transit - 1993**

Project architect and team manager for the preliminary architectural/urban design development for 5 proposed light rail stations at: Poplar, Walegra, Elkhorn, Antelope, and Gold River. The stations varied in size from small neighborhood facilities to large stations. Amenities include park and ride lots, bus berthing, pedestrian plazas and joint use commercial retail uses. Tasks included working with commercial landowners to integrate station designs into planned mixed use commercial developments. Project was completed according to schedule and within the study budget.

*Client:* Sacramento Regional Transit  
Jeff Gualco, Project Manager, 916/321-3849

**Martinez Amtrak Station, City of Martinez, California - 1993**

Project architect and urban designer responsible for the site plan layout evaluation of a new intermodal downtown station at 4 possible locations. Planning elements included 600 parking spaces (partially in multi level garage), a large bus berthing area, pedestrian amenities and circulation areas. The study also included the architectural evaluation of the heavily used existing historic station for upgrading of passenger/baggage handling facilities and joint use potential. Project was completed on schedule and within study budget. The project is now in detailed architectural design for a large new station.

*Client:* City of Martinez  
Richard Pearson, Assistant City Manager, 510/372-3525

**Multi Modal Transit Centers, San Joaquin Co. Public Works - 1993**

Project architect and urban designer for conceptual design for 3 proposed transit centers in Lodi, Manteca, and Tracy. Work included site evaluation and selection design development of candidate sites, and conceptual sketch designs for selected sites. Project was completed on schedule and within project study budget.

*Client:* San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
Stacey Mortensen, Senior Planner, 209/468-0823

**Davis/Amtrak Multi-Modal Transit Center, City of Davis, CA, 1993**

Project architect/team manager for restoration of historically registered Southern Pacific Depot. New facilities include an administrative office, Greyhound offices - freight facility, concession space and public rest rooms, and lobby/waiting areas totaling 2,500 sq.ft. Phase I was started in 1982 and has progressed through 3 phases with most recent work including covered bike storage structure and landscaping. All phases completed on budget within schedule.

*Client:* City of Davis  
Dave Pelz, Public Works Director, 916/757-5686

**Santa Barbara Amtrak/Intermodal Transit Center, Santa Barbara, CA - 1992**

Site master planner and architect to evaluate new site and building improvements to this landmark structure. Work products included (5) alternate site plans, sketch designs for building

renovation and cost estimates for needed historical renovation and handicap accessibility.  
Project was completed on schedule. Study budget was maintained.)

*Client:* Wilbur Smith Associates - Lead Consultant  
Peter Martin, Project Manager, 415/436-9030

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- Community development
- General plan elements
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- Transit system design
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- Terra California's Rossmoor Community, Walnut Creek
- Gentry Investment's Gentry-Pierce Business Park, Fairfield
- H.F. Lauritzen Land Company's Big Break Subdivision, Oakley
- Premier Homes, Lone Tree Subdivision, Hayward
- Campeau Corporation's San Francisco Executive Park
- Braddock & Logan's Crystal Ranch Development, Concord
- UC Berkeley Genetics Building

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- Sacramento Regional Transit District

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DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board Members  
FROM: John Harris, Deputy Director for Projects  
RE: Distribution of RABA Funds for Local Road Repair

**Background:**

Based on Solano County's 100% obligation rate for TEA-21 Pre-Cycle projects, approximately \$1.142 million will be available from the RABA cycle for local road repair. The specifics regarding the project call and schedule for submission were released by MTC this week. An approved project listing with accompanying documents will be due to MTC by January 17, 2001. A recommendation concerning specific projects will be agendaized for review and approval at the January 2001 STA Board meeting.

**Discussion:**

In anticipation of this process, the STA staff and STA TAC have discussed and considered project criteria options at the last two STA TAC meetings.

Ultimately, the following criteria was developed and recommended:

- allocations should be tied to specific projects
- a \$75 thousand minimum and a \$250 thousand maximum for individual projects

**Recommendation:**

Approve the above-mentioned project selection criteria for use in developing a project listing proposal for the RABA local road repair cycle.



DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: TLC Candidate Project Application for Jepson Parkway Concept Plan

**History:**

The TLC-funded Jepson Parkway Concept Plan was adopted by the STA Board in April, 2000. It identified a number of candidate bikeway, landscaping and staging projects that would qualify under various discretionary grant programs such as the Solano Enhancements Program and MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities Program (TLC). The deadline for the next cycle of the TLC program is expected to be set for the end of calendar year 2000. It is proposed that the STA submit a candidate application for each future cycle of TLC.

**Discussion:**

Because applications for the TLC program are very competitive at the regional level, it is proposed that the STA retain a consultant to prepare certain special graphics and help package a high quality application. It is recommended that the application consist of the next bike route segment in the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan, identified in the Plan as Segment 10. It is proposed that this application be co-sponsored by the STA and Suisun City and built and maintained by the City of Suisun City. It would extend a Class 1 bike route (including special lighting and landscaping) from Highway 12 to Bella Vista Avenue. This link is significant because it connects to another bike route currently in the detailed planning stage by Suisun City along Highway 12, from Walters Road to the Suisun City Amtrak/Capitol Corridor Rail station. Currently, this segment of the Jepson Project is the only one ready for candidate projects within the three obligation timeline of the TLC Funding. If for any reason this segment is not ready to be implemented in the next year or two, staff would work with the consultant to identify another candidate project segment in the Jepson Concept Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The services are proposed to be paid from Project Development fund balance identified in the amended 2000-01 STA Budget at a figure not to exceed \$5,000.

**Recommendation:**

- 1.) Approve \$5,000 of Project Development fund balance for application of TLC Capital grant;
- 2.) Authorize the Executive Director to request proposals, select a consultant and enter into a contract to develop graphics and an application for a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program capital grant for a candidate project of the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan; and 3.)
- Co-sponsor a TLC Capital application with the City of Suisun City to design and implement a bike route/lighting/landscaping project located between Highway 12 and Bella Vista Road.

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November 8, 2000



DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board Members  
FROM: Stacy Medley, Office Manager/Clerk of the Board  
RE: STA Quarterly Financial Report

**Background:**

Last time staff began an updated quarterly report to the STA Board on STA's financial status expenditure of the 2000/01 budget.

Attached is the first STA quarterly report for fiscal year 2000-01 for your review.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file the first quarter STA quarterly report.

Attachments

**STA QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

July 1, 2000 - September 30, 2000

OPERATIONS	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	PERCENTAGE USED TO DATE
TDA Operations	\$ 242,969	\$ 105,449	\$ 137,520	43%
TDA PCC	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,065	\$ 27,935	7%
STP Operations	\$ 111,426	\$ -	\$ 111,426	0%
General Operations	\$ 242,969	\$ 42,803	\$ 200,166	18%
GO Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
GO Reserve Account	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 707,364</b>	<b>\$ 150,317</b>	<b>\$ 557,047</b>	<b>21%</b>

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	PERCENTAGE USED TO DATE
Jepson Parkway (TLC)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Vallejo Sereno Park N Ride Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Comprehensive Transportation Plan	\$ 57,936	\$ -	\$ 57,936	0%
Project Assistance Program	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	0%
Marketing Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	0%
SEDCORP Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Park and Ride Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Modeling Contract	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000	0%
Miscellaneous Project Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 117,936</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,936</b>	<b>0%</b>

**STA QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

July 1, 2000 - September 30, 2000

PROGRAMS	APPROVED BUDGET	EXPENDED TO DATE	REMAINING BALANCE	PERCENTAGE USED TO DATE
Jepson Parkway Concept Plan	\$ 241,000	\$ -	\$ 241,000	0%
Fairfield Suisun Rail Station	\$ 591,000	\$ -	\$ 591,000	0%
SolanoLinks (Transit/Marketing/Planning)	\$ 160,000	\$ 1,161	\$ 158,839	1%
Local Match/Bus Purchases (CityLink)	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	0%
Highway 12 MIS Study	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ 110,000	0%
Solano Paratransit Operations	\$ 293,813	\$ -	\$ 293,813	0%
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,462	\$ 5,038	33%
CityLink Route 30	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ 115,000	0%
Capitol Corridor Stations Design	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
I-80/I-680 Corridor Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Program Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b><u>Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program</u></b>	<b>\$ 305,000</b>			
Benicia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Dixon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Fairfield	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Rio Vista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
County of Solano	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Suisun City	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Vacaville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Vallejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 305,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b><u>Air Quality Program (TFCA)</u></b>	<b>\$ 414,581</b>			
Benicia	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Dixon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Fairfield	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Rio Vista	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
County of Solano	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Suisun City	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Vacaville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Vallejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Administrative Salaries & Benefits	\$ 18,638	\$ 5,411	\$ 13,227	29%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 433,219</b>	<b>\$ 5,411</b>	<b>\$ 13,227</b>	<b>1%</b>



DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Opposition to Utilizing TLC Funds to Fund HIP Program

### **Background**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program provides federal transportation funding (TEA-21) funds to fund projects that support the TLC initiative throughout the Bay Area region. MTC has allocated \$54 million region-wide over the six year funding cycle of TEA 21. The TLC program has become increasingly popular and competitive throughout the region as a wide range of cities, counties, transportation agencies, and other regional interests have submitted various bicycle corridor, downtown revitalization, landscaping and pedestrian related, and transit oriented projects. Currently, \$27 million of these funds have already been allocated through the first two TLC funding cycles. Suisun City received a \$195,000 grant in the first cycle and Rio Vista received a \$650,000 grant in the second cycle. MTC staff is preparing to initiate the process for the remaining \$27 million of TLC funding. STA staff has recommended the STA prepare a TLC capital application for the Jepson Parkway. In addition, staff is aware of at least 3 or 4 additional applications that may be submitted from STA member agencies. During the first two TLC capital funding cycles, the amount of requested project funding greatly exceeded the amount of available funding.

### **Discussion**

This month, MTC staff unveiled a recommendation for the creation of a Housing Investments Program (HIP) as part of the TLC Program (see attached memo from MTC). The program is proposed to increase the housing supply in core areas of the region by offering incentives for encouraging transit-oriented, higher density housing. Grants of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per bedroom would be awarded to city and county governments if a project were within one-third mile of a transit station with a minimum of 25-60 units per acre.

STA staff has the following concerns about this new program:

1. The funds for this program would be taken off the top of the TLC program and could substantially reduce the chances that STA members' jurisdictions would receive TLC capital funding for the next cycle. Our member agencies are generally pleased with the current guidelines and eligible project activities. The potential to create improved pedestrian and bicycle linkages with these funds in

our county could be diminished if additional eligible activities such as housing incentives were allowed.

2. Because of the high densities required to receive the funding, it is staff's perception that projects in Solano County would not compete well with other more urbanized counties.
3. There are various other funding sources that could be available if cities or counties wished to implement such a program on their own. San Mateo County uses county STIP funds to implement a similar program. Many cities and counties also have Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and redevelopment projects, and both these funding sources are intended to be spent on low and moderate-income housing or related projects. Each individual county is also given \$250,000 a year of transportation enhancement funds that could be programmed on transportation projects directly related to housing developments.
4. The TLC program has been successful because it effectively encourages smart growth practices and improved pedestrian and bicycle linkages without trying to solve other social and economic problems beyond the basic mandate of the TEA-21 program.

In conclusion, Staff believes that no changes should be made to the TLC program, particularly during the remaining three years of the TEA-21 program. Programs need consistency and a reliable amount of funding in order for project sponsors to be willing to spend the time and effort to apply.

**Fiscal Impact**

Since this is a regional program there would be no impact to the STA General fund. However, it would remove \$9 million from the \$27 million allocated for the final three years of the TLC program and probably reduce the amount available for TLC projects for STA member jurisdictions.

**Recommendation**

Authorize the STA Chair to send a letter to MTC opposing taking \$9 million off the top of the funding available for the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program to fund the Housing Incentive Program.

Attachment



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## *Memorandum*

TO: Planning and Operations Committee

DATE: November , 2000

FR: Executive Director

RE: The Transportation For Livable Communities  
Housing Incentive Program

### BACKGROUND

The Bay Area is facing a severe housing shortage; 4.7 million jobs but only 4.4 million employed residents. This imbalance is creating an upward push in housing costs and forcing more Bay Area employees to live farther away from their jobs and the existing transit infrastructure. In an effort to encourage the creation of housing adjacent to existing transit facilities we propose expanding the portfolio of Transportation For Livable Communities program. A Housing Incentive Program (HIP) would expand the portfolio of programs which link transportation and land use decisions. This program seeks to maximize public investments in the transit infrastructure and to encourage transit use while also addressing regional housing needs. The goals of this program are to:

- Increase the housing supply in core areas of the region where transportation infrastructure already exists to serve transportation needs
- Support livable communities where walking, bicycling and riding transit are viable transportation choices
- Encourage transit ridership through the location of housing and mixed-use development at transit stops throughout the region
- Forging partnerships between transportation and land use professionals by offering incentives to encourage transit oriented housing

By encouraging housing and higher densities at major transit facilities, more people will be able to live near transit and take advantage of this mode of transportation. HIP will help achieve the worthwhile goals of linking housing with transportation and further advance the concept of creating livable communities in the region.

An example of this type of program already exists in the Bay Area. The San Mateo City/ County Association of Governments (C/CAG) adopted their Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program in January, 1999. The San Mateo program seeks to encourage density around transit stations through a grant program from C/CAG to local jurisdictions. Grant totals are determined by awarding \$2,000 per bedroom in STIP reserve funds for a new housing development within 1/3 mile of a transit station and with a minimum of 40 units per net acre. Mixed use is encouraged but not required.

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These funds can be used for any transportation project in the city where the TOD project is located. There is no requirement to link the transportation project and the TOD project for which the grant was awarded. Cities submit project applications and are eligible for funding if the TOD project meets C/CAG program criteria. The STIP funds are held in reserve until a project is built and the funds are then awarded to the respective city for an eligible transportation project. The five projects that have been awarded funds in the San Mateo Program are attached. Also attached is a project application and program guidelines.

Under the MTC Housing Incentive Program (HIP) proposal these grant funds will be awarded to city and county governments planning and encouraging housing at transit facilities. The grants funds may only be used for any transportation project meeting STP guidelines in the local jurisdiction. To be clear, transportation funds are still being spent on transportation projects. To receive funds from this particular program, however, requires greater attention to land use decisions adjacent transit facilities.

For a county to participate in the program, there must be a dollar for dollar match from the county either from the Congestion Management Agency or another source to match the regional HIP funds available. This ensures county "buy in" for the program. No county can claim more than 20% of the total funds available and once funds are claimed, they are awarded within a county preferably by the Congestion Management Agency with MTC review. There is no population based or other formulaic distribution of funds. The incentive funds are pooled within a county and then available for award to eligible projects. MTC reviews projects to ensure they meet eligibility guidelines. Should the total number of projects exceed the total funds available, awards will be reduced to allow all eligible projects to receive funding.

Eligibility requirements proposed are as follows:

- For a housing project to be eligible under this HIP program, the project must be in the initial planning stages. If a project is fully permitted, then it cannot be considered for the incentive funds. Incentive funds are intended to bring housing from a concept phase to construction in a timely fashion.
- A county must match MTC HIP funds on a dollar for dollar basis to participate in the program.
- Housing projects submitted must be within 1/3 of a mile walk (1,800') from the development site to a trunk line transit station. Eligible transit service is bus, ferry or rail transit and no more than a 15-minute headways during the peak period commute.

- The density thresholds and award amounts proposed are:

25 units per acre:	\$1,000 per bedroom
40 units per acre:	\$1,500 per bedroom
60 units per acre:	\$2,000 per bedroom

For all affordable units, an additional \$500.00 per bedroom will be awarded.

- Pedestrian access must be provided

Mixed-use development is encouraged but not required.

### **FUNDING STRATEGY**

Originally, MTC was considering this as a candidate project for some unspent federal funds that might have been returned to the region for reallocation. Because the region successfully obligated all federal funds, the MTC is instead proposing to dedicate a portion of Transportation For Livable Communities (TLC) funds to the Housing Incentive Program:

The TLC program has \$27 million remaining for the last three years of the TEA-21 Cycle. The proposal approved by the Citizen's Advisory Council was to move one year of the remaining year's of TLC funds to HIP. This would leave \$18 million in TLC and provide \$9 million for a pilot HIP program. Staff were also instructed to "back fill" TLC with any returned funds from the first round of STP/CMAQ (per Commission approval) should any funds become available after September 30, 2001.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff seeks review and approval by the Planning and Operations Committee of the Housing Incentive Program with referral to the full Commission for adoption.

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Lawrence D. Dahms



DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Stacy Medley, Office Manager/Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: 1999-00 STA Audit

**Background:**

Each year, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is required to have an independent audit of its financial statements, various funding sources and accounting procedures. The accounting firm of Caporicci, Cropper & Larson was retained to perform this task for the second year in a row. Working in conjunction with STA staff and our accountants (City of Vacaville), the fiscal year 1999/00 audit has been successfully completed.

**Discussion:**

A copy of the STA audit for fiscal year 1999/00 completed by Caporicci, Cropper & Larson has been included in your agenda packet as a separate attachment. Gary Caporicci is scheduled to attend the Board meeting and answer any questions you may have.

As outlined in the audit and noted in the memo from the STA's accountant (City of Vacaville), the STA's General Fund had an unreserved fund balance (as of June 30, 2000) of \$136,013. The STA has budgeted \$55,000 of this amount in FY 2000-01 leaving a balance of \$86,013 to be allocated by the STA. The revenue for the STA's General Fund is obtained from a portion of the cities' and county's gas tax funds, local transit development act funds claimed by the STA for transit planning purposes, and congestion management planning funds received by the STA from MTC. These funds are used to fund the STA's operations budget and project development budget to support priority projects. The carryover of these funds is due primarily to salary savings with some additional funds from services and supplies, contingency and earned interest.

The Special Revenue fund – Project Development unreserved fund balance is \$169,346. The STA has budgeted \$29,362 of this balance for FY 00/01 leaving a balance of \$139,984 to be allocated by the STA. The special revenue fund revenues are received from grants and are sometimes restricted in their use. These funds are typically allocated to specific planning projects and programs.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None. The completed STA 1999/00 audit identified an unreserved amount of \$86,013 in general fund revenues and \$139,984 in special funds available to be allocated in the STA's 2000/01 budget.

**Recommendation:**

Approve completion of STA's Annual audit for 1999/00.

Attachment

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 PAULINE CLANCY  
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# CITY OF VACAVILLE

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**DATE:** November 3, 2000

**TO:** Daryl Halls, Executive Director  
 Solano Transportation Authority

**FROM:** *HS*  
 Heather Solaro, Sr. Accountant  
 City of Vacaville

**SUBJECT:** General Fund and Project Development Fund  
 June 30, 2000 Fund Balances

I have reviewed the fund balances reported in the Solano Transportation Authority's (the Authority) General-Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2000. The information you requested on the General Fund and the Project Development Special Revenue Fund is detailed below.

The General Fund revenue is obtained from gas tax revenues of the Cities and County on the Authority's Board. The General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balance at June 30, 2000 is reported as \$91,013. The total fund balance figure at June 30, 2000 also includes a contingency reserve in the amount of \$50,000.

The Project Development Special Revenue Fund unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2000 is reported as \$169,346. This fund balance is unspent Gas Tax funds transferred from the General Fund to the Project Development Fund. The Authority has already budgeted the use of \$29,362 of this balance for 2000/2001, thus leaving \$139,984 available for future allocations by you and your Board.

Please feel free to contact me at (707) 449-5187 if you would like to further discuss the items mentioned above.

DEPARTMENTS: Area Code (707)

Administrative Services 449-5101	City Attorney 449-5105	City Manager 449-5100	Community Development 449-5140	Community Services 449-5654	Fire 449-5452	Housing & Redevelopment 449-5660	Police 449-5200	Public Works 449-5170
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**COPIES OF AUDIT AVAILABLE**

**BY CONTACTING THE STA**

**AT**

**707.422.6491**



DATE: November 1, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Revised 2000-2001 STA Budget

**Background**

Each year, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) develops its annual budget in cooperation with its eight member agencies. In February, the STA Board approved the schedule for development of its 2000-2001 budget. At the STA TAC meeting of February 23, 2000, copies of the gas tax and TDA article 8 requests were distributed to each member agency. The STA 2000/01 budget was adopted by the STA Board in April.

With the completion of the STA's 1999/00 annual audit (agenda item VIII.A.), 1999/2000 carryover funds can be programmed into the 2000/01 budget. These funds are traditionally used to augment the STA's operations, services and supplies, and project development sections of the STA budget. With the transition of Solano Commuter Information (SCI) to the STA on July 1, 2000, the revenues and expenditures affiliated with SCI operations are also included in the revised budget. The expenditures side of the budget document shows the amount of 1999/2000 funds available for carryover to the 2000//01 budget and additional revenues available for STA and SCI program allocation. The differences in the revenues portion of the STA budget between the budget approved by the STA Board in April and staff recommended changes for expenditures are noted in bold.

**Discussion**

Attached is the STA's revised 2000-2001 budget delineated by anticipated revenues and expenditures. The total amount of additional revenue available for programming operations and project development is \$363,437. This is a combination of operating and project development carryover from 1999/2000, along with available funding from program revenue sources, which is listed on the attached proposed budget. There is also additional special grants revenue available for programs amounting to \$1,965,000, which is also listed on the attached proposed budget.

## I. STA Operations

The operations portion of the STA budget includes employee salaries and benefits, services and supplies, the STA reserve account, and contingencies for the STA. Staff is recommending an additional \$196,296 be allocated to STA operations. The adjustments to the operating budget for the STA include:

- 1) \$47,001 for salary and benefits (see agenda item VIII.C). This will cover the costs of: converting two part-time positions to full time, the contract adjustment for the Executive Director position (approved by the STA Board in September), adjusting the salary range for the Office Manager/Clerk of the Board position, and adjusting the hourly range for the intern position.
- 2) \$71,452 for services and supplies to cover the full cost of office and administration operations for the STA.
- 3) \$27,843 for operational contingencies.
- 4) \$50,000 previous year reserve account.

## II. Project Development

Staff is recommending an additional \$151,141 be programmed for project development. The additional funding will cover the following:

- 1) \$5,000 for preparation of a TLC Capitol grant application for the Jepson Parkway
- 2) \$3,000 for a grant match for a TLC planning grant for the City of Vallejo
- 3) \$57,064 in additional funds to support the development of STA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- 4) \$10,000 in additional funds for project assistance
- 5) \$40,000 in additional funds for marketing (includes \$14,711 carried over from last year's marketing budget)
- 6) \$36,077 previous year reserve

## III. Programs

Based on available special grant funds and recent STA Board action, additional special grant funds are allocated as follows:

- 1) \$250,000 in STIP augmentation funding for the Jepson Parkway project.
- 2) \$250,000 in STIP APDE funding for the Capitol Corridor rail stations planning and design
- 3) \$1 million in Transportation Congestion Relief Funds for the I-80/680 corridor study
- 4) \$90,000 in program contingency

## IV. Solano Commuter Information Operations, and Programs

The total available funds for the operations and programs for Solano Commuter Information is \$668,437. This is an increase of \$164,437 from the SCI program budget approved by the

STA Board in June 2000. Staff is recommending an adjustment to SCI's expenditure portion of the STA budget as follows:

- 1) \$ 67,691 to be programmed for SCI operations.
- 2) \$ 96,746 for SCI programs

### **Fiscal Impact**

The approval of this item will program all carryover funds from the 1999/2000 STA budget and additional operating, special grants and SCI grant funds to the 2000/01 STA budget. The overall increase in the STA expenditure budget is \$196,296 for operating, \$151,141 for project development, and \$1.847 million for programs. The total amount of available STA revenues will cover the increased operating, project development and programs expenditures, and provide the STA with an \$80,000 budget reserve and \$138,043 in contingency for fiscal year 2000/01.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the revisions to the STA's 2000/01 budget as follows:

1. Allocate \$196,296 in 1999/2000 carryover funds and additional 2000/01 revenues to the STA operations as prescribed.
2. Allocate \$151,141 in 1999/2000 carryover funds and additional 2000/01 revenues to STA Project Development projects as prescribed.
3. Allocate \$1.847 million in special funds for STA programs as prescribed.

Attachments

## STA 2000-01 BUDGET

Revenues	Appvd 6/00 2000-01 Budget	Amend 10/00 2000-01 Budget
<b>Current Year Revenues</b>		
TDA Planning & Admin. (Operations)	\$272,969	\$272,969
Gas Tax Contribution (Operations)	\$272,969	\$272,969
STP Planning (MTC)	\$200,000	\$200,000
Solano Paratransit Operations (TDA)	\$296,313	\$296,313
BAAQMD	\$321,871	\$321,871
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	\$295,000	\$295,000
YSAQMD/BAAQMD (CityLink)	\$95,000	\$95,000
CityLink Fares	\$20,000	\$20,000
TCI Grant (Rail Station)	\$591,000	\$591,000
STIP Funds (Jepson Parkway)	\$241,000	\$241,000
MIS Funding (Hwy 12)	\$110,000	\$110,000
State Transit Assistance (SolanoLinks)	\$160,000	\$160,000
Local Match for Section 3 Grant (STAF) (CNG Coach)	\$200,000	\$375,000
2000 STIP PPM	\$0	\$121,000
APDE (2002 STIP)	\$0	\$250,000
TCRF (I-80/I-680)	\$0	\$1,000,000
2000 STIP Augmentation	\$0	\$250,000
SCI Metropolitan Transportation Commission	\$350,000	\$393,365
SCI BAAQMD Funds (FY 99/00)	\$40,000	\$200,000
SCI YSAQMD	\$2,000	\$17,260
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,468,122</b>	<b>\$5,442,737</b>
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>		
AVA Fund Balance	\$20,000	\$20,000
FY 99/0 BAAQMD-TFCA Program/Unallocated Funds	\$111,348	\$79,462
BAAQMD Interest	\$0	\$31,886
Gen Op Fund Balance for Operations for FY 99/00	\$0	\$86,013
General Operations Fund Balance for Reserve Acct	\$0	\$50,000
Project Development Fund Balance for Project Development	\$29,362	\$169,346
General Operations Fund Balance for Solano Paratransit	\$5,000	\$5,000
SCI BAAQMD Fund Balances (FY 97/8 & 98/9)	\$112,000	\$97,822
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$277,710</b>	<b>\$539,529</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,745,832</b>	<b>\$5,982,266</b>

**Additional Op Rev.**

FY 99/00 Operations Fund Balance	\$136,013	STA
AVA Fund Balance	\$5,000	STA
Hwy 12 MIS Funding	\$10,000	STA
2000 STIP PPM	\$43,843	STA
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$194,856</b>	STA Total Op Rev.
<b>SCI TFCA Funding</b>	<b>\$6,440</b>	SCI Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$201,296</b>	Total STA OP Rev.

**Additional PD Rev.**

FY 99/00 Project Development Fund Balance	\$128,984
STIP PPM	\$17,157
STP Funding	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,141</b>

**Additional Programs Rev.**

Local Match for Section 3 Grant (STAF) (CNG Coach)	\$375,000
2000 STIP PPM	\$90,000
APDE (2002 STIP)	\$250,000
TCRF (I-80/I-680)	\$1,000,000
2000 STIP Augmentation	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,965,000</b>

Expenditures	Appvd 6/00 2000-01 Budget	Amend 10/00 2000-01 Budget
<b>Operations</b>		
STA Salaries & Benefits	\$460,003	\$500,564
SCI Salaries and Benefits	\$301,471	\$307,911
SCI Overtime/Comp Time	\$500	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$761,974</b>	<b>\$809,475</b>
STA Services and Supplies	\$198,499	\$269,951
SCI Services and Supplies	\$186,772	\$117,323
<b>TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$365,271</b>	<b>\$387,274</b>
STA Reserve Account (Previous Year)		\$50,000
STA Reserve Account (Current Year)	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
SCI Contingency	\$0	\$110,200
STA Contingency	\$0	\$27,843
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,157,245</b>	<b>\$1,414,792</b>
<b>Project Development</b>		
Jepson Parkway (TLC)		\$5,000
Vallejo Sereno Park N Ride Match		\$3,000
Comprehensive Transportation Plan	\$57,936	\$115,000
Project Assistance Program	\$10,000	\$20,000
Marketing Budget	\$15,000	\$55,000
SEDCORP Sponsorship		\$1,000
Park and Ride Survey		\$10,000
Modeling Contract	\$35,000	\$35,000
Reserved Fund Balance from FY 99/00		\$36,077
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$117,936</b>	<b>\$280,077</b>
<b>Programs</b>		
Jepson Parkway Concept Plan	\$241,000	\$491,000
Fairfield/Suisun Rail Station	\$591,000	\$591,000
SolanoLinks (Transit/Marketing/Planning)	\$160,000	\$160,000
Local Match/Bus Purchases (TFCA/STAF Grants) CityLink	\$200,000	\$375,000
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Grants	\$310,000	\$305,000
TFCA Air Quality Grants (BAAQMD)	\$414,581	\$414,581
Highway 12 MIS	\$110,000	\$100,000
Solano Paratransit Operations	\$293,813	\$293,813
City Link - Route 30	\$115,000	\$115,000
Capitol Corridor Stations Design	\$0	\$250,000
I-80/I-680 Corridor Study	\$0	\$1,000,000
Program Contingency	\$0	\$60,000
<b>SCI MARKETING PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$35,257</b>	<b>\$0</b>
General Marketing Program	\$0	\$32,743
SCI Employer Program	\$0	\$7,500
SCI Vanpool Program	\$0	\$10,000
SCI CRSW 2000	\$0	\$25,000
SCI Guaranteed Ride Home Program	\$0	\$30,260
SCI BikeLinks Maps	\$0	\$20,000
Bike to Work Program	\$0	\$6,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,470,651</b>	<b>\$4,287,397</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,745,832</b>	<b>\$5,982,266</b>

\* \$60,000 will be carry overed to FY 01/02

**Solano Transportation Authority**  
**2000-01 Budget**  
**Supplemental Information**

<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b><u>OPERATING Expenditures:</u></b>		
Salaries and benefits (TDA/STP/Gas Tax)	\$433,865	\$430,426
Air Quality Salaries and Benefits (TFCA)	\$18,638	\$18,638
Solano Paratransit Salaries and Benefits (TDA)	\$7,500	\$7,500
PCC (TDA)	\$0	\$30,000
Highway 12 MIS Study	\$0	\$8,000
Program Contingency (STIP PPM)	\$0	\$6,000
SCI TFCA Budget	\$0	\$6,440
<b>TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$460,003</b>	<b>\$507,004</b>
<b><u>STA Board Budget</u></b>		
Stipends	\$13,800	\$14,000
Washington DC Trip	\$0	\$2,000
Board Meeting Expenses	\$1,200	\$2,000
<b><u>Services and Supplies</u></b>		
Legal Services	\$7,980	\$9,000
Personnel Services	\$5,500	\$6,500
Accounting Services	\$26,780	\$29,780
Audit Services	\$8,200	\$8,200
Office Lease	\$41,892	\$41,895
Property/Liability Insurance	\$3,500	\$3,500
Printing/Binding Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
Copy Machine Lease	\$10,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$29,647	\$57,326
State Lobbyist	\$25,000	\$33,750
Postage	\$0	\$5,000
Telephone Services	\$0	\$7,000
Capital Needs	\$10,000	\$25,000
Education/Conference Budget	\$5,000	\$5,000
Reserve Account	\$30,000	\$80,000
Contingency	\$0	\$27,843
<b>Net Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$688,502</b>	<b>\$884,798</b>
<b><u>Source of Funding for Operations</u></b>		
TDA Planning and Administration	\$272,969	\$272,969
STP Planning	\$111,426	\$106,426
Gas Tax Contributions	\$272,969	\$272,969
FY 99/00 Operations Fund Balance	\$0	\$136,013
BAAQMD TFCA Program	\$18,638	\$18,638
AVA Fund Balance	\$5,000	\$10,000
Solano Paratransit Operations	\$7,500	\$7,500
MIS Funding	\$0	\$10,000
STIP PPM	\$0	\$43,843
SCI TFCA	\$0	\$6,440
<b>Total Sources of Funding</b>	<b>\$688,502</b>	<b>\$884,798</b>

<b>PROJECT DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Approved 6/00</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b><u>PROJECT DEVELOPMENT Expenditures:</u></b>		
Comprehensive Transportation Plan	\$57,936	\$115,000
Project Assistance	\$10,000	\$20,000
Marketing Program	\$15,000	\$55,000
Park N Ride Survey	\$0	\$10,000
SEDCORP Sponsorship	\$0	\$1,000
Modeling Contract	\$35,000	\$35,000
Jepson Parkway TLC Grant	\$0	\$5,000
Sereno Parkway Park N Ride Survey	\$0	\$3,000
Reserved from FY 99/00	\$0	<u>\$36,077</u>
<b>Net Expenditures</b>	<b>\$67,936</b>	<b>\$280,077</b>
<b><u>Source of Funding for Project Development</u></b>		
STP Funding	\$88,574	\$93,574
Project Development use of fund balance	\$29,362	\$169,346
PPM STIP	\$0	<u>\$17,157</u>
<b>Total Sources of Funding</b>	<b>\$117,936</b>	<b>\$280,077</b>

## 2000 – 2001 Marketing Budget

<b>Approved at the September 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting</b>	<b>\$29,711.00</b>
• <b>Booth Display</b>	
• <b>Marketing of Community Input Events</b>	
• <b>Printing</b>	
• <b>Mail</b>	
• <b>Newspaper ads</b>	
• <b>PSA taping</b>	
• <b>Video</b>	
<b>Additional Funding Request</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
• <b>Annual Report (Countywide distribution)</b>	
• <b>Printing</b>	
• <b>Mail</b>	
• <b>STA Flyer</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$59,711.00</u></b>

# STA/SCI 2000-01 BUDGET

Revenue	Previous	Amend 10/00 2000-01 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		
SCI Metropolitan Transportation Commission	\$350,000	\$353,355
SCI BAAQMD Funds (FY 99/00)	\$40,000	\$200,000
SCI YSAQMD	\$2,000	\$17,260
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$392,000</b>	<b>\$570,615</b>
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>		
SCI BAAQMD Fund Balances (FY 97/8 & 98/9)	\$112,000	\$97,822
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$112,000</b>	<b>\$97,822</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$504,000</b>	<b>\$668,437</b>

<u>Original</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Revised</u>
\$350,000	\$353,355	\$3,355
\$40,000	\$200,000	\$160,000
\$2,000	\$17,260	\$15,260
\$112,000	\$97,822	(\$14,178)
	Additional	\$164,437

Expenditures	Previous	Amend 10/00 2000-01 Budget
<b>Operations</b>		
SCI Salaries and Benefits	\$301,471	\$307,911
SCI Overtime/Comp Time	\$500	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$301,971</b>	<b>\$308,911</b>
SCI Services and Supplies	\$166,772	\$117,323
<b>TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$166,772</b>	<b>\$117,323</b>
SCI Contingency	\$0	\$110,200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$468,743</b>	<b>\$536,434</b>
<b>Marketing Budget</b>		
SCI Marketing Program	\$35,257	\$32,743
SCI Employer Program		\$7,500
SCI Vanpool Program		\$10,000
SCI CRSW 2000		\$25,000
SCI Guaranteed Ride Home Program		\$30,260
SCI BikeLinks Maps		\$20,000
Bike to Work Program		\$6,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$35,257</b>	<b>\$132,003</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$504,000</b>	<b>\$668,437</b>

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DATE: November 1, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: STA Staff Adjustments

### **Background**

In order to successfully implement the varied planning, project and program priorities of the STA Board, it is important to ensure that adequate operating resources are available. Last year, the STA Board authorized the establishment of two part-time intern positions and a part time clerical position to provide necessary operational support to the STA's planning, projects and administrative sections. All three positions were filled with highly competent and productive staff and this extra staff support has proved invaluable as the STA's continues to assume a significantly increasing role in planning for, funding and delivering Solano County's priority transportation projects.

In June of this year, the STA Board approved the transition of the Solano Commuter Information program to the STA and established salary ranges for the three position classifications associated with this program.

Agenda item VIII.B recommends allocating \$196,296 in funds to STA operations, with \$47,001 specifically allocated to STA staff salaries and benefits. This cost includes the annual cost for the contract adjustment for the Executive Director position approved by the STA Board in October.

### **Discussion**

In conjunction with the STA Board's consideration of revisions to the 2000/01 STA budget and allocating funds to specific projects and programmatic priorities, I am recommending adjustments to four existing STA staff positions.

1. Reclassification of Part Time Clerical Assistant to Full Time Administrative Assistant

The Clerical Assistance position was approved by the STA Board in October 1999 as a 15 hour a week part-time position to provide clerical support to the Executive Director, Office Manager and three other management positions. In January of 2000, the hours were increased to 20 per week. Since that time, the workload on STA staff has continued to increase. Kim Cassidy, who serves in this position, has assumed more responsibilities and tasks and has performed them in a professional and proficient manner. I am recommending this position be reclassified from part time to full time effective December 1, 2000, to provide the Office Manager/Clerk of the Board with the staff resources necessary to provide administrative and operational support to the STA Board and management staff (see attached salary range and list of job assignments).

## 2. Reclassification of Part Time Planning Intern to Full Time Planning Assistant

The two internship positions (planning and projects) were established by the STA Board in October 1999. The Planning Intern provides staff support to the Deputy Director of Planning. The STA's planning function and programs have grown rapidly over the past two years. In 1999, the STA initiated the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan and assumed responsibility for the Highway 12 Major Investment Study. This year, the STA has assumed responsibility for the I-80/680 Corridor Study and has initiated the development of its first Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This has significantly impacted the workload of Deputy Director for Planning.

In the next calendar year, the STA is scheduled to develop or update between 7 to 10 individual plans as part of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan's development, participate in MTC's amendment and update of the Regional Transportation Plan, continue the Jepson Parkway NEPA 404 process, complete the Highway 12 MIS and initiate the I-80/680 Corridor Study. It is my recommendation that the part-time planning intern position be reclassified to a full time planning assistant position effective December 1, 2000 to provide the STA with the necessary staff support to successfully complete these priority planning efforts in a timely and effective manner (see attached salary range and list of proposed work assignments).

## 3. Salary Range Adjustment for Office Manager/Clerk of the Board

The Administrative Secretary position was reclassified to Office Manager/Clerk of the Board and provided an adjusted salary range by the STA Board in October 1999. As part of the transition of Solano Commuter Information to the STA in June 2000, all three SCI position classifications were reviewed and two were provided salary adjustments. I have reviewed all of the STA position classifications and salary ranges to assess their relative place within the organizational structure of the STA. Based upon this review of job responsibilities the Office Manager position is under compensated in comparison to other positions in the STA (see attached salary ranges). I am recommending the salary range for this position is adjusted with the Office Manager starting at Step 3 effective December 1, 2000.

#### 4. Hourly Range Adjustment for Project Intern Position

The STA Board established the two intern positions in October 1999. In order to attract qualified candidates, the STA hired both interns at the top hourly rate (see attached). The two interns hired, Robert Guerrero and Jennifer Tongson, have been valuable assets to the STA. In order to ensure qualified interns are retained and hired in the future, I am recommending that the hourly range for the remaining intern position be adjusted.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The total annual operating cost for all four staff compensation recommendations is \$47,001. This additional cost is included in the augmented operating expenditures proposed in the revised 2000/01 STA budget.

#### **Recommendation**

Approve adjustments to STA staff classifications and salary ranges as follows:

1. Approve reclassification of part time clerical assistant position to full time administrative assistant effective December 1, 2000 and establishment of salary range as prescribed
2. Approve reclassification of part time planning intern position to full time planning assistant effective December 1, 2000 and establishment of salary range as prescribed.
3. Approve adjustment of salary range for Office Manager/Clerk of the Board effective December 1, 2000 as prescribed.
4. Approve adjustment of hourly compensation rate for Project Intern position effective December 1, 2000 as prescribed.

Attachments



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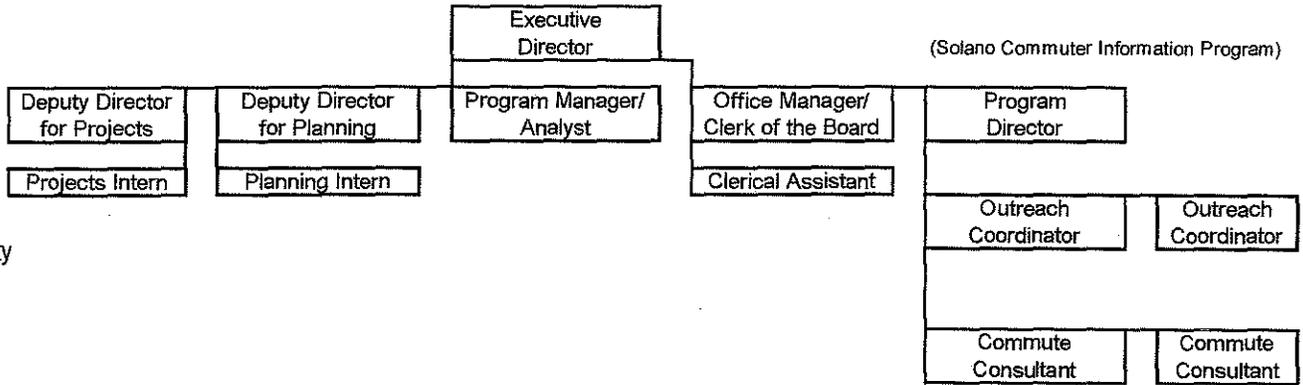
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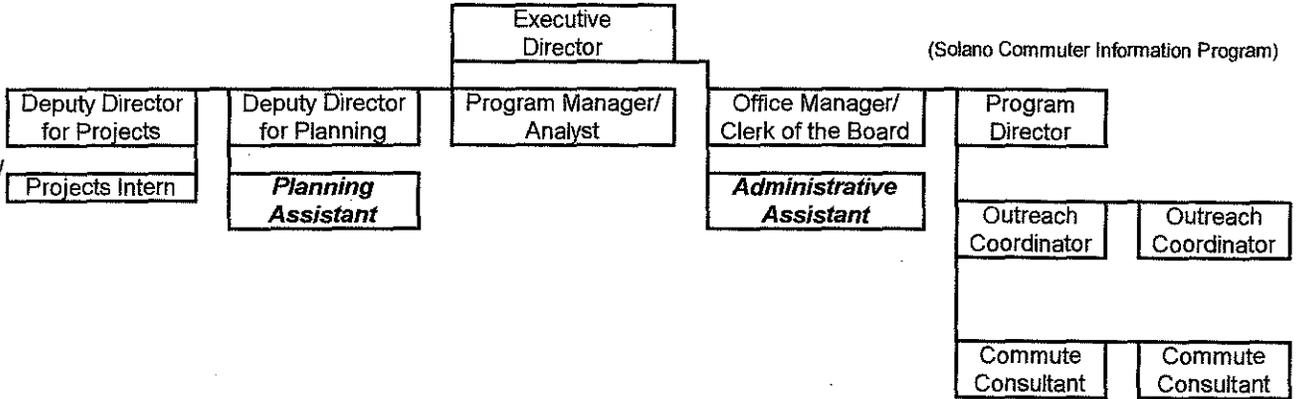
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### PROPOSED STA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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



## **Administrative Assistant** **Job Description**

### **Original Job Duties (December 1999)**

- ◆ Assistant to Office Manager
- ◆ Correspondence
- ◆ Filing
- ◆ Answer phones and direct calls
- ◆ Mailouts of agenda packets, letters, memos and other correspondence
- ◆ Assist in preparation of monthly STA TAC and Board packets for distribution
- ◆ Complete timesheets for staff

### **Current Job Duties (October 2000)**

- ◆ Assistant to Office Manager
- ◆ Filing
- ◆ First responder on telephone
- ◆ Direct calls to appropriate personnel
- ◆ Compile and distribute agenda packets, letters, memos and other correspondence
- ◆ Assist Office Manager with Accounts receivable/payable reports
- ◆ Assist Office Manager during audit season
- ◆ Complete timesheets for staff
- ◆ Assist in preparation of monthly STA TAC and Board packets for distribution
- ◆ Coordinate staff's group calendar
- ◆ Assist in coordinating and scheduling meetings for the Executive Director and staff
- ◆ Clerical support to Deputy Directors and Project Manager
- ◆ Technical support on office computers
- ◆ Maintain databases and mailing lists
- ◆ First level of support for office equipment maintenance and repair
- ◆ Misc. duties as assigned

## **STA Planning Assistant**

### **Proposed Job Description**

- Assist the Executive Director and Deputy Director for Planning prepare and coordinate various needs assessments and planning documents related to travel safety, roads, transit and alternative modes for the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- Help monitor the schedule and progress of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and provide related staff support.
- Assist the Deputy Director for Planning administer the Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program (TFCA).
- Assist the STA in holding public input events and hold public hearings.
- Review funding opportunities and provide program summaries to the STA Board, STA TAC and Consortium.
- Prepare grant applications and help administer grants for various planning projects including the periodic update of the Solano Travel Safety Plan, Countywide Traffic Model and Congestion Management Program.
- Attend and provide staff support to STA Board subcommittees.
- Conduct and distribute surveys including commuter opinions of transit services and park and ride lots.
- Assist in development of Highway 12 MIS, I80/I-680/I-780 Corridor studies
- Update the STA web site on a periodic basis.
- Attend and make staff presentations to the STA Board, TAC and STA Consortium, PCC, Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings.
- Help compile and develop various transportation data and planning maps.
- Attend County and regional planning meetings as needed.
- Assist in taking photographs and providing other activities to help implement the STA's planning effort and marketing program.
- Organize and maintain the STA planning library.

**STA Salary Information (Effective 7/1/00) includes 3% COLA**

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Executive Director	\$7,917	Contracted - No Salary Range			
Deputy Director for Projects	\$5,237	\$5,498	\$5,773	\$6,062	\$6,283
Deputy Director for Planning	\$5,237	\$5,498	\$5,773	\$6,062	\$6,283
Program Manager / Director	\$4,218	\$4,429	\$4,650	\$4,883	\$5,127
Program Manager/Analyst	\$3,680	\$3,865	\$4,058	\$4,261	\$4,472
Outreach Coordinator	\$2,981	\$3,130	\$3,286	\$3,450	\$3,623
Office Manager/Clerk of the Board	\$2,941	\$3,088	\$3,242	\$3,404	\$3,574
Commute Consultant	\$2,710	\$2,845	\$2,987	\$3,136	\$3,293
Planning and Project Interns - Part time	\$8-10 hourly				
Clerical Assistant - Part Time	\$12.00 hourly				

**STA Job Positions - Proposed Salary Range Adjustments**

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Planning Assistant	<b>\$2,796</b>	\$2,936	\$3,083	\$3,237	\$3,399
Administrative Assistant	<b>\$2,484</b>	\$2,608	\$2,738	\$2,875	\$3,019
Project Intern (Part time)	\$10 to \$12.00 hourly				



DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan

**Discussion:**

***Needs Assessment:*** All member agencies have returned their final needs assessments. Attached is the final comprehensive needs list by jurisdiction for STA Board review.

***Functional Road Classification System:*** At the October STA TAC and Arterials, Highways and Freeway Subcommittee meetings, Fehrs & Peers Associates presented a "Roads of Countywide Significance, Functional Road Classification Map." After a full discussion with the TAC and Highways Subcommittee, a few additional arterials of countywide significance were added, and a few designations were modified. A revised map showing the final recommended road network has been prepared (see attachment). A larger display copy will be provided at the STA Board meeting. This map will be used for the initial traffic analysis for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and provide the basis for STA Board approval of the Countywide Traffic Model in December. After a full analysis, if there are any new or other significant roads identified for review over the next 25 years, they could be added to the system, with STA Board approval during the planning process.

***Traffic Counts:*** Fehrs and Peers is also conducting additional traffic counts for a.m., p.m. and traffic at key locations along the Functional Road Classification System. Those counts will be used to help calibrate the accuracy of the Countywide Traffic Model.

***Community Input Process:*** During the past few weeks, STA staff has made presentations to each of the City Councils and the Board of Supervisors. As of November 2, community workshops will have been held in all Solano cities except for Fairfield which has an input event scheduled for November 14. The STA's, Janice Sells, has served as the staff lead in coordinating the outreach and promotion with the host city for each of these events.

***Transportation Steering Committee Policy Questions for Subcommittees:*** The Transportation Steering Committee recently approved the list of policy questions that they are requesting each Subcommittee to address during the balance of the planning process (see attached).

***Subcommittee Meetings:*** Now that the community events have been held, the three planning subcommittees of the Transportation Steering Committee are being requested to meet and discuss various policy issues. The Arterials, Highways, Freeways met on October 30. The next

subcommittees are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

Alternative Modes (bikes, TLC, ridesharing)	November 15, 3:30 p.m.
Transit (rails, ferry and bus)	December 6, 2000, 9:00 a.m.
Arterials, Highways, Freeways	December 2000 (TBD)

More details will be provided prior to each meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:**

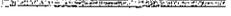
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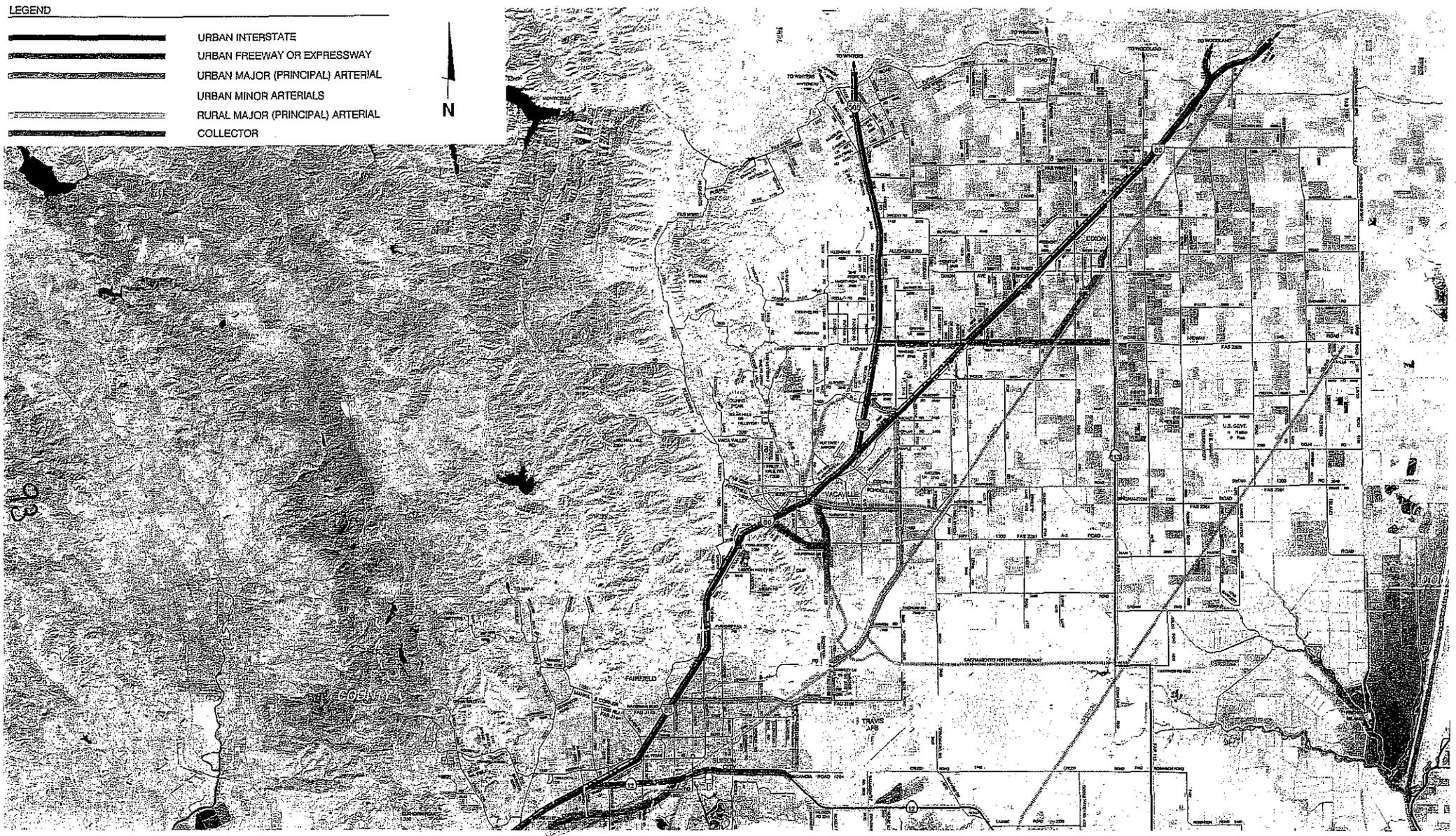
**Recommendation:**

1.) Approve Functional Road Classification System maps; 2.) Receive the Needs Assessments for each member jurisdiction 3.) Approve policy questions and planning products developed by Transportation Steering Committee

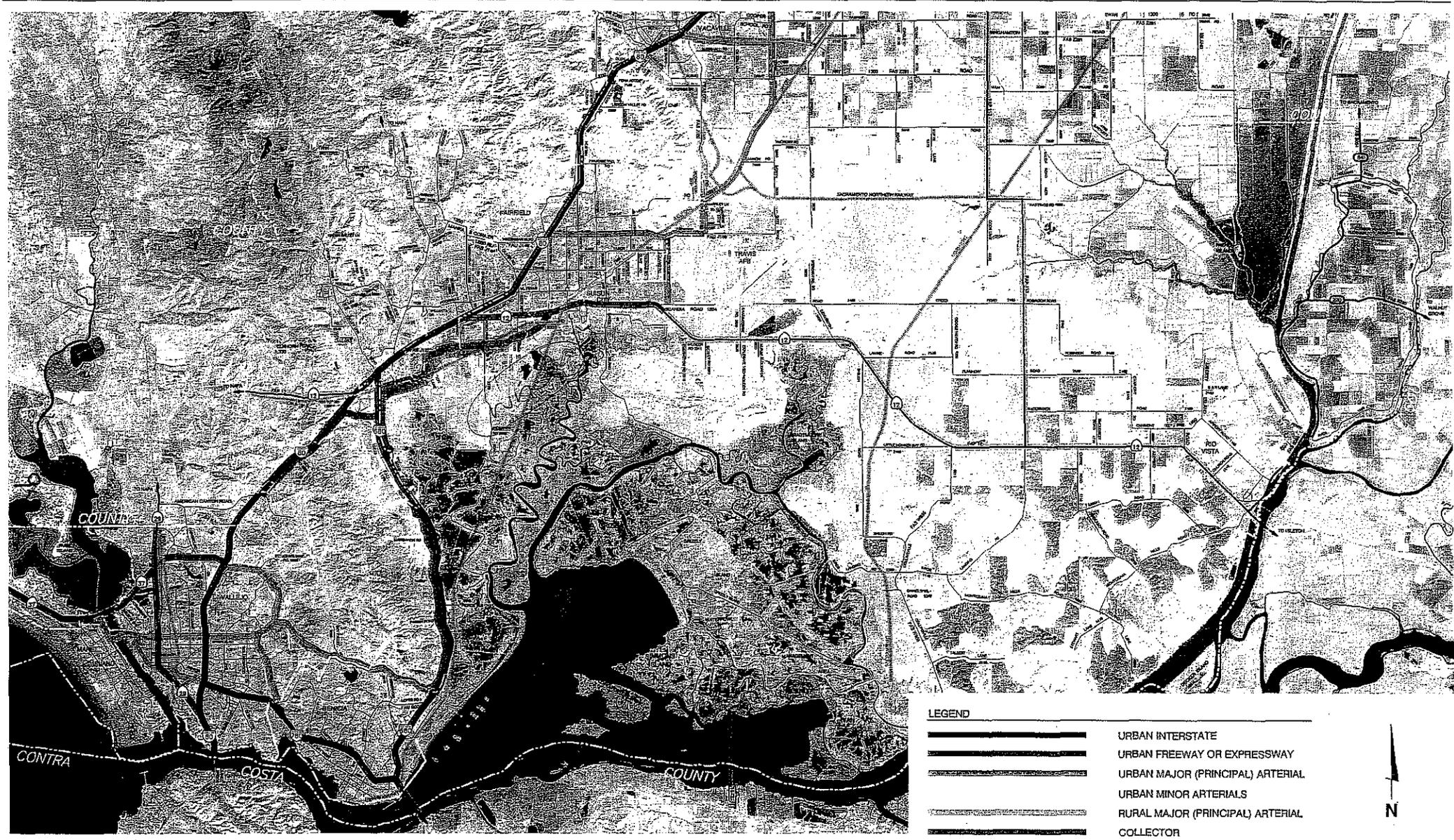
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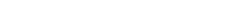
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**ROADS OF COUNTYWIDE SIGNIFICANCE  
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAP  
NORTH SOLANO COUNTY**



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**ROADS OF COUNTYWIDE SIGNIFICANCE  
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAP  
SOUTH SOLANO COUNTY**

11/1/00

Solano County 2000 Transportation Needs Assessment Survey

**BENICIA**

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Improve I-80/I-680 Interchange and widen I-680	Benicia Bridge to I-80			1	
	Construct Benicia Train Station	North of Lake Herman road, east of I-680	10,000,000	2004	2	
	Provide street maintenance	Throughout city	350,000	Annual	3	
	Provide more express buses	Benicia to Pleasant Hill Bart - Vallejo-Fairfield			4	
	Construct HOV System throughout entire county	I-680 and I-80			5	
	Provide more ferries	South County			6	
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Widen East Second St	Industrial Way to Lake Herman Road	3,000,000	2002		
	Widen and construct new extension of Industrial Way - 4 lanes	East Second St. in a newly direction to Lake Herman Road	3,000,000	2005		
	Enhance 1st St (provide streetscaping, repair and construct of new sidewalks)	Carquinez Strait to Military	1,500,000	2005		
	Construct various overlay and reconstruction projects	Throughout City	500,000	Annual		
	Construct New East Second/Park Road Connector	East Second Street/ Park Road	3,000,000	2020		
<b>Transit Systems</b>	Improve bus shelters	Throughout city	50,000	Annual		
	Construct transfer facilities					
	Improve schedules					
	More joint bus operations					
	More marketing of existing services					
	Increase service and routes					
	Construct Benicia Multi-Modal Rail Station	North of Lake Herman Road/ East side of I-680	10,000,000	2004		
<b>Bike Routes and Pedestrian Paths</b>	Construct signage and route striping	City wide	25,000	Annual		
	Provide street furniture	First Street	100,000	2005		
	Construct bike/ pedestrian bridge on State Park Road	From State Park entrance to Columbus Parkway	750,000	2005		
	Construct bike path project on Park Road	Adams St to Camel Barn	450,000	2004		
	Construct Benicia-Martinez Bridge bike path	Across Carquinez Strait from Benicia-Martinez				

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots	Columbus/ Rose Dr. area at I-780, (2) Lake Herman at I-680 area (near future train station)					
TLC, Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues	Create traffic calming measures	Various location city-wide	50,000	Annual		
	Construct First St. Streetscaping	From First Street split to Military West	1,500,000	2005		
	Support county-wide transportation sales tax to supplement state/ federal funds					

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**DIXON**

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Conduct Major Investment Study (MIS) to study long-term use of the SR 113 corridor and impacts to Dixon.	SR113 (SR12 to I-80)	\$120,000	2001/02	1	D7
	Coordinate with Caltrans to perform past due overlay of SR 113	SR113 (H St. to South City limits)	\$600,000	2000/01	1	D8
	I-80 Interchange Improvements at West A Street	I-80/ West A Street	\$12,000,000	2007/08	2	D1
	I-80 Interchange Improvements at Pedrick Road	I-80/ Pedrick Road	\$12,000,000	2007/08	2	D4
	Construct I-80 Widening (6 to 8 lanes)	Leisure Town Road to Kidwell Road	\$30,000,000	2007/08	2	D5
	Construct Railroad Grade Separation	between Pitt School Rd. and SR 113	\$8,000,000	2005/06	2	D6
	Installation of signals at six intersections	SR113 (A, H, Stratford, Industrial, Vaughn, Dorset)	\$80-150,000/ea	2001/02	2	D9
	Construct Dixon rail station	B Street/UPRR	\$1,000,000	2001/02	2	D10
	Provide additional intercity express bus routes	Sacramento-Bay Area	TBD	2001/02	2	D11
	I-80 Interchange Improvements at Pittschool Road	I-80/Pitt School Road	\$12,000,000	2007/08	3	D2
	I-80 Interchange Improvements at 1st Street/SR113	I-80/ 1st Street	\$12,000,000	2007/08	3	D3
<b>Arterial and Local Roads</b>	Secure funding for street maintenance as recommended in MTC PMS Program	citywide	\$3,800,000 (5-yr)	ongoing	1	D12
<b>Transit Systems</b>	Increase operating hours, rolling stock, and personnel to keep up with demand	citywide	TBD	review annually	1	D15
	Provide additional intercity express bus routes	Sacramento-Bay Area	TBD	ongoing	2	D14
	Provide Rail service (Multi-modal Center Phase 2)	B Street/UPRR	\$1,000,000	2001/02	2	D10
	Eventual transition to fixed route system	citywide	TBD	2010	4	D13
<b>Bike routes and Pedestrian Paths</b>	Support efforts by Solano County to fund and construct intercity bike routes	Solano Co. (Davis - Dixon; Dixon - Vacaville)	see Countywide Bike Plan	2000/01	1	D16
	Update City Bikeway Plan to identify intra City needs	citywide	TBD	2001	2	D17

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots	Construct Railroad Station (Phase 2 of downtown Multi-modal Transportation Center).	B Street/UPRR	\$1,000,000	2001/02	2	D10
TEC Projects, Alternative Modes, and Quality of Life Issues	Downtown Streetscape Project Phase 2	B St. (UPRR-SR113)	\$330,000	2002/03	1	D18
	Partnering with Vacaville and other agencies for electric and alternative emission vehicles	citywide		ongoing	2	D19
	Coordinating with Air District to develop projects which will reduce air emissions and be eligible for grant funding	citywide		ongoing	2	D20
	Development of General Plan policies for more transit, bike, and pedestrian friendly communities	citywide		review as part of next General Plan Update	3	D21

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## FAIRFIELD

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code	
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Improve I-80/I-680 Interchange	East			1	F1,S03,B1	
	overcrossing (helps #1)	at I-80 / Greenvalley road			2		
	Remove congestion points along I-80	Red Top to I-505			3		
	Construct Auxiliary Lanes on I-80	Travis Blvd. and Air Base Pkwy.			4	F6	
	Provide Express bus service to Sacramento & Walnut Creek				5		
	Construct new Train Station	Peabody Road at Vanden Rd			6		
	Reconstruct I-80/N Texas Interchange				7		
	Improve SR12/Pennsylvania intersection				8		
	Construct HOV lanes on I-80	between I-680 and Cherry Glen Road			9	F2,VA1,VJ8	
	Improve Suisun Valley Road overcrossing	at I-80 / Suisun Valley road			10		
	Move truck scales from I-80/I-680 impact				11		
	Complete Jepson Parkway				12		
	Construct SR 12 Improvements	I-80 to Hwy 29			13	F3,S08	
	Construct SR12 Improvements	I-80 to Rio Vista			14		
	Construct SR12/Mangels Interchange				15		
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Acquire Jamieson Canyon Railroad right of way (part of N. Bay Highway corridor)	I-80 to Napa County			16		
	Connect Union Ave to Main St	at Hwy 12					
	Extend Walters Road to Peabody Road	Air Base Parkway -cement hill Rd to Peabody Road			1	F11	
	Interconnect traffic signals	Throughout city			2		
	Construct Manual Campos Parkway	I-80 to Clay Bank Rd			3		
	Widen Air Base Pkwy to 6 lanes at intersections	N.Texas St., Dover Rd., Claybank Rd., Walters Rd., Peabody Rd.			4	F7	
	Widen Peabody Rd	Air Base Parkway to City Limit			5	F17	
	Widen Suisun Valley Road to 4 lanes	I-80 to Rockville Rd			6	F19	
	Widen Cement Hill Road to 4 lanes	Clay Bank Rd to Peabody Rd			7	F18	
	Improve SR12/Beck intersection	SR12/Beck Ave.			8	F10	
	Contract I-680/ Red Top Road Interchange Improvements	I-680/Red Top Road			9		
	Widen E Tabor	Dover Ave to Walters Rd			10	F12	
	<b>Transit Systems</b>	Install Global Positioning Systems (GPS) with commuter information systems				1	
		Provide ADA access at bus stops and other miscellaneous passenger facilities				2	
		Expand local bus service				3	
Expand express bus service					4		
Construct N Texas bus transfer facility					5		

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Transit Systems Cont.</b>	Construct I-680/Industrial Way Park-n-Ride facility				6	
<b>Bike Routes and Pedestrian Paths</b>	Restore McGary Road to reestablish missing link in regional bike system	American Canyon interchange to Red Top Interchange			1	
	Pedestrian grade separation at Blossom/UPRR (School access safety)				2	
	Extend Linear Park from Union Avenue to Peabody Road	Pennsylvania Avenue to Peabody Road			3	
	Extend bike path from Peabody/Cement Hill along Peabody & Vanden Rds	Cement Hill Rd to City Limits			4	
	Construct bike path along Laurel Creek	Paradise Valley to Cement Hill Rd			5	
	Construct bike Path along Ledgewood Creek	Portsmouth to Cordelia Rd			6	
<b>Ridesharing and Park and ride Lots</b>	Complete development of Red Top Rd/I-80 Park-n-Ride facility				1	
	Acquire and develop Park-n-Ride facility I-680/Industrial Way				2	
	Acquire and develop Park-n-Ride facility I-680/Gold Hill Rd				3	
<b>TLC - Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues</b>	Construct multimodal interface with the Solano County downtown expansion (provide bus, pedestrian, bike, and parking facilities for access to services)	Texas Street to Broadway			1	
	Construct pedestrian/bike facilities along Union Creek	Adjacent to County complex			2	
	Provide attractive City Gateway (Landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian/bike facilities)	N Texas/I-80			3	
	Provide attractive City Gateway (Landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian/bike facilities)	W Texas/I-80			4	
	Provide attractive City Gateway (Landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian/bike facilities)	Pennsylvania/SR12			5	
	Provide attractive City Gateway (Landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian/bike facilities)	Beck/SR12			6	
	Provide attractive City Gateway (Landscaping, street furniture, pedestrian/bike facilities)	Red Top/I-80			7	

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## RIO VISTA

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Improve capacity and safety	on HWY 12 corridor				RV1
	Increase HWY 12 bridge capacity	Across Sacramento River				RV2
	Provide traffic signals for additional safety	Throughout town				RV3
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Construct overlay along Main Street	Highway 12-Front St				
	Construct pedestrian crossing and bike lane	Along HWY 12				
	Construct overlay along Front Street	Highway 12 - Main Street				
	Highway 12 Improvements at Church/Amerada Streets	Church St/Amerada Street				RV4
	Construct Drouin Drive Improvements	Drouin/ S of Hwy 12				RV5
	St. Francis/Front Street Connection	St. Francis Way east to Front Street underpass at Highway 12				
<b>Transit Systems</b>	Provide fixed bus routes to BART and Rail					
	Construct ferry dock	Sacramento River				
<b>Bike Routes and Pedestrian Paths</b>	Construct waterfront bikeways	Sacramento River Bikeway				
	Provide signage for neighborhood streets and riverfront access					
	Construct pedestrian/bicycle trail system	Per proposed General Plan				
	Construct pedestrian under - highway crossing at Highway 12	Per proposed General Plan				
<b>Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots TEC, Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues</b>	Construct Park and ride lots at Church and Hwy 12 or near downtown					
	Enhance Main St, Riverfront, and construct streetscaping on Hwy 12					
	Provide land use, design techniques that facilitate pedestrian and bike use					
	Concentrate resident around activity centers rather than along corridors indiscriminately					

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## SOLANO COUNTY

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Construct Jepson Parkway - Phase I				1	Projects F18, F20, SO7, SU8, VA9, VA15
	Widen I-80 from 6 to 8	between Vacaville and Dixon			2	SO1
	Widen I-80	between Contra Costa County Line to SR 37			3	SO2
	Improve I-80/I-680 Interchange	I-680 /I-80/Highway 12			1	SO3,F1,B1
	Widen of I-680	I-80 to Contra Costa County Line			3	SO4
	Construct SR 12 Improvements	I-80 to SR 29			1	SO8,F3
	Construct SR 12 Improvements	Suisun City to Rio Vista			3	SO9
	Improve Cordelia Road	I-680 to Highway 12			1	
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Improve Pleasants Valley Road	from Cherry Glen Road to Vaca Valley Road	\$3,000,000	2002-2005	2	
	Widen Peabody Road (4 lanes)	Markley Ln. to County line/Vacaville City Limit	\$3,000,000	2005	2	SO6
	Widen Vanden Road (4 lanes)	Peabody Road to Leisure Town Road (Jepson Parkway, Phase I)	\$8,000,000	2003	1	SO7
	Improve local roads to current standards	Throughout County	\$100,000,000	2002-2020	1	
<b>Transit Systems</b>	Subsidize taxi service for paratransit need in the unincorporated area				1	
	Provide TDA contributions to fixed routes based on benefits to users in the unincorporated area				1	
	Support Solano Paratransit				1	
	Support more joint transit operations				2	
	Support additional transit marketing				2	
<b>Bike Routes and Pedestrian Paths</b>	Complete the Dixon-Davis Bikeway	Dixon-Davis	1,000,000	2001-2003	1	
	Construct the Class 2 bike routes identified in the Countywide Bike plan, especially along Pleasants Valley Road and Putah Creek Road.		20,000,000	2002-2020	1	
	Sign and stripe Class 2 bike lanes once there is a viable segment		200,000	2002-2020	2	
	Construct the Abernathy Road bike path connection to Fairfield's Linear Park	Abernathy Road NW side of I-80	100,000	2002	2	
	Improve existing sidewalks and construct new sidewalks in the unincorporated area of Solano		500,000	2001-2005	1	

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots	Expand Park and ride lots, particularly ones affecting the unincorporated Solano area				1	
	Consider implementation of Guaranteed Ride Home Program for employees.				2	
TLC: Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues	Provide landscaping along the county portion of the Jepson Parkway, along Green Valley Road and along the Green Valley path.		500,000	2002-2003	2	

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### SUISUN CITY

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Increase capacity/safety of Highway 12	Between Rio Vista and Napa County			1	
	Construct Interchange	I-80/I-680/Hwy 12 (to Napa)			1	
	Central County Bikeway	Along Hwy 12			3	
	Pedestrian Bridge for bike path	At McCoy Creek on Hwy 12			3	
	Walters Road expansion to 4 lanes	E. Tabor to Bella Vista			1	
	Center median improvements on Hwy 12	Marina Blvd to Walters Rd			3	
	Highway 12 expansion to 6 lanes	I-80 to Walters Road			3	
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Provide additional capital funds for road maintenance	Throughout City			1	
	Interconnect traffic signals	Highway 12; Sunset Ave; Walters Road			4	
	Install traffic signals	Main St/Lotz Way; Lotz Way/Civic Center Blvd			2	
	Install traffic signals	Marina Blvd/Railroad Ave; Marina Blvd/Buena Vista Ave			4	
	Install traffic signals	Railroad Ave/Olive Dr; Railroad Ave/Humphrey Dr; E. Tabor/Olive Dr			4	
	Lighted Street Signs	Hwy 12; Sunset Ave; Walters Road			5	
	Lotz Way expansion	Civic Center Blvd to Joshua Circle			3	

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Arterials and Local Roads, Cont.	Lotz Way extension	Joshua Circle to Marina Blvd.			3	
	Gated Rail Crossing on Cordelia Rd	Between Pennsylvania Ave and West St			2	
	Rail Crossing between Main St (Suisun) and Union Ave (Fairfield)	Main St at Hwy 12			1	
	Improve Joshua Way	Lotz Way to Driftwood Dr			3	
	Marina Blvd expansion	Driftwood Dr to Railroad Ave			3	
	Blossom Rd improvements	Sarah Way to Railroad Ave			3	
	Pennsylvania Ave. expansion to 4 lanes	Hwy 12 to Cordelia Road			2	
	Landscape Hwy 12	Marina Blvd to Walters Road			3	
	Upgrade Cordelia Rd. (widening, realignment, etc.)	Pennsylvania Ave to Main Street			2	
	Upgrade Petersen Rd. (old Scandia Rd.)	Walters Rd - Travis AFB			2	
	Railroad Ave. realignment/extension and widening	Sunset Ave. to Olive Ave.			1	
	Improve intersections at Hwy 12	Marina Blvd., Village Dr., Sunset Ave./Grizzly Island Rd., Snow Dr., Lawler Ranch Pkwy./Emperor Dr., Woodlark Dr., Lawler Ranch Pkwy./Walters Rd.			3	
	Sunset Ave. expand to 4 lanes	Railroad Ave to N. City Limits			1	
	Railroad Ave. extension	Marina Blvd. To Main Street			2	
Transit Systems	Improve and provide additional transit shelters				3	

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Transit Systems Cont.	Provide express bus from Lawler Ranch to Amtrak Station				4	
	Provide direct bus connections to rail station				2	
Bike Routes and Pedestrian paths	Provide bike and pedestrian routes on Hwy12, Cordelia, McCoy Creek, Walters Rd, Petersen Rd and Railroad Avenue				3	
	Provide bike path between Peterson Ranch subdivision and Petersen Road				4	
	Provide pedestrian overcrossing of railroad tracks at Blossom Road				1	
	Provide pedestrian walkway on south side of Hwy 12	Marina Blvd to Grizzly Island Rd.			5	
	Provide bike path/pedestrian path within Suisun Marsh				4	
Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots	Landscaping and traffic circle to improve existing Park and Ride lot				2	
	Construct small Park and Ride lot north of Amtrak Station				2	
	Construct Park and Ride lot in eastern Suisun City for vanpools				4	
	Expand Park and Ride spaces at Hwy 12 off ramp near Suisun Amtrak station				1	
T.C. Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues	Provide additional improvements to Main St.				1	
	Provide additional improvements to Rail Station				3	
	Construct a sound wall along railroad tracks	Within City Limits			3	
	Improve waterfront adjacent to Kellogg Street				2	

## VACAVILLE

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code	
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Construct HOV lanes on I-80	I-80 (Fairfield to Vacaville)		2008	2	VA1,F2,VJ8	
	Construct additional lanes on I-80	I-80	\$ 37,000,000	2006	2	VA2	
	Construct California Drive ext. and I-80 overcrossing	I-80 / California Drive	\$ 7,500,000	2011	4	VA3	
	Construct I-505 Weave Correction	I-505 / I-80	\$ 7,000,000	2005	2	VA4,CT2	
	Construct Nut Tree overcrossing	I-80 at Nut Tree Road	\$ 14,000,000	2003	1	VA5	
	Construct Cherry Glen interchange	I-80 at Cherry Glen Road	\$ 23,000,000	2007	3	VA6	
	Construct Pena Adobe overcrossing	I-80 at Pena Adobe Road	\$ 3,800,000	2008	3	VA7	
	Construct I-505/Vaca Valley Interchange	I-505 / Vaca Valley Road	\$ 5,500,000	2010	4	VA8	
	Construct I-80 Interchange improvements	I-80 at Leisure Town Road (Jepson Parkway, Phase I)	\$ 24,000,000	2004	1	VA9	
	Provide commuter bus service to Sacramento		\$ 2,000,000	2001	1		
	Provide new regional highway network	East side of Vacaville		2020	5		
	<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Landscape freeway interchanges	I-80 and I-505	\$ 1,000,000	2001	1	
		Stripe Class II bike lanes	Throughout city	\$ 1,000,000	2003	4	
		Interconnect all traffic signals	Throughout city	Complete			
Davis Street Widening		Hickory to New Bella Vista	\$ 2,000,000	2003	1		
Construct Browns Valley Road widening		East Monte Vista Rd to Vaca Valley Parkway	\$ 5,000,000	2010	3	VA10	
widening Allison Drive		Elmira to I-80 -2 lanes	\$ 800,000	2008		VA11	
widening Allison Drive		I-80 to Browns Valley Pkwy -1 lane	\$ 500,000	2008		VA12	
Allison Drive extension		Browns Valley to Vaca Valley -2 lanes	\$ 2,500,000	2008		VA13	
Widening Vaca Valley and extension (4lanes)		Leisure Town - Browns Valley - 2 lanes	\$ 15,000,000	2012		VA14	
Widening Vaca Valley and extension (4lanes)		Wrentham - Gibson Canyon -2 lane ext.	\$ 15,000,000	2012		VA16	
Widening Elmira Road (6lanes)		Allison - Peabody	\$ 1,700,000	2002		VA17	
Construct Orange Drive Extension		Leisure Town - Kilkenny Canal	\$ 2,600,000	2001			
Leisure Town road widening (4lanes)		I-80 to Alamo Dr. (Jepson Parkway, Phase 2)		2006			
Leisure Town Road widening (4 lanes)		Alamo Dr. to Vanden Rd. (Jepson Parkway, Phase 2)		2010			
<b>Transit Systems</b>		Provide joint operations			Not recommended now		
	New transit yard (next to Corp. yard)	I-80 to Alamo Dr. (Jepson Parkway-Phase 2)	\$ 3,000,000	2002			

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
Transit Systems Cont.	Time transfer station (Allison and Nut Tree Parkway)	Alamo Dr. to Vanden Rd. (Jepson Parkway, Phase 2)	\$ 3,000,000	2005		
	Acquire additional transit vehicles and commuter buses (3 initially; 35-40')		\$ 3,000,000	2001		
	Provide more bus routes			on going		
Bike Routes and Pedestrian Paths	Construct bike route projects: Ulatis Creek, Centennial Park and Alamo Creek					
	Park					
	Creek					
	Provide signage and route striping			On-going		
	Provide landscaping			On-going		
Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots	Construct Bella Vista Road/ Davis Street Park and Ride lot	Bella Vista Rd/ Davis St	\$1,600,000 plus land cost	2002	1	
	Construct Leisure Town Road Park and Ride Lot	SW corner of I-80/Leisure Town Road		2001	1	
TLC, Alternative Modes and Quality of Life Issues	Provide High Density Housing and pedestrian improvements near transportation services (i.e. Downtown area along Creek Walk)	Downtown Vacaville				No input
	Continue to promote and provide opportunities for residents in Vacaville and Dixon to lease electric vehicles at a discounts with grant funding	Throughout Vacaville and Dixon	\$ 1,000,000	2001	1	
	charging infrastructure in an effort to	Throughout Vacaville and Dixon	\$ 350,000	2001	1	
	Replace city fleet vehicles, where appropriate, with compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles or electric vehicles	City of Vacaville and Dixon (Electric)	\$ 350,000	2001	1	

## VALLEJO

	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Regional and Countywide Projects</b>	Widen State Route 37	Napa River Bridge to Route 121				
	Widening Columbus Pkwy to 4 lane divided and I-80 Ramp Modification	Benicia Road to Route 37	\$ 18,000,000	Segments to be constructed as \$ becomes available	2	VJ9
	Mare Island/ Route 37 Interchange Modifications (Phase I and Phase II) and On-island major access street system to accommodate Mare Island Reuse.	Route 37 Interchange, Railroad Avenue, Cedar Avenue & "G" Street	\$ 36,500,000	Segments to be constructed as \$ becomes available	1	
	Re-construct/ modify I-80 interchanges (including HOV lanes) to improve capacity and safety.	Carquinez Bridge to the Route 37 Interchange, including the I-80/ I-780 Interchange		When funding becomes available	4	
	Improve I-80/American Canyon Interchange	At American Canyon Road/ Hiddenbrooke Parkway On new Carquinez Bridge and approaches to bridge.	\$ 7,500,000	2003	3	VJ11
	Construct Carquinez Bridge HOV lane					VJ6
	Improve landscaping and install soundwalls as appropriate along I-80, I-780, and route 37	Along I-80, I-780, and Route 37		Segments to be constructed as \$ becomes available	4	VJ7
	Improve channelization, safety and landscape/hardscape improvements on Route 29	Route 29 through Vallejo		Segments to be constructed as \$ becomes available	3	
<b>Arterials and Local Roads</b>	Construct I-80/Turner Parkway Overcrossing	Admiral Callaghan Lane to Fairgrounds Drive	\$ 800,000	When funding becomes available	4	VJ10
	Improve road pavement condition	Throughout Vallejo	\$ 4,000,000	Annually	1	
	Wilson Avenue Improvements	Between Tennessee Street and Route 37.	\$ 7,200,000	2001	1	
	Waterfront/ Downtown Circulation Improvements	Around the Ferry Terminal in the Waterfront/Downtown areas including the extension of Georgia and Capitol Streets	\$ 5,000,000	Segments to be constructed as \$ becomes available	1	
	Widen Fairgrounds Drive to 4-lanes	Between Route 37 and Redwood Street.	\$ 6,200,000	When funding becomes available	3	

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Arterials and Local Roads Cont.</b>	Widen Broadway to 4-lanes	Between Mini Drive and Marine World Parkway	\$ 3,000,000	When funding becomes available	4	
	Widen Solano Avenue to 4-lanes	Georgia Street to Curtola Parkway	\$ 1,550,000	When funding becomes available	4	
	Miscellaneous street improvements on Mare Island	Widening and channelization of streets throughout M.I. Required for Reuse.	\$ 60,000,000	Streets to be improved as \$ becomes available	2	
	Widen Admiral Callaghan Lane	Tennessee Street to Turner Parkway	\$ 2,500,000	When funding becomes available	5	
<b>Transit Systems</b>	Fund transit capital identified in Vallejo S RTP					
	Set aside annual funding for transit operating needs as identified in S RTP					
	Expand park and ride facilities					
	Provide structured parking at Vallejo Ferry Terminal					
	Upgrade/expansion of transit maintenance facilities					
	Add new ferries (3 and 4)					
	Expand regional and local bus services					
	Expand paratransit with additional vehicles and regional plan assistance					
	Construct intermodal center at ferry terminal					
	Improve maintenance facilities at Mare Island					
	Upgrade bus transfer centers at Sereno and York and Marin in downtown Vallejo or alternative to York and Marin					
	Increase coordinated Baylink feeder and supplemental express bus service					
	Provide Sunday and late night connections from local and regional bus and ferry services					

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	Project Description	Limits or Location	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Construction Year	Priority (1-5)	STA Project Code
<b>Transit Systems Cont.</b>	Expand Capital corridor rail service					
	Connect Napa Valley with Vallejo ferry terminal by rail system					
	Jointly develop rail line between Vallejo and Fairfield					
<b>Bike Routes and Pedestrian Facilities:</b>	Bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalk on the new Turner/ I-80 Overcrossing	Admiral Callaghan Lane to Fairgrounds Drive		When funding becomes available	3	
	Completion of Blue Rock Springs bike/pedestrian path	Ascot Parkway to Columbus Parkway	\$ 250,000	When funding becomes available		
	Completion of Bay Trail through Vallejo			As funding becomes available		
	Columbus Parkway bike & pedestrian facilities	Along Columbus Parkway between Route 37 and Benicia Road.		When funding becomes available		
	Pedestrian/ Bike connection over or under I-780	Connection between Benicia Road and Benicia State Recreation Area.		When funding becomes available		
	Fairgrounds Drive bike & pedestrian facilities	On Fairgrounds Drive between Redwood Street and Route 37		When funding becomes available		
	Broadway bike and pedestrian facilities	Route 37 to Mini Drive		When funding becomes available		
	Mare Island bike and pedestrian system	Throughout Mare Island		As development occurs and/or funding becomes available		
<b>Ridesharing and Park and Ride Lots</b>	Expand Curtola Park and ride facility					
	Add new Park and Ride at the Sereno Transit Center					
	Construct Multi-Modal Park and Ride Structure at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal					
	Upgrade/expansion of transit maintenance facilities					
<b>TLC: Alternative Modes, and Quality of Life Issues</b>	Detailed planning and design work for transit oriented development around the Ferry Terminal					
	Investigate potential water taxi stops at Mare Island					

Solano County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Community Input Speakers Comment Summary

<b>Dixon</b>			
Main Topic of discussion: Rail Station			
Category	Issue	Comments	Total Comments By Mode
Roads	Hwy 113	5	8
	Reroute truck traffic	1	
	Hwy 12	1	
	I-80 at Vacaville	1	
Transit	Rail Issues	10	11
	Ready-Ride Expansion	1	
Alternative Modes	HOV Lanes on I-80	1	1
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Rio Vista</b>			
Main Topic of discussion: Bus Service			
Category	Issue	Comments	Total Comments By Mode
Transit	Need more buses to Fairfield	1	1
Alternative Modes	Pedestrian Crossing on Hwy 12	1	1
Planning Issues	Land Use and Quality of life Issues	1	2
	Development Concerns	1	
Roads/Highways	Hwy 12	14	28
	Hillside Terrace	1	
	McCormack Road	1	
	Rio Vista Bridge	2	
	Caltrans	3	
	Trucks and Safety	4	
	City Bypass	1	
	Signs and Lights	2	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Suisun</b>			
Main Topic of discussion: HWY12 & Transit			
Category	Issue	Comments	Total Comments By Mode
Alternative Modes	Carpooling	1	3
	Sidewalks/Bikepath	1	
	Transit Centers	1	
Planning Issues	Land use and Quality of life issues	1	3
	Air Quality Program	1	
	Funding issues	1	
Transit	Rail Issues (including BART)	5	10
	Bus Services	4	
	Transit funding	1	
Roads/Highways	Hwy12	5	16
	Cordelia Rd	3	
	Benicia and Carquinez	2	
	Road Funding	3	
	Solano Bypass	1	
	I80/I-880	1	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Vacaville</b>			
Main Topic of discussion: Bus and Rail Service			
Category	Issue	Comments	Total Comments By Mode
Alternative Modes	Bicycle Issues	2	3
	Electric Vehicles	1	
Transit	Senior and Children Services	1	17
	Arrival and Departure Times	2	
	Express Bus	2	
	Local Bus	4	
	Transit Funding	2	
	Dial a ride	1	
	Paratransit	1	
	Rail	4	
Roads/Freeway	I-80	1	10
	I-80/680	1	
	Signage	2	
	Maintenance of Freeways	1	
	Enforcement	1	
	Peabody Rd	1	
	Loop Rd	1	
Funding for Freeways	2		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Vallejo</b>			
Main Topic of discussion: Ferry Service			
Category	Issue	Comments	Total Comments By Mode
Roads	Wilson Ave. Improvements	2	2
Transit	Ferry Service	11	23
	Rail Issues (including BART)	1	
	Express Bus	7	
	Local Bus	2	
Planning Issues	Transit Hub	1	1
	Veterans Access to Clinics	1	
	Land use and quality of life issues	1	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>

Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan Written Community Input Participation 11/3/00

Date of Community Input	City	Workshop Comment Cards	Local Newspaper Input	Letters	Total	Total to Date
9/20/00	Vacaville	12	4	3	19	19
10/18/00	Vallejo	11	5		16	35
10/19/00	Dixon	6	5		11	46
10/24/00	Suisun	8	1	1	10	56
10/25/00	Rio Vista	12			12	68
11/1/00	Benicia	9		1	10	78
11/14/00	Fairfield				0	78
		Brochures Received			Grand Total	78
		Mailed in	Personally submitted (input meetings, community events, etc.)	E-mails	Total	Total Number of Participation
		154	10	11	175	253

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## **Policy Questions to Ask Subcommittees**

### ***Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan***

#### **Arterials, Highways and Freeways**

1. What "what if" road scenarios should be tested with Countywide Traffic Model?
2. What criteria should be used for selection of new or expanded freeway, highway or arterial projects (i.e. amount of traffic counts during peak hour congestion, air quality conformity, safety, General Plans etc.)? Where should they be proposed? What are the priority projects?
3. What is the STA policy that should be used for selection and timing of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on highways and freeways? Where should they be located?
4. Should we evaluate the potential for toll roads or toll lanes, truck only lanes, ramp metering (for on-ramps), traffic operation systems (i.e. changeable message signs alerting motorists to alternative routes and detours during accidents or congestion) or other innovative concepts for better operational management of freeways and roads?
5. What traffic management policies should be used to help divert regional traffic out of local neighborhoods?

#### **Final Products/Recommendations:**

- Freeway, highway and arterial priorities for the Plan
- HOV Plan
- Countywide Traffic Model

#### **Transit**

##### **Rail**

1. Beyond the Capitol Corridor station criteria, what STA policies/criteria should be used for selection and funding of new rail stations (ridership, location, vehicular access, bus feeders, local commitment to support station)?
2. After the three Capitol Corridor Rail stations are built at Benicia, Dixon and Fairfield/Vacaville, should an additional station (s) be considered along the corridor, particularly if commuter service is ever provided with at least 1-hour minimum headways)?
3. Should any form of light rail or commuter rail ever be considered across the Benicia and Carquinez bridges and along I-680 and I-80 corridors during the next 20 years?

What about between the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, Suisun City and Napa? What if the cost of these services is less than BART services and stations (i.e. new forms of technology such as magnetic levitation – Mag-Lev technology on monorails - or at-grade light rail)? Would an I-80 light rail service compete with the Capitol Corridor service?

### **Ferry**

1. What STA policies should be used to develop a long-range ferry system in Solano County during the next 10 -20 years (ridership, cost effectiveness, availability of operating and capital funds)?

### **Intercity Bus**

1. What STA policies should be used for setting priorities for new intercity bus services? What should be the long range service goals for providing express bus services along I-80 and I-680 (15 minute, 30 minute or 1 hour headways)? Currently headways range from 15 minutes along I-80 in south county to about 2-3 hours for Route 30 in north county)
2. What is the purpose of the Short Range Intercity Transit Plan (SRITP) (i.e. planning and prioritizing new routes, providing funding from new sources, cooperative arrangements between transit operators and coordinated marketing services with SCI)?
3. How can the SolanoLinks marketing program be improved and/or expanded to encourage more ridership?
4. From a transit perspective, what STA policy should be used for selection of HOV lanes on highways and freeways?
5. What ways can the STA encourage more cost effective and efficient ways of accommodating the automobile.

### **Final Products/Recommendations:**

- Review rail study and prioritize three new rail stations along the Capitol Corridor
- Develop and prioritize any other rail service options
- Develop a future Intercity transit system network with priority projects and linkages established between transit modes.

### **Alternative Modes**

#### **Ridesharing**

1. What should be done to encourage employers to promote vanpooling/carpooling and transit ridership and among their employees (i.e. Commuter Check, transit incentives provided from clean air funds, flexible time schedules).

2. What is the STA policy and priorities to expand park and ride lots, vanpools and other ridesharing type projects? What types of new programs and incentives should be provided (i.e. Guaranteed Return Trip Program, cash incentives to encourage new vanpools and carpools, and provide new park and ride lot(s) in each city)?

#### **Bikes**

1. Should all funding for bike projects be approved only for projects on Countywide Bicycle Plan?

#### **Smart Growth /Land Use**

1. What priorities should be given to smart growth and TLC projects? Should the STA establish a TLC policy or program?
2. How could the cities promote smart growth land use practices in downtowns and around transit hubs? (i.e. tax incentives and density bonuses to promote more residential development, special bonus points for TLC and enhancement -funded "Smart Growth" proposals.
3. Should transportation, open space and housing (for example) be linked in future corridor or countywide transportation policies? Should the STA help to facilitate funding or participate in cooperative arrangements for open space acquisition, wetland preservation, and endangered species mitigation along designated transportation corridors like the Jepson and I-80/I680 corridors?

#### **Final Products/Recommendations:**

- Priorities on Countywide Bicycle Routes.
- Policy on smart growth, TLC and land use.
- Priorities for park and ride lots and SCI programs.

October 26, 2000



DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study

**History:**

As part of the 2000-01 State Budget, \$1 million was approved for an I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor study. These funds were recently allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the study may now be initiated.

**Discussion:**

This corridor study will include the entire I-80 Corridor within Solano County from the Carquinez Bridge to Yolo County, I-680 from the Benicia-Martinez Bridge to I-80, and all of I-780 between Vallejo and Benicia. The study is intended to serve as a Major Investment Study and a Project Study Report equivalent.

STA staff recently met with Caltrans to identify the critical issues and draft a preliminary Scope of Work. For study purposes, the Scope identifies seven different segments. The study will provide a detailed analysis of all major transportation issues along the corridor including the potential for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, improvements to auxiliary lanes or frontage roads, interchanges, overcrossings and various operational improvements needed for the next 25 years. A preliminary schedule has also been prepared (see attached).

It is proposed that a Request for Proposal be released during the next few weeks and consultants selected by the December TAC and January STA Board meetings. The study is proposed to take about a year and a half to complete, with the initial phase completed by the end of 2001 (i.e. I-80/I-680 interchange segment). A steering committee would be formed to meet with the consultants on a periodic basis. Major findings and recommendations will be presented periodically to the STA Board.

On October 25, 2000, the STA TAC supported the preliminary Scope of Work and appointed Mark Akaba and Ron Hurlbut to serve on a consultant selection committee.

**Recommendation:**

1.) Approve the attached preliminary Scope of Work and schedule for I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study; and 2.) Authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for the study.

Attachments

## Preliminary Schedule for I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study

STA Board authorizes Release of RFP	November 8, 2000
Proposals received by STA	December 22, 2000
Consultants interviewed	January 5, 2001
STA Board selects consultant and authorizes contract	January 10, 2001
Existing conditions report completed	May 2001
Segment 1 (I-80-/I-680 interchange) analysis completed	Aug.-Sept. 2001
Segments 2-7 segment analyses completed	Nov.-Dec. 2001
Draft Plan completed	February 2002
Public Hearings held	March 2002
Final plan completed	June 2002

## **Preliminary Scope of Work**

### **INTERSTATE ROUTE 80 AND 680/780 CORRIDOR STUDY**

- **Structure and Process for Corridor Study**
- Alternative Analysis Issues-Improve existing route vs. Interchange modifications, HOV/Auxiliary lanes, and Transit and Multi modal options.
- MIS guidelines-What methodology is required. What type of involvement will the FHWA have in the process.
- Solano/Yolo County Line issues pertaining to Air Quality. (SACOG/MTC)
- Agency Involvement: Counties-Solano/Yolo, City/County Planning Dept., Public Works, FHWA, Private Consultants, Transportation Authority, Trucking Assoc., Private Industries, City of Vallejo, City of Benicia, City of Fairfield, City of Vacaville, City of Dixon, Sacramento COG, MTC, Air Quality Districts, Caltrans Districts 3/4, Farmers/Agri-Business.
- Public Information Process
- Project Design Issues
- Transportation Partnerships
- Transit, Bicycle and Shuttle inclusion
- Corridor Designation Issues-limit of study
- Sub-Corridor Issues
  
- **Funding and Programming**
- Project Study Report/PR equivalent-MIS/Corridor Study issues
- Region Transportation Plan track 1/2 Project Issues
- Interregional Transportation Plan-ITIP
- STIP
- Traffic Congestion Relief Plan-TCRP
- SHOPP Program and Project delivery
- Minor A/B Program
- Solano County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Issues of Constraint-Financial
  
- **Specific Freeway/Highway Problem Areas**
- Route Transition-Higher to lower speeds
- Urban, Suburban and Rural Functional Classification
- Right of Way Issues
- Profile Sub-Corridor Hot Spots

▪ **Specific Freeway/Highway Problem Areas-cont:**

- Alignment and Facility Type issues
- Access Control Issues
- Permit process
- Level of Service Segments
- Corridor Characteristics
- Rest Area Improvements
- Truck Scale Issues and Operations
- Future Transportation Build out concerns
- Grade Separation Issues
- Interchange Modifications
- Restoration to McGary Rd. to Red Top to American Canyon
- Projected 2025 Traffic Volumes for I-80/680/SR-12
- Special Lane Designations: HOV/Truck lanes/Express HOV
- Tourist (Wine)/Recreation traffic
- I-80 Reliever Route (Jepson Parkway)

▪ **Analysis of Highway Operating Conditions and Safety**

- Travel Safety Issues
- Future Level of Service
- Carquinez. Bridge. Operations: Temporary and Long Term
- Ben-Mar Bridge. Operations: Temporary and Long Term
- I-780 to Ben. Br. Operation Improvements
- I-80/680/SR-12 Interchange Improvements
- Ultimate Improvement for I-80/680 I/C Operations
- Green Valley Rd./Suisun Valley Rd. to I-80/680 (adjacent Interchange)
- Ramp Metering potential
- Auxiliary Lanes in both directions
- HOV Lanes
- Sign Plan for I-80, and to include Changeable Message Signs
- Traffic Operations Strategies Plan (TOPS)
- Signal Plan for I-80/680 local arterial streets
- Truck Climbing Lanes
- Add Auxiliary lane to Travis Blvd.
- I-505 Weave Improvements (in PSR stage)

▪ **Land Use and Environmental Issues**

- Air Quality Issues: Attainment vs. Non-Attainment
- Two Different Air Quality Districts
- Rural/Agriculture Land Issues

- **Land Use and Environmental Issues cont:**
- Local and County General Plan Issues
- Growth Inducing Developments
- Review % of Local Traffic cost's per Local jurisdiction (Traffic Impact Fees)
- Environmental Constraints- Negative Declaration
- Impact of Commercial Developments

- **State and Interregional Issues**
- Interregional and Intermodal Issues
- Truck/Goods Movement and Rail Issues
- Freight Issues (Trucking Issues)
- Heavy Truck Traffic
- Railway Freight
- Commodity Flows
- Truck Trips weekday/end Peak periods
- Multi-Modal Issues
- Future Capitol Corridor Train Stations-Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield/Vacaville
- Trip Generation: External Metropolitan Areas
- License Plate Study: Origin/Destination

## **INTERSTATE ROUTE 80, AND 680/780** **CORRIDOR STUDY CRITICAL ISSUES**

- ◆ Travel Safety issues
- ◆ Corridor characteristics
- ◆ Informed Transportation Partnerships maintained and preserved
- ◆ Future Transportation Build out concerns
- ◆ Issues of Constraint-Financial, Environmental,
- ◆ Geographical, and Right of Way
- ◆ Route Transition-Higher to lower speeds
- ◆ Urban, Suburban and Rural Functional Classification
- ◆ Provide Clear Analysis for Public Information
- ◆ Profile Sub-Corridor issues-Hot spot's
- ◆ Alignment and Facility Type issue's
- ◆ Transit, Bicycle and Shuttle inclusion
- ◆ Level of Service Segments
- ◆ Permit Process
- ◆ Public Information Process
- ◆ Caltrans District (4) involvement
- ◆ Future STIP, RTP-track 1/2 and SHOPP program and project delivery
- ◆ Access Control issues
- ◆ General Plan issues
- ◆ Growth Inducing Developments
- ◆ Review % of Traffic Cost's per Local jurisdiction
- ◆ Multi-Modal Concept
- ◆ Liability and Tort issues
- ◆ Truck and Goods Movement
- ◆ Tourist (Wine)/ Recreation Vehicle traffic
- ◆ Agriculture concerns
- ◆ Alternative Analysis
- ◆ Ramp Metering potential
- ◆ Aux. Lanes
- ◆ Truck Scales issue
- ◆ Carqz. Br. Operations
- ◆ I-780 to Ben. Br. Operation improvements
- ◆ I-680/80/Sr.12 Interchange improvements
- ◆ FHWA early involvement
- ◆ HOV lane issues
- ◆ Project Study Report (PSR) concerns
- ◆ Future Capital Corridor Train Stations-Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield and Vacaville
- ◆ Project Design Issues
- ◆ Changeable Message signs
- ◆ Ulitmate Improvement for 680-80 I/C

- ◆ Ben.-Mar Bridge Operations
- ◆ Green Valley Rd./Suisun Valley Rd to 680-80 I/C Operations (adjacent Interchange)
- ◆ Signal Plan (I/C)
- ◆ Truck Climbing lanes
- ◆ Rest Area Improvements
- ◆ TOPS Plan
- ◆ Right of Way concerns
- ◆ Add Aux. Lanes to Travis Blvd.
- ◆ Solano Bicycle Transportation Plan

*Agenda Item X.A  
November 8, 2000*



DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board Members  
FROM: John Harris, Deputy Director for Projects  
RE: Status of Express Bus Program Proposal and Transit Working Group Activities

**Background:**

MTC will make some final decisions on funding issues pertaining to the Regional Express Bus proposals later this month. Simultaneously, the North and South County Transit Working Groups and staffs have had several meetings related to the development of a more defined Solano Express Bus proposal. Staff will provide a verbal update at the November 8, 2000 Board meeting.

**Recommendation:**

Informational

Agenda Item X.B  
November 8, 2000



DATE: November 2, 2000  
TO: STA Board Members  
FROM: John Harris, Deputy Director for Projects  
RE: Project Monitoring Program

**Discussion:**

For the past several months, STA staff has been working with John Garlock of Quincy Engineering in developing a new project monitoring program. Copies of the updated project tracking system distributed at the STA TAC in October meeting for review. An informational table of important deadlines and other pertinent project information for federal and state funds was also included in the distribution. This item will be agendized again at the November 29 TAC meeting for further discussion and refinement.

**Recommendation:**

Informational



DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Highway 12 Enforcement

**Discussion:**

\$33 million of State Highway Operational Protection Program (SHOPP) funds have been programmed for the improvement of Highway 12 between Rio Vista and Suisun City. The first \$2 million of improvements to the existing passing lanes are now under construction.

Concrete "Jersey" barriers are being used to protect the construction zones. Because those barriers create some very narrow lanes, the Highway 12 Association and the STA requested Caltrans to reduce the speed limits and provide additional warning signs during the construction.

Caltrans recently lowered the speed limit to 40 mph along some of the narrowest portions of the construction area and provided changeable messages warning drivers of the construction areas. Caltrans has indicated that there may be some funds available to provide additional CHP enforcement during the construction. Although Caltrans took quick action to help alleviate the situation, there is still concern that without increased enforcement, there will continue to be speeding through the construction zones.

**Recommendation:**

Informational



DATE: November 1, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Countywide Bicycle Plan Update and Public Input Process

**Discussion:**

The STA first adopted a Countywide Bicycle Plan in 1995. It was last updated in June 1997. For the past year, the Bicycle Advisory Committee has been updating the plan with assistance from Alta Transportation Consulting.

Some of the major changes in the plan include:

1. Incorporation of the Jepson Parkway Bike Route from Highway 12 at Walters Road to Leisure Town Road/I-80.
2. Refinement of the alignment of the Central County Bike Route along Highway 12 in Suisun City.
3. Proposal to establish a grade separated bicycle/pedestrian path across Highway 12, west of Red Top Road as part of the Ridge Trail and Solano Bikeway Project.
4. Realignment of the Dixon-Davis Bike Route from a Class 1 to Class 2 based on the Revised Project Study Report for the Dixon-Davis Bike Route.
5. Other refinements to the text, project descriptions and maps based on the South County Bike Plan Study and other input from the BAC members and members of the public.

The tentative schedule for review and adoption of the plan is as follows:

Alternative Modes Subcommittee Reviews	November 15, 2000
Alternative Modes/BAC Public Input Meeting	December 7, 2000
BAC Approves	January 17, 2001
STA TAC Approves	January 31, 2001
Alternative Modes Subcommittee Approves	February 7, 2001
STA Board Approves	February 14, 2001

**Recommendation:** *Informational*



DATE: October 31, 2000  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning  
RE: Highway 12 Major Investment Study

**Background:**

The Highway 12 Major Investment Study began in July. Two meetings of the sub committee have been held and a third one was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee has approved a final Scope of Work, adopted a Purpose and Need statement and discussed the various issues that will be addressed in the study.

**Discussion:**

In the next few months, an existing conditions report will be prepared and community input events will be scheduled at each end of the corridor (i.e. Rio Vista and City of Suisun). Alternatives will be developed and various transportation projects will be identified and prioritized along the corridor. Periodic reports will be made to the STA Board on the progress of the study.

The Highway 12 MIS will be an important corridor study that will directly provide input into the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. It is also hoped that the study will help prioritize short and long range improvements needed for the corridor. Participation from each of the four jurisdictions is critical in order to identify needed projects along the corridor.

**Recommendation:**

Informational



Date: November 1, 2000  
TO: STA Board Members  
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Program Director  
RE: SolanoWORKS Transit Plan Update

**Background:**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) coordinated a kick-off meeting for the SolanoWORKS Transit Study that was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Attending with MTC were their Welfare to Work consultants (Nelson/Nygaard), Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Commuter Information, and the County Health and Social Services (HSS) SolanoWORKS Transportation Coordinator.

The purpose of this meeting was to start the planning process to complete a study evaluating the transit needs of SolanoWORKS clients. The planning process and resulting Transit Study are necessary as eligibility criteria for various potential funding sources. Nelson-Nygaard will facilitate the process with STA and SCI providing coordinating support.

The key project tasks and schedule are:

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| 1. Establish Advisory Committee        | November 2000 |
| 2. Document Needs and Resources        | January 2001  |
| 3. Transportation Gaps Analysis        | February 2001 |
| 4. Establish Priorities                | March 2001    |
| 5. Develop Strategies for Filling Gaps | May 2001      |
| 6. Draft Welfare Mobility Plan         | June 2001     |
| 7. Final Welfare Mobility Plan         | July 2001     |

All STA Board members and Solano transit operators will be invited to join the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is expected to meet about 4 times over the course of the study. The first meeting is scheduled for November 16 from 2-4pm and will be held at a County facility in Fairfield. SCI is working with Nelson/Nygaard and HSS to develop a complete mailing list of invitees to join the Advisory Committee and to send the meeting invitation letter. Besides transit operators, other invitees will be from HSS, community-based organizations, job trainers, housing professionals, educators, and business leaders.

**Recommendation:**

Information



DATE: November 8, 2000  
 TO: STA Board Members  
 FROM: Robert Guerrero, Planning Intern  
 RE: Funding Opportunities (For Information Only)

The following funding opportunities will be available to STA members during the next few months. Also attached are fact sheets for each program.

<u>Fund Source</u>	<b>Application Available From</b>	<b>Applications Due</b>
FY 2000-01 Solano TFCA Program Manager Funds	Dan Christains STA (707) 422-6491	November 15, 2000
FY 2001-02 Environmental Enhancements Program	Bill Borden EEM Program Coordinator (916) 653-5656	November 17, 2000
Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP)	Alex Estrella MTC 510-464-7865	December 1st, 2000
Transportation for Livable Communities Program (Capital)	Trent Lethco MTC 510-464-7720	Approximately December, 2000
Bay Trail Program	Janet McBride ABAG, Bay Trail Coordinator 510-464-7935	Approximately January, 2001
Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program	Alix Bockelman MTC 510-464-7850	Approximately February, 2001
Safe Route to Schools, Second Cycle	Rich Monroe Local Assistance Engineer District 4 (510) 286-5226	March 1, 2001



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*FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

**Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program**  
(40% Program Manager Funds)

*Applications Due: November 15, 2000*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air is intended to assist jurisdictions that are eligible for the program. Please obtain the actual program's application material for complete information. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun, and Vallejo, the county of Solano, and school districts and universities in the County.

Program Description: This is an air quality program to provide grants to local agencies for clean air projects.

Funding Available: An additional \$150,000 will be available for 2000-01.

Eligible Projects: Shuttle/feeder buses, arterial management, bicycle facilities, clean air vehicles and infrastructure, ridesharing, clean air vehicles, and "Smart Growth" projects.

Further Details: Contact the Solano Transportation Authority for application material, program guidelines, and any other additional information about the Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

Program Contact Person: Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning, (707) 438-0654.

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*FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

**Environmental Enhancements and Mitigation Program**

*Applications Due: November 17, 2000*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the 2000-01 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM) is intended to assist jurisdictions that are eligible for the program. Please obtain the actual program's application material for complete information. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Local and state units of government.

Program Description: Grants to offset vehicular emissions for highway landscaping, resource lands, and roadside recreation.

Funding Available: \$10.0 million available statewide. A local match is not required in this program. However, projects are evaluated and given credit for other sources of cash contributions, which are included in project cost estimates and budgets.

Eligible Projects: Landscaping, acquisition, restoration or other mitigation of resource lands, and projects that provide for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreation including parks, roadside rests, overlooks and trails.

Further Details: Grants are generally limited to \$250,000. Applications can be obtained by calling the Air Resources Board. Final decision on project approvals is expected at the July CTC meeting.

Program Contact Person: Chiachi Chen, EEM Program Coordinator, (510) 622-5912.

STA Contact Person: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern, (707) 422-6491

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*FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

**Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP)**

*Letters of Interest and Project Descriptions*

*Due: December 1, 2000*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP) is intended to assist jurisdictions that are eligible for the program. Contact STA or MTC for project criteria and examples of past Letters of Interest with Project Descriptions.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Local and state units of government.

Program Description: Traffic Engineering Technical Assistance Program (TETAP) was created to provide Bay Area agencies with traffic and engineering assistance and expertise. Since 1993, MTC has funded over 100 projects through TETAP.

Funding Available: MTC anticipates awarding approximately \$225,000 in TETAP grants for the 2001 cycle.

Eligible Projects: Re-timing signal systems, analysis of an arterial operational problem, conceptualize a solution, and prepare costs estimates and other technical materials for a grant application to implement a solution.

Further Details: TETAP grants typically entail \$10,000 - \$15,000 in consultant assistance, and do not require a local match. MTC has also targeted \$20,000 of the 2001 TETAP funding for projects that improve safety for pedestrians.

Program Contact Person: Alex Estrella, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, (510) 464-7865.

STA Contact Person: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern, (707) 422-6491

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*FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

**Transportation for Livable Communities Program (Capital)**

*Applications Due: Approximately December, 2000*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, Planning Intern

This summary of the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program funds is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. Please obtain the actual program's application material for complete information. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** Local jurisdictions, transportation agencies, and non-profit organizations from the Bay Area.

**Program Description:** The Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program has planning grants available to work with local areas to develop and plan community-oriented transportation projects.

**Funding Available:** Approximately \$27million (final three years of funding for TEA-21) is available for this year's call for projects. TLC capital project funding request should be between \$150,000 to \$2million. At least 11.5% local match is required.

**Eligible Projects:** Eligible capital projects include pedestrian and bicycle improvements, bus shelters/ bulbs, and landscaping on or with eligible roadway routes or transit projects.

**Further Details:** The TLC program is financed with federal funds made available through a combination of federal congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and Transportation enhancement (Enhancements Program) funds. Please visit MTC's website for more details at [www.mtc.dst.ca.us](http://www.mtc.dst.ca.us).

**Program Contact Person:** Karen Frick, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, (510) 464-7704 or [kfrick@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:kfrick@mtc.ca.gov).

**STA Contact Person:** Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern (707) 422-6491

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## *FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

### **Bay Trail Program**

*Applications Due: Approximately January 2001*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the Bay Trail Program is intended to assist jurisdictions that are eligible for the program. Please obtain the actual program's application material for complete information. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities, Counties, and park districts

Program Description: Grants to construct segments of the Bay Trail.

Funding Available: \$7.5 million available for the Bay Area.

Eligible Projects: Projects that provide for the development of paved or non-paved gap closures of the spine or spur portions of the Bay Trail.

Further Details: The Bay Trail appropriation increased threefold, from \$2.5 million to \$7.5 million in July 2000. At this time the Bay Trail staff are reworking grant guidelines and strategizing how to leverage the best possible results from this funding. STA staff will follow developments as they take place and keep members informed on important future dates and funding allocation.

Program Contact Person: Janet McBride, ABAG Bay Trail Coordinator, (510) 464-7935

STA Contact Person: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern (707) 422-6491

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## *FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

### **Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program**

*Applications Due: Approximately February 2001*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program is intended to assist jurisdictions to prepare for the FY 2001-02 application period. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** Private nonprofit corporations and public agencies where no nonprofits are readily available to provide the proposed service or that have been approved by the State of California to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

**Program Description:** Section 5310 Bus Purchase Program provides capital grants for the purpose of meeting transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

**Funding Available:** Approximately \$9 million. Agencies are required to provide at least 20% in local match.

**Eligible Equipment:** Transit Accessible vans and buses, communication equipment, and computer hardware and software.

**Further Details:** Application guidelines can be obtained from the CalTrans website [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/tfund.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/tfund.htm).

**Program Contact Person:** Alix Bockelman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, (510) 464-7850

**STA Contact Person:** Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern, (707) 422-6491

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## *FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:*

### **Safe Routes To School (SR2S), Cycle II**

*Applications Due: March 1, 2001*

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TO: STA Board

FROM: Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern

This summary of the Safe Routes to School program is intended to assist jurisdictions that are eligible for the program. Please obtain the actual program's application material for complete information. STA staff is available to answer questions on this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** City and County Agencies, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and/ or any government agency authorized to construct improvements on public roads or facilities.

**Program Description:** This program is now in its second year of a two-year demonstration period. Caltrans administers the Safe Routes to School Program and use federal funds for construction of bicycle, pedestrian safety, and traffic calming projects.

**Funding Available:** \$20 million dollars available for SR2S projects. The federal reimbursement ratio is 90%, with a 10% local match. Maximum federal grants can not exceed \$450,000.

**Eligible Projects:** Project categories include: sidewalk improvements, traffic calming & speed reduction, pedestrian/ bicycle crossing improvements, and traffic diversion improvements.

**Further Details:** Activities related to "education" or "enforcement" are eligible when costs are related to the construction. Details can be found on Caltrans' internet site at [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov).

**Program Contact Person:** Rich Monroe, Local Assistance Engineer District 4, (510) 286-5226.

**STA Contact Person:** Robert Guerrero, STA Planning Intern, (707) 422-6491

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