



**Board Meeting**  
**February 10, 1999**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**MEETING NOTICE**

333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200  
Suisun City, California 94585

Area Code 707  
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**February 10, 1999**  
**STA Board Room**  
**333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 230**  
**Suisun City, CA**

*Members:*

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

**Special Presentation on the Lighted Sidewalk, located on Merganser Street immediately adjacent to the STA**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**MISSION STATEMENT - SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Solano.**

**ITEM**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - CONFIRM QUORUM**
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3.0 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 4.0 COMMENTS/UPDATE FROM STAFF, CALTRANS, AND MTC**
  - 4.1 Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Don Erickson (Rischa Slade)**
- 5.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA (Any consent item can be pulled for discussion)**
  - 6.1 Approve Minutes of Meeting of January 13, 1999 Page 23**
  - 6.2 Approve Draft Minutes of January 27, 1999 TAC meeting Page 29**
  - 6.3 Approve Amendment of Interagency Agreement with MTC for STP Planning Funds (Dan Christians) Page 35**
  - 6.4 Approve Revised TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program (Michelle Morris Brubaker) Page 37**
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- 6.6 **Approve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for 1998-99**  
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- 6.7 **Approve Resolution in Support of MTC's Preferred Alternative for the  
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- 6.8 **Approve Resolution Establishing a Regular STA Board Meeting Time  
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- 6.9 **Welfare to Work Update** (Matt Todd) Page 53
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**7.0 ACTION ITEMS: FINANCIAL**

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- 7.2 **Approve I-80 Reliever Route Amended MOU and Authorize Executive  
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- 8.1 **Approve Revised Program Guidelines and Call for Projects for 1999-00  
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**9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

- 9.1 **Draft STA Annual Report** (Dan Christians) Page 73
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- 9.9 **Adjournment (Next Meeting: March 10, 1999)**

**MEMORANDUM**

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*Members:*

Benicia  
Dixon  
Fairfield  
Rio Vista  
Solano County  
Suisun City  
Vacaville  
Vallejo

DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

**\*Federal TEA 21 Funds:** In January, the Board-adopted a list of projects for the TEA 21 75% fund rehabilitation/replacement program (\$5.2 - \$6.9 million available for Solano). After further review, the TAC has recommended several changes to the project list. Staff recommends approval of this revised list of projects for \$6.9 million in agenda item 6.4. Staff concurs with the Bay Area CMA Association request that MTC program projects in each county at the 100% population share level (see attached letter).

**Interregional Improvement Program:** Caltrans is in the process of selecting projects for the discretionary Interregional Improvement Program. Three projects have been nominated that are located within Solano: 1.) Funds for the Highway 37 project, 2.) PS&E (preliminary engineering) for Highway 12 widening between Route 29 and I-80 and 3.) PS&E for I-80 widening in and near Vacaville. The City of Vallejo has joined the STA in supporting the Highway 37 project (see attached letter).

**\*CMAQ Funds for Eastern Solano:** STA staff is requesting Board approval for a list of projects for CMAQ funds for Eastern Solano. These funds are reserved for projects in Vacaville, Dixon, Rio Vista and the County. A list of the proposed projects totaling \$2.7 million is included in agenda item 7.1.

**Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridges:** I joined Board members Gizzi and Donahue for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority/STA Subcommittee in Benicia on January 21. MTC's Tom Clausen reviewed the "Bay Area Toll Authority Long-Range Plan" and Caltrans staff provided updates on the status of the bridge projects. Groundbreaking for the Benicia-Martinez bridge project is tentatively scheduled for May 1999.

**Highway 12 Study:** Caltrans District 4 submitted a request for State Planning and Research funding to perform a Highway 12 Interregional Corridor Study. This request was successful and District 4 received funding to perform this study on Highway 12 between I-80 and I-5. Staff has had an initial meeting with Caltrans staff concerning the study. This study should position the Highway 12 corridor for future considerations of discretionary Caltrans funding.

**Interim Executive Director's Report, page two**

**Solano Bikeway:** In January, the Board approved a resolution requesting a time extension from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District the \$392,000 grant for the Solano Bikeway project. The Air District has approved an extension for the project to June 30, 1999 (see attached letter).

**SolanoLinks:** Members of the Intercity Transit Consortium reviewed the status of the marketing program at it January 26 meeting.

**Sacramento:** Board member Jim Spering and I joined MTC in their annual trip to Sacramento for meetings with Solano's state legislative delegation.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**Proposal for Transportation Bonds and Majority Vote for Transportation Taxes (Burton):** At a December press conference in Sacramento, Senate President Pro Tem John Burton indicated that he will introduce a constitutional amendment to establish a simple majority vote for local transportation taxes. This proposal is part of a larger legislative package envisioned by Senator Burton that also includes \$16 billion in general obligation revenue bonds for transportation. Specifically, four \$4 billion bond measures would be placed on statewide primary and general election ballots in 2000 and 2002.

**SB 10 (Rainey) League of Cities Proposal, Local Road Repair Funding:** This bill would appropriate \$300 million statewide over two years from the State Highway Account, with the funds split 50/50 between cities and counties, for local street and road rehabilitation, reconstruction and storm damage repair. Under SB 10 or the STIP, the funding for Solano would not be substantially different. However, Solano has already completed project selection for the 1998 STIP augmentation (about \$11.6 million), with a substantial amount of those projected funds to be programmed to local street and road reconstruction, rehabilitation and repair.

**SB 17 (Figueroa) Transit Pass Tax Credits:** This legislation would provide a tax incentive for employers who purchase transit passes for their employees by granting a tax credit of up to 40 percent of the cost. The measure is intended to encourage the use of transit and reduce single-occupant automobile trips.

***Upcoming events***

February 10	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board meeting in Suisun City
February 17	RTIP public hearing in Oakland
February 17/18	California Transportation Commission meeting in Sacramento
February 24	Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland
February 24	SolanoLinks Consortium in Suisun City
February 24	STA TAC meeting in Suisun City
March 10	STA Board meeting in Suisun City
March 16-17	MTC legislative meetings in Washington DC

***Attachments***

Priority project status report, key correspondence and newspaper clippings

**STA Project Development Fund  
1998-99 Priority Projects - Status Report  
(listed in alphabetical order)**

Project Lead Agency	Alloted PDF Funds	Matching Funds	Claimed PDF Funds	Status
<b>Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridge Projects</b> Benicia, Caltrans, STA, Vallejo	*	*	*	-Redesigned interchange proposed for Benicia Bridge -BCDC approved construction permit for Carquinez Bridge on 11/19 -Groundbreaking for grading at southern approach of Benicia Bridge Project scheduled for 5/99
<b>Capitol Corridor</b> CCJPB, STA	\$5,000	*	\$3,400	-6th roundtrip begins February 21 -Negotiations ongoing with landowner for parking improvements at Fairfield/Suisun
<b>Electric Vehicles</b> STA	\$5,000	*	\$0	-Electric vehicle infrastructure sites are being selected for a funding request
<b>Federal Lobbyist</b> STA	\$15,000	*	\$4,500	-Recieved a \$1 million bus purchase appropriation -Reliever Route earmark for \$14.4 million and Wilson Ave for \$ .75 million in TEA 21 legislation
<b>Highway 12 Improvements</b> Caltrans, Rio Vista, STA, Suisun City	*	*	*	-Highway 12 Study approved -CTC approved \$33.3 million for shoulder widening and vertical curve corrections in the 1998 SHOPP -Construction to extend 4 passing lanes scheduled to start in the year 2000
<b>Highway 37 Project</b> Caltrans, STA, Vallejo	*	*	*	-Design and acquisition of right-of-way underway by Caltrans District 4 -In 12/98, Caltrans reported a \$11.6 million shortfall. Caltrans and STA have proposed to fund with combination of regional and discretionary (IIP) STIP funds.
<b>I-80/680 Auxiliary Lanes</b> Caltrans, STA	*	*	*	-CTC approved \$6.9 million to fully fund the project in the 98 STIP
<b>I-80 Reliever Route - Corridor Concept Plan</b> STA	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0	-MTC approved \$30,000 for Phase 2 plan -Land Use community mtng held on 10/14, Phase 1 complete
<b>I-80 Reliever Route - Implementation ***</b> STA	\$22,000	*	\$13,750	-EIS/R and basemapping contract authorized 11/98 -Leisure Town Road extension opened -Grandy and Associates providing support services for the project
<b>Intercity Transit Plan - Implementation</b> STA	*	*	*	-Spring marketing program being planned by Consortium -Updated brochure and route ads have been completed
<b>Mare Island Access Study</b> Vallejo	\$10,000	*	\$0	-RFPs released 11/98, proposals due 12/98, interviews 1/99 -Cost sharing will be negotiated with Mare Island and Waterfront Developers
<b>Miscellaneous Project Development **</b>	\$3,000	*	\$0	-For assistance in completing grant applications and leveraging funds for project development
<b>Red Top Slide</b> Fairfield, STA	*	*	*	-Assist Caltrans and Fairfield with funding requests for the necessary repairs to the area
<b>Solano Bike Route Plan - Implementation ****</b> STA	\$19,971	\$8,000	\$15,988	-2nd printing of BikeLinks map is underway -Caltrans approved \$144,000 BLA funds and \$50,000 YSAQMD for Old Davis Road bike lanes
<b>Solano Bikeway (along I-80 in Vallejo)</b> Vallejo	\$10,000	*	\$9,539	-Final plans completed and submitted to Caltrans District 4 -Tme extension granted by BAAQMD for Regional TFCA funds
<b>Solano Transportation Plan - Implementation</b> STA	\$10,000	*	\$9,858	-Advisory Measure F passed overwhelmingly on 11/3 -Plan has been distributed
<b>Traffic Safety Project Study</b> STA	\$25,000	*	\$22,895	-Solano Travel Safety Plan approved 12/98
<b>Vacaville CNG Facility</b> Vacaville	*	*	*	-Design process initiated -Funds transfered to FTA and STA approved \$58,000 STAF local match
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,971</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$79,930</b>	

\* No funds allotted at this time

\$147,971

\*\* Initially budgeted at \$15,000. In July, Board approved \$12,000 to I-80 Reliever Route Implementation

\*\*\* Initially budgeted at \$12,000. In November, Board approved additional \$10,000 to a total of \$22,000.

\*\*\*\* Initially budgeted at \$15,000. In November, Board approved additional \$4,971 for a total of \$19,971.

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY



December 18, 1998

Therese McMillan  
 MTC

AC Transit  
 Director  
 Matt Williams

101 Eight Street  
 Oakland, CA 94607

Alameda County  
 Supervisor  
 Gail Steele

Dear Therese:

City of Alameda  
 Mayor  
 Ralph Appuzzato

For the current STP/CMAQ funding cycle, MTC has requested the CMAs submit project bid lists totaling 115% of the county's relative population share of the funds available. MTC has stated that each county will receive a minimum of 85% of their relative population share, but that bid lists should total 115% of the county share, with lines drawn at the 85% and 100% bid target levels.

City of Albany  
 Mayor  
 Bruce Mast

BART  
 Director  
 Margaret K. Pryor

City of Berkeley  
 Councilmember  
 Kriss Worthington

At the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bay Area CMA Association, a discussion was held regarding the development of the county bid lists for the current STP/CMAQ funding cycle.

City of Dublin  
 Vice Mayor  
 Dave Burton

As the current Chair of the CMA Association, I am writing you to convey the CMAs' understanding of MTC's request for 115% bid lists and to request that MTC strive to program projects in each county at the 100% population share level.

City of Emeryville  
 Chairperson  
 Vice Mayor  
 Nora Davis

It is our understanding that the rationale behind 115% bid targets was to allow for any minor adjustments that may need to be made to balance bids between counties and to address multi-county projects. Since this initial guidance was developed, additional funding has been made available through both the STIP and in the STP/CMAQ program that would seem to negate the need for anything but minor balancing between counties.

City of Fremont  
 Mayor  
 Gus Morrison

City of Hayward  
 Vice Chairperson  
 Mayor  
 Roberta Cooper

The 1998 STIP augmentation will provide an additional \$198 million in programming capacity for the Bay Area Counties. In addition, the available funds for the STP/CMAQ program have increased by approximately 12% since MTC's initial guidance was developed. Given the substantial increase in the funds that are now available for programming, it would be reasonable to expect counties with regional or multi-county project obligations to meet these obligations within their 100% bid targets. The CMAs encourage MTC to program projects at or near the 100% level for each of the counties this cycle.

City of Livermore  
 Councilmember  
 Ayu Wieskamp

City of Newark  
 Councilmember  
 Susan Boggs

City of Oakland  
 Councilmember  
 Lany Reid

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please give me a call.

City of Piedmont  
 Councilmember  
 Valerie Matzger

Very truly yours,

City of Pleasanton  
 Councilmember  
 Tom Pico

*Dennis R. Fay*

City of San Leandro  
 Mayor  
 Shelia Young

Dennis R. Fay  
 Chair, Bay Area CMA Association

City of Union City  
 Mayor  
 Mark Green

cc: Bay Area CMA Directors

Executive Director  
 Dennis R. Fay

File: 1998 STP/CMAQ Program

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# CITY OF VALLEJO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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01-28-99P04:41 RCVD

January 26, 1999

Robert A. Wolf, Chairman  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

01-26-1999

**SUBJECT:** Highway 37 Interregional Improvement Program Funding (File: Highway 37 Project)

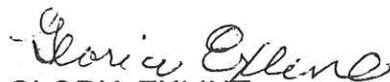
Dear Mr. Wolf:

As you are aware, the Solano Transportation Authority has unanimously appropriated \$2.9 Million of the county share of the 1998 STIP augmentation monies to help fund the completion of the Highway 37 freeway project, including the Route 37/29 Interchange in Vallejo. This STIP allocation is contingent upon Caltrans receiving an additional \$8.7 Million from the Interregional Improvement Program funds to fully fund the Highway 37 project.

The City of Vallejo considers the completion of this project extremely important to the future of this community and critical to the reuse of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard by the private sector. In addition, Highway 37 is the major North Bay connection between the coastal regions and the San Joaquin Valley for the transportation of goods as well as movement of people. Accordingly, we believe that this project ideally meets the California Transportation Commission's objectives for the interregional improvement program.

I would greatly appreciate your support of Caltrans' request for Interregional Improvement Program funds so that we can continue to work closely with Caltrans District 04 staff to complete this very important project in a timely manner. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
GLORIA EXLINE  
Mayor

cc: City Council Members  
Mark K. Akaba, Public Works Director  
Senator Mike Thompson  
Jose Medina, Caltrans Director  
Rischa Slade, Chair, Solano Transportation Authority  
Bob Santos, Lennar Partners  
Joseph Callahan, Callahan Property Company

David R. Martinez, City Manager  
Gary A. Leach, City Engineer  
Assemblywoman Valerie Brown  
James Sperring, Chair, MTC  
Harry Yahata, Caltrans District 04 Director  
Nico Coulouras, Legacy Partners  
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## *Memorandum*

TO: Commission

DATE: Jan. 20, 1999

FR: Legislation and Public Affairs Committee (LPAC)

RE: LPAC Recommendations

At its meeting on January 8, LPAC referred five items to the commission.

- 1) Senate President Pro Tem John Burton is expected to introduce an amendment to the State Constitution to establish a simple majority vote for local transportation taxes. This proposal is part of a larger legislative package envisioned by Senator Burton that will be submitted to the voters, including \$16 billion in general obligation revenue bonds for transportation.

Recommendation: *Support in concept*

- 2) SB 65 (Murray) would appropriate \$20 million statewide from the General Fund for transportation projects to assist persons in moving from receiving aid under the CalWORKs program to sustainable employment (i.e., from Welfare to Work).

Recommendation: *Support and seek amendments to (a) increase the funding available to at least \$40 million; (b) clarify that eligible projects for Welfare-to-Work transportation funds focus on CalWORKs recipients, but recognize that there also may be incidental uses of the service by other low-income individuals; (c) provide maximum flexibility to transit agencies and non-profit groups receiving the funds by remaining silent as to whether a transportation provider is able to contract out for a program or service; (d) make definitions of urban areas consistent with the federal Access to Jobs program to ease administration of the projects.*

- 3) SB 17 (Figueroa) would provide a tax incentive for employers who purchase transit passes for their employees by granting a tax credit of up to 40 percent of the cost.

Recommendation: *Support*

- 4) AB 44 (McClintock) would require Caltrans and local agencies to redesignate all existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes as mixed-flow lanes.

Recommendation: *Oppose*

- 5) Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC). LPAC refers Res. No. 2459, Rev. to reappoint 15 members; appoint one new member, Frank R. Gallo of Alameda County; and replace staggered terms with a single expiration date.

SH/lw/J/Committee/Commish/Exec/LPAComm

Attachment



# BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

January 22, 1999

Ms. Michelle Brubaker  
Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority  
333 Sunset Ave. Suite 200  
Suisun City, CA 94585

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Scott Haggerty  
Greg Harper  
Mary King  
Ben C. Tarver

Re: TFCA Project 96R54 – Solano Bikeway

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Paul Cooper  
Mark DeSaulnier  
Gayle Uilkema

Dear Ms. Brubaker:

**MARIN COUNTY**

Harold C. Brown, Jr.

This is in response to your January 14, 1999 letter which transmitted the Resolution adopted by your governing board on January 13 requesting an extension for the Solano bikeway project (TFCA Project 96R54). In November 1996, this project was awarded a grant of \$392,000 from the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA). Your letter requests that the deadline for encumbering the TFCA funds (i.e. entering into a construction contract) be extended to June 30, 1999.

**NAPA COUNTY**

Vacant

The Air District has serious concerns about this project, due to the failure to comply with the original project schedule. We recognize that the Transportation Authority is committed to this project, and that STA staff has worked to overcome a variety of obstacles to the project. We support the objective of providing bicycle access in the I-80 corridor from Vallejo to Fairfield. However, we are concerned about the viability of the project unless the landslide situation in the McGary Road area is resolved.

**SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY**

Amos Brown

**SAN MATEO COUNTY**

Michael Nevin  
(Chairperson)  
Marland Townsend

Despite these concerns, we approve an extension of the deadline to encumber the TFCA funds (i.e. to enter into a construction contract) to June 30, 1999. STA staff is to submit a progress report by April 15, 1999. The report should provide an update on progress in securing the required encroachment permit from Caltrans, as well as the status of the landslide in the McGary Road area.

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Randy Attaway  
Don Gage  
Julia Miller  
Gillian Moran  
(Vice-Chairperson)

**SOLANO COUNTY**

William Carroll  
(Secretary)

Please note that no further extensions will be considered for this project. If the Transportation Authority is not able to execute a construction contract by June 30, 1999, the grant award will be withdrawn and the funds will be allocated to another project through the TFCA Regional Fund competitive process.

**SONOMA COUNTY**

Patricia Hilligoss  
Tim Smith

If you have any questions, please contact David Burch at 415-749-4641.

Sincerely,

  
Ellen Garvey  
Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: Supervisor William Carroll

EG:DB

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Ellen Garvey  
Executive Officer/  
Air Pollution Control Officer



# Reliever route design planned

## User needs to determine look

By Mark Simborg  
DAILY REPUBLIC

1/15/99

FAIRFIELD — If local roads are widened and extended to create the I-80 reliever route between Vacaville and Suisun City, planners will need a way to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

That's the purpose of what transportation officials call the corridor concept plan.

Technically termed "the complementary land use/transportation plan," the corridor plan will address the needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists and pedestrians around the route.

On Wednesday, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved spending \$220,000 in special grants, including \$30,000 for the Solano Transportation Authority to develop the corridor plan. The STA will match the funds with \$15,000.

"This is an important piece because it provides a plan for how the corridor will look," said Michelle Brubaker, STA interim executive director.

A series of public meetings will be held to gather input on various elements of the plan, such as how bike paths should work around the reliever route.

The plan should be completed

this summer or fall, Brubaker said.

One key element will be developing a continuous bike route between Vacaville and Suisun City, said Jim Spering, STA board member and Suisun City mayor.

Almost \$28 million of the \$74 million reliever route has been funded.

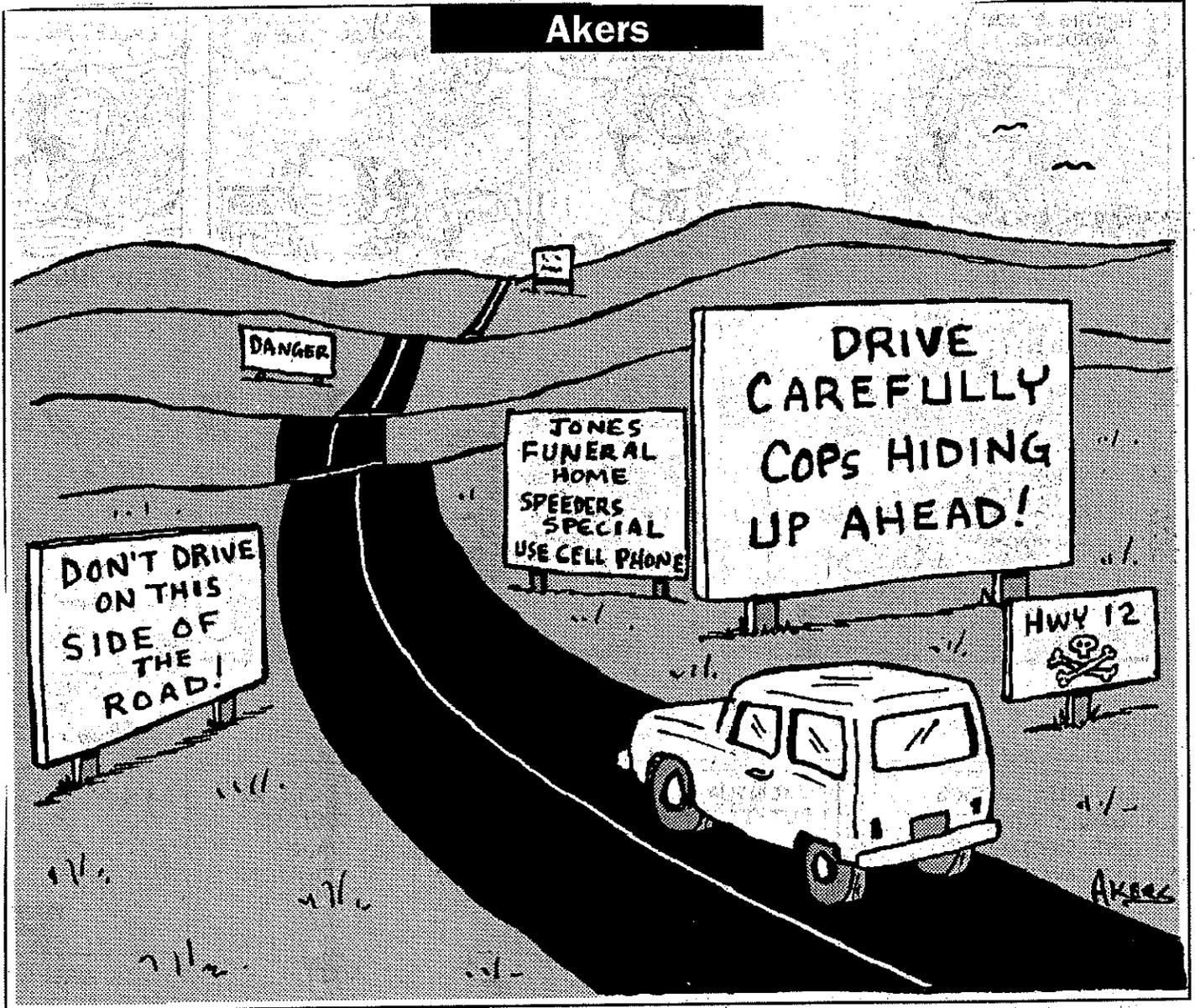
Construction of the route is planned in nine segments. Five of those are funded. The first parts of the route could be completed as early as this October or as late as 2004, Brubaker said. The timeline for the entire project is eight or nine years.

The route will use local roads to make a four-lane highway between Interstate 80 at Leisure Town Road in Vacaville and Highway 12 in Suisun City.

Reliever route could induce sprawl, critics said. But development along the corridor, especially the area immediately north of Travis Air Force Base, is inevitable, proponents said. The route will accommodate that development, while relieving already gridlocked sections of I-80.

"We certainly don't want it to be growth inducing," Spering said.

Akers



# Silva names ferry service to Benicia as county priority

BH 1/8/99  
By Nathan Salant  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Solano County Board of Supervisors plans to be more active in supporting improvements in public transportation including ferry service to Benicia, Supervisor John Silva said yesterday.

Silva, a former Benicia City Councilmember and City Manager who was elected to county office in

1996, outlined his priorities for the coming year at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Fairfield.

Silva was chosen board chairman at the Jan. 5 meeting and newly elected and re-elected county officers, including Auditor-Controller William Eldridge and Superintendent of Schools Wendall Kuykendall, were administered their oaths of office.

Supervisors also adopted a list

of charges imposed on cities and special districts to reimburse the county for collecting property taxes. The City of Benicia will pay more than \$115,000 to the county for collecting \$6.2 million in property taxes.

Silva said he would be leading a discussion of the board's 1999 goals at its Jan. 26 meeting. Usually, Silva said, the board did not get around to setting annual goals until the county budget process wraps

up in June.

"What's been done in the past was during budget session, there was a lot of discussion about what the board wanted and that's how they set their goals," Silva said. "I think it benefits everybody to know once the board adopts the goals — it takes out the lobbying of staff to get your goals out first. It makes it easier for staff."

Silva said improvements in transportation, public schools, pub-

lic safety and economics would be among the board's priorities this year.

He said supervisors would actively support a variety of public transit projects, including better bus links to the Vallejo Ferry and BART, direct ferry service to Benicia, expanded parking facilities at transportation hubs and a new Caltrain station north of Fairfield.

"The county, in the past, has not been outgoing on this," Silva said.

In particular, he said, Solano County should help the City of Benicia with federal and state agencies to get ferry service.

"Anything the city can use our assistance on, we should step up and assist," Silva said. "It's a way of letting the agencies know the City of Benicia isn't out there by itself — even if it's just a letter-writing thing for them, supporting

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their applications for funding."

Silva also said he expected supervisors to work closely with the county Office of Education to improve public schools, including offering real-life work experiences

for young people, and with the City of Fairfield to come up with money to expand Peabody Road to accommodate a new Caltrain station. Silva said supervisors would begin serious work on investigating the construction of a new jail facility in Southern Solano County, probably near the county courthouse Vallejo.

Rep.  
(11.11.99)

# Staying alive

## Highway 12 campaign is a cogent effort

**H**ighway 12's Suisun-Rio Vista segment may have survived 1998 without a fatal accident, but it remains one of the most perilous ribbons of asphalt in Solano County and the region.

Therefore, it was heartening to witness continued efforts to enforce laws that will make the roadway safer in 1999.

The multi-agency task force that was created in the wake of some tragic carnage two years ago is pushing a new agenda of measures to reduce traffic fatalities. Road improvements are planned, but will take more money, and unfortunately, more time.

"Drive to Stay Alive" is the slogan for the campaign.

But from Interstate 80 in Fairfield to state Highway 88 in San Joaquin County, there were 108 traffic fatali-

ties from 1988 to 1998. Sixty were in the last four years.

Here's the sensible plan:

- Increased Highway patrol enforcement, complementing more city police attention.

- More safety precautions, like rumble strips, will be installed.

- Greater emphasis on public awareness about what causes most collisions — such as driving at unsafe speeds, right-of-way violations and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol — will be made.

Probably most effective will be an additional

1,375 hours of overtime for CHP officers to increase their presence on the roadway.

The most successful prevention effort would be one made by drivers. Slow down, take it easy, drive to stay alive.

*Road improvements are planned, but will take more money, and unfortunately, more time.*

# Davis names S.F. supervisor Caltrans head

**In Brief** Jose Medina will supervise about 17,500 employees in managing the transportation department for state of California.

By Robert Salladay and Ray Delgado  
San Francisco Examiner

San Francisco Supervisor Jose Medina has been appointed by Gov.-elect Gray Davis to head the California State Transportation Department.

Medina, 57, would take over the \$6.4 billion-a-year agency at a time when his political ally, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, is fighting with the state over plans to place the new eastern section of the Bay Bridge north of the current span.

Brown wants the new bridge built to the south, so it won't disrupt Treasure Island development, but Caltrans approved the northern route Monday. Caltrans makes its formal decision in June, which most likely will be followed by many lawsuits.

The \$1.5 billion Bay Bridge project is Caltrans' biggest endeavor, but Medina will soon have other responsibilities. At a salary of \$105,000 a year, he will supervise about 17,500 employees and manage California's intricate and clogged transportation system.

Medina said he was honored to be working in the Davis administration and would re-evaluate many of the projects on his plate to fit with the new governor's visions. Medina said he had not taken positions so far on many of the Bay Area's high-profile and sometimes controversial transportation projects.

"I'm glad that I can be part of his admini-

stration," Medina said Wednesday night. "My first priority is to sit down with Gray Davis and go over his policies that he wants to implement. He wants to take a common-sense approach to addressing transportation issues."

Davis hailed Medina's experience in San Francisco politics and transportation issues.

"As a San Francisco supervisor, he is no stranger to managing infrastructure issues, and he understands the nexus between transportation and the economy," Davis said Wednesday.

Some names were already surfacing as possible replacements for Medina, including Police Commissioner Dennis Herrera and former school board member Carlota del Portillo.

Kandace Bender, the mayor's press secretary, said Brown was happy for Medina but said he was unavailable for further comment.

Reporter 12/23/98

# MTC adopts Suisun City mayor's transit plan

**In brief** Suisun City Mayor Jim Sperring wants to unify Bay Area transit plans to avoid duplicating services.

Suisun City Mayor Jim Sperring hopes to lighten the traffic load around the Bay Area, and Wednesday he got a pat on the back for his efforts.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission last week unanimously approved Sperring's plan to coordinate a series of area transit plans.

"My idea was to make all the plans consistent, and I gave it a regional perspective," Sperring said. "I wanted each county to be consistent with a regional plan."

His plan was not an original one. With thousands of cars zipping around the Bay Area

daily, city planners are always in search of how to combat traffic jams.

Counties in and around the Bay Area have overlapping plans that aim to cut down on auto gridlock, said Sperring, who chairs the MTC. The mayor's goal is to unify the plans so that duplication of services decreases.

"We're looking at things like should there be more public transportation services to Vallejo, or more ferry services," said Sperring, adding that getting his plan — nicknamed the Bay Area Blueprint for the 21st century — off the drawing board could take up to a year.

Sperring's plan would also take into consideration land-use planning and potential funding sources from state and federal government.

# '98 closes without a Highway 12 death

## Cops oversee Solano stretch to make it safer

By Mark Simborg  
DAILY REPUBLIC 1/7/98

RIO VISTA — Public education and a buffed up police presence are partially responsible for the first death-free year on the Solano County portion of Highway 12 in six years, according to police officials.

"Certainly, good fortune has a lot to do with it," said Gaylord Gee, public information officer for the Fairfield California Highway patrol.

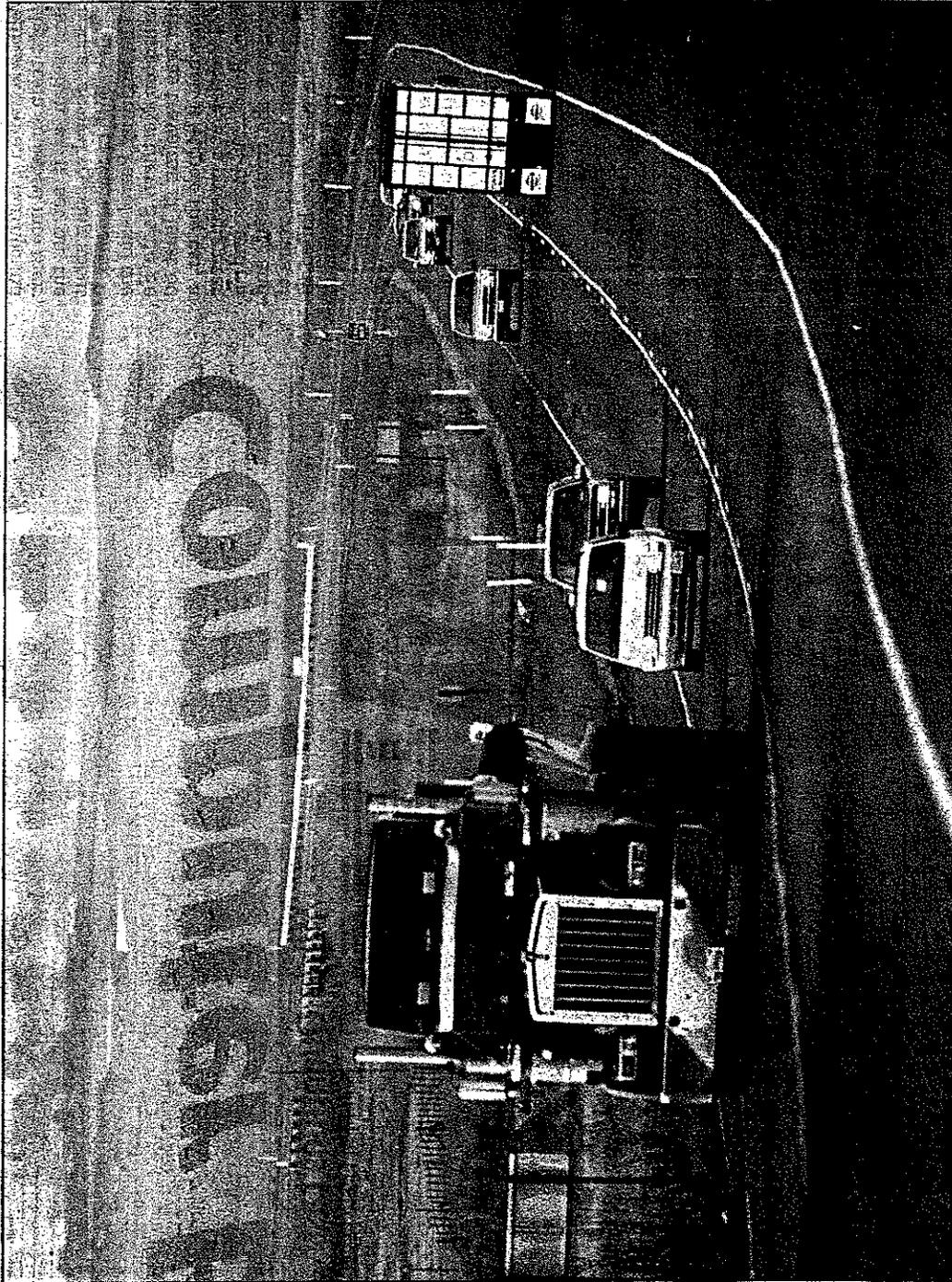
Between Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 1997, 31 people died and 1,060 were injured in crashes on the mostly two-lane highway. Six people were killed in a 1994 head-on collision. A total of 14 people died on the highway that year.

Speeding is the main cause of the accidents, Gee said.

"The way the roadway is designed, people want to pass," he said, adding that an increase in traffic over the past few years made the problem worse.

Caltrans has made a number of improvements to the highway since 1991, such as widening parts of it to four lanes. Many more are planned including adding left-turn lanes, widening shoulders, extending passing lanes, upgrading guard rails and repaving.

In 1998, Fairfield CHP officers logged more than 1,200 hours of overtime working on Highway 12 speed enforcement, Gee said. Also, state lawmakers enacted a double-fine



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More safety improvements to Highway 12 are planned including adding left-turn lanes, upgrading guard rails and repaving.

zone for speeders on the highway. In October 1998, the CHP organized the Highway 12 Safety Task Force to assess behaviors and conditions that lead to collisions on the corridor and suggest solutions.

Government and transportation safety improvements to the highway. In October 1998, the CHP organized the Highway 12 Safety Task Force to assess behaviors and conditions that lead to collisions on the corridor and suggest solutions.

enhance safety on Highway 12," said Assemblywoman Helen Thomson, D-Davis, who helped form the task force.

The task force will hold a press conference at 1 p.m. today at Helene Madere Memorial Bridge in Rio Vista.

# All Sprawled Out

## Political climate warms to measures on quality of life

By Steven Falk

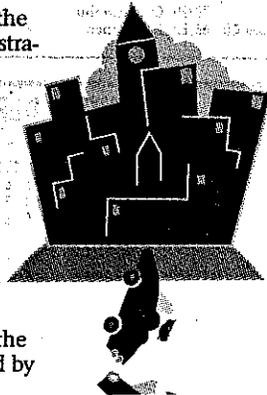
**I**N THE BROAD but oft overlooked category of issues not related to impeachment or Michael Jordan, urban sprawl is hot right now — red hot — and we're certainly going to hear more about it in the coming months. If sprawl were salsa, the thermometer on the label would show mercury spilling out the top.

Last week was a particularly good week for sprawl-busters. On January 11, Vice President Al Gore announced a \$10 billion "livable communities" municipal bond program that would, if approved, allow the issuance of up to \$6.1 billion in bonds for public transit and \$2.2 billion for projects that ease traffic congestion. Gore also proposed that the federal Transportation Department's budget be increased by \$570 million for the creation of bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Then, on January 12, President Clinton unveiled a \$1 billion program to expand federal wilderness areas and urban parks, and proposed earmarking another \$600 million for state and local efforts to preserve farmland and expand city parks and greenways. To strengthen protections for coastal areas, Clinton says he will ask for \$164 million to expand marine sanctuaries and to prevent wetlands destruction.

In so doing, the Clinton administration laid claim to territory — political territory, that is — not tread upon since Theodore Roosevelt tramped around Yosemite.

And, in fact, the dollars proposed by



Clinton and Gore are staggering, amounting to about \$50 for every man, woman and child in America.

Cynics, of course, murmur that the president's efforts are nothing more than another attempt to divert the public from that little conference that Judge Rehnquist has convened with the senators. But in fact there does appear to be broad support for anti-sprawl efforts.

Though quality-of-life concerns have been visible before, they have often been isolated to "green" communities — the Berkeleys and Boulders of the world.

Last November, however, they reached a crescendo across the country when voters repeatedly and overwhelmingly approved anti-sprawl measures.

The wins weren't limited to leading-edge communities, either: voters in New Jersey, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Oregon and Rhode Island all supported measures that would preserve open space, farmland and wildlife habitat.

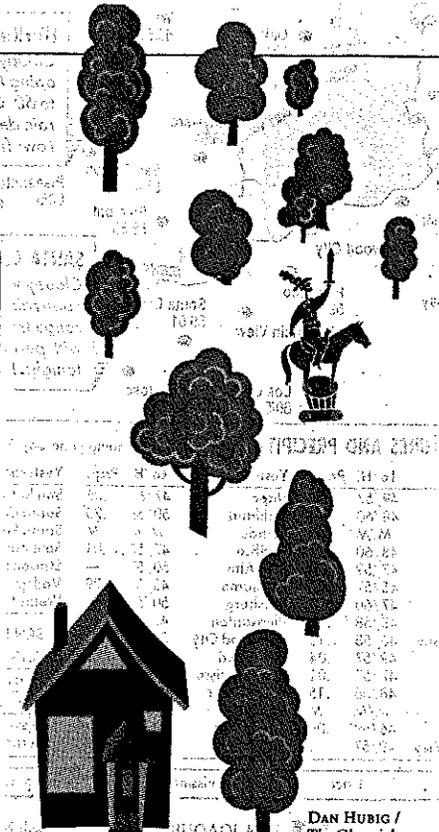
When the state and local measures were counted, voters faced some 150 initiatives on parks and preservation, and more than three-quarters of them passed.

It is no wonder, then, that the president and vice president sought this month to claim the territory as their own. President Clinton, of course, hopes that the massive purchase and preservation of land will ultimately counter-balance his soiled legacy. And Vice President Gore will no doubt use sprawl-control as a platform for his upcoming presidential bid.

Indeed, in his speeches since September, Gore has sounded increasingly candidate-like, arguing that "our communities must be more than mere plots of bulldozed land, more than mere networks of roads and soulless buildings."

Given the public's current support for such enviro-measures, the risks to the president and vice president would appear to be minimal. Gore's biggest risk is that he alienates business and real-estate interests who might otherwise fund his campaign; for Clinton, it is hard to detect any risk at all.

The current affection for sprawl-control measures, however, may be more a function of our long economic boom than any-



DAN HUBIG / The Chronicle

thing else. Given the country's low unemployment, virtual absence of inflation and relatively high wages, the body politic now focuses on issues beyond basic needs. Growth management is surely a cyclical phenomenon, with the last push for sprawl control occurring nearly 10 years ago, at the tail end of the last economic expansion. It is therefore probably just a matter of time before out-of-work and inflation-squeezed voters clamor for the bulldozing of more land for factories and the construction of more roads and a few more of those soulless buildings to produce high-paying jobs.

**F**or now, though, it appears that the political calculus favors growth control, and the ensuing political one-upmanship that we will witness over the next two years will — hopefully — result in more public open space, larger greenbelts, better transit and more livable communities. Who knows? In today's trendy race to control urban sprawl, perhaps political rivals will give "partisan politics" back its good name.

Steven Falk is the city manager of Lafayette and hopes to be first in line for federal open space funding.

# Federal funds sought for transportation improvements

BH 11/10/99  
By Nathan Salant  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Several transportation improvement projects involving Benicia streets are among dozens of proposals the Solano Transportation Authority plans to submit for federal and state funding this year.

More than \$1 million in road improvement projects in Benicia and more than \$700,000 for new Benicia Transit buses are among the proposals.

STA staff compiled the list of projects and plans to submit it to the agency board next week.

The meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at 333 Sunset Ave. in Suisun City.

Nearly \$18 million in federal and state dollars — from the State Transportation Improvement Program and the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century — is expected to be available this year for such projects in Solano County.

The proposed Benicia projects

include the repaving of portions of Military East and Park Road at a cost in excess of \$1 million and the purchase of three new buses for Benicia Transit's links to Vallejo and to Pleasant Hill BART.

Funding for a new, lighted crosswalk on Military West near Benicia High School and an electronic transportation kiosk at Benicia Public Library is also being requested from the federal government under the Transportation Equity Act.

The STA's acting director,

Michelle Morris Brubaker, said Friday that the federal funding was extremely competitive but it was likely that most of the Solano County projects would be approved.

"The competition is definitely there for the funding and we'll know in the next few months whether we'll actually see funding," Brubaker said. "I think these projects are good projects but it's hard to say what's going to happen."

The list of Solano County pro-

jects includes nearly \$2.7 million for repaving Vallejo streets, including Curtola Parkway, Tuolumne Street and Mare Island Way, \$1.9 million for repaving streets in Vacaville and nearly \$3 million to widen Highway 37 and rebuild the Highway 37/Highway 29 interchange.

The lighted crosswalk on Military West, used primarily by students entering and exiting the high school, would provide additional warning lights for motorists approaching the crosswalk.

The City of Benicia has proposed lighting three additional crosswalks that are not part of the STA funding request — East Second Street at Riverhill Drive, East Fifth Street between Military and East H Street and Hastings Drive at Henderson School.

Brubaker said the electronic transportation kiosk would allow users to connect to a website that offers transit schedules from agencies around the Bay Area, check highway conditions and sign up for ride sharing and van pools.



DATE: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Chair Rischa Slade  
RE: Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Don Erickson

Dixon Mayor Don Erickson has served on the Board since 1994 and as Chairman in 1998. Under his guidance and leadership, the STA has become an independent agency, received the California Transportation Foundation Tranny Award, worked with the SEDCORP Transportation Action Team, and passed the successful Measure F transportation ballot initiative.

Mayor Erickson's contributions to the STA and commitment to enhancing Solano's transportation network cannot be overemphasized.



Date: February 2, 1999  
To: STA Board  
From: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
Re: Consent Agenda

**Recommendation**

Approve the following attached consent items:

- 6.1 Approve Minutes of Meeting of January 13, 1999
- 6.2 Approve Draft Minutes of January 27, 1999 TAC meeting
- 6.3 Approve Amendment of Interagency Agreement with MTC for STP Planning Funds
- 6.4 Approve Revised TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program
- 6.5 Resolution Supporting I-80 Reliever Route Application for 1998 STIP Augmentation Funds Program
- 6.6 Approve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for 1998-99
- 6.7 Approve Resolution in Support of the MTC's Preferred Alternative for the New East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Start of Construction as Soon as Possible
- 6.8 Approve Resolution Establishing a Regular STA Board Meeting Time and Place
- 6.9 Welfare to Work Update
- 6.10 Solano Paratransit Quarterly Report



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting of  
January 13, 1999**

**1.0 Call to Order - Confirm Quorum**

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve Gizzi Don Erickson Marci Coglianese John Silva Jim Spering Rischa Slade Dan Donahue Steve Lessler	City of Benicia City of Dixon City of Rio Vista County of Solano (Alternate) City of Suisun City City of Vacaville City of Vallejo City of Fairfield
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<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	None
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<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Vince Bonner Katie Yim Gaylord Gee Jim Weddell Jim Young Alan Nadritch Morrie Barr Kevin Daughton Bob Grandy Paul Hom Gary Leach Bernice Kaylin John Gray Michelle Morris Brubaker Dan Christians Matt Todd Stacy Medley	Caltrans Caltrans CHP-Solano CHP-Solano CHP-Solano City of Benicia City of Fairfield City of Fairfield Grandy and Associates City of Vacaville City of Vallejo League of Women Voters Solano County STA STA STA STA
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## **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Item 7.2 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Goal) was pulled from the agenda and will be placed on the February agenda after the TAC has had an opportunity to review it. Rischa Slade asked that Item 7.5 (1998 STIP Augmentation Funds) be numbered 8.4. The revised agenda was unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Steve Lessler with a second by Jim Spring.

## **3.0 Approve Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 1999**

Don Erickson nominated Rischa Slade as Chair for 1999. Rischa Slade was unanimously approved as Chair on a motion by Steve Lessler with a second by Jim Spring.

Don Erickson nominated Dan Donahue for Vice Chair. Dan Donahue was approved by acclamation as Vice Chair on a motion by Steve Lessler. Marci Coglianese will serve on the Executive Committee for the following year.

## **4.0 Interim Executive Director's Report**

Michelle Morris Brubaker updated the Board on following items:

- Caltrans' request for Interregional Improvement Program funds for Highway 37
- Request by San Francisco for TEA-21 25% funds for BART Rehabilitation; CMA's will speak at MTC regarding this issue
- Measure F - Will be meeting with Carl Guardino regarding Citizen Advisory Committees
- Meeting on January 6 with BAAQMD on Solano Bikeway
- 1999 STA Meeting Schedule

## **5.0 Comments/Update from Staff, Caltrans, and MTC**

Dan Donahue asked about the meeting Dan Christians recently attended at the Vallejo Economic Development Commission. Dan Christians said that their main concern was that they wanted to make certain they were represented on any future Citizen Advisory Committee on transportation measures. Don Erickson said that SEDCORP is planning to sponsor a 3 day bike race and he gave them Dan Christians' name as a contact for the STA and its bicycle committee.

Michelle Morris Brubaker noted that the STA had received a revised member's list in their folders.

### **5.1 Presentation of STA Annual Award to Captain Jim Young, California Highway Patrol**

Don Erickson presented the Partner of the Year Award to Captain Jim Young of the California Highway Patrol.

### **5.2 Caltrans Presentation on Highway 37 Project**

Katie Yim and Vince Bonner of Caltrans District 4 made a special presentation on the status of the Highway 37 project in Vallejo.

## **6.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved on a motion by Steve Lessler with a second by Don Erickson.

- 7.1 Approve Minutes of Meeting of December 9, 1998**
- 7.2 Approve Draft Minutes of December 21, 1998 TAC meeting**
- 7.3 Authorize Amendment of Contract with Michael Jones and Associates for Printing of BikeLinks Maps**
- 7.4 Authorize Amendment of Contract with Grandy and Associates for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services with Project Development Funds**
- 7.7 Welfare to Work**
- 7.8 Authorization to Sign Agreements with Project Sponsors for 1998-99 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program**

## **8.0 ACTION ITEMS: FINANCIAL**

### **8.1 Approve Final CMAQ/STP Applications - 75% Fund Program**

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that once the Board had approved the list of projects it will be sent to MTC. She said that the paratransit project in Vacaville needs to be checked for eligibility and if it was not eligible, funds would be distributed to other projects.

The final CMAQ/STP Applications – 75% Fund program was unanimously approved on a motion by Jim Sperring with a second by Steve Lessler.

### **8.2 Authorize the Executive Director to Enter Into Contract with Moore, Iacofano and Goltsman for Phase II of the Reliever Route Corridor Concept Plan**

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that MTC has agreed to provide \$30,000 of TLC funds for Phase 2 of the Reliever Route Corridor Concept Plan. Staff recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into a contract with MTC to obtain the funds and a contract with Moore, Iacofano and Goltsman to prepare the Phase 2 plan.

The recommendation was unanimously approved on a motion by Steve Lesser with a second by Dan Donahue.

### **8.3 Authorize Amendment of Contract with Grandy and Associates for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services with STIP Funds**

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that this proposed contract amendment for \$25,000 would continue the services of Grandy and Associates until December 31, 1999, once the pending STIP funds were allocated. In the fall, the STA would go out for request for proposals to continue the services. The contract amendment was unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Dan Donahue with a second by Don Erickson.

#### **8.4 Approve Final 1998 STIP Augmentation Funds Program**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this item and said that a few minor technical changes had been made to the list since December. The revised list dated 1/13/99 was passed around to the Board members.

After discussion, the Final 1998 STIP Augmentation Funds Program was unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Rischa Slade with a second by Jim Spering.

#### **ACTION ITEMS: NON-FINANCIAL**

#### **9.0 Approve Resolution Supporting Time Extension for Regional TFCA Funding for Solano Bikeway Project**

Dan Christians explained that the regional TFCA funds awarded by the BAAQMD would expire on February 3, 1999. This resolution would request the Air District to extend their deadline to June 30, 1999, in order for Vallejo to complete the plans, bid the project and award a construction contract.

The Resolution was unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Don Erickson with a second by Steve Lessler.

#### **9.1 Authorize Submittal of 25% Program Applications for Lighted Crosswalks, Electronic Transit Kiosks, and Regional Bike Route Signs**

Matt Todd presented this report and discussed the three applications that the STA had prepared for the TEA-21- 25% Program. Dan Donahue said that he had been contacted by Lestee Caesar of the Grand Jury regarding the concern that the lighted sidewalk for Fairgrounds Drive wasn't included on the list. Matt explained that that location was signalized and that lighted sidewalks have not been approved for signalized intersections. Matt said that he would schedule a demonstration of the lighted sidewalk recently installed across from the STA on Merganser Street immediately prior to the next Board meeting.

These three "25% Fund" applications were unanimously approved for submittal to MTC by the STA Board on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Steve Gizzi.

#### **10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **10.1 CHP Report on Highway 12 Traffic Safety Program**

Jim Weddell of the CHP gave a report on the Office of Traffic Safety program underway for Highway 12. He said that no fatal accidents had occurred on that highway between I-80 and Rio Vista during 1998. Officer Weddell said that as part of the grant, various funds are being given to local police departments along the highway for enforcement, crossing guards, and radar trailers. They have also applied for another grant requesting an additional 7,000 hours of enforcement.

#### **10.2 BAAQMD Program on Electric Recharging Stations/Vehicles**

Dan Christians discussed the recent program changes at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on electric vehicles and recharging stations. He will keep the Board informed of any funding opportunities from this program.

### **10.3 Eastern Solano CMAQ Applications**

Matt Todd said that applications for this program were submitted on January 8 and that the applicants will meet to discuss and prioritize them on January 15. The final list of recommended projects would be brought back to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

### **10.4 TEA - 21 Enhancements**

Michelle Morris Brubaker described this program and said she would meet with any perspective applicants. She said that in addition to the regional discretionary program, Solano would be receiving \$250,000 a year of guaranteed funds for our own program.

### **10.5 Information on Executive Director Search**

Don Erickson said that he had called Shannon Associates today, and that they had received 12 applications so far. January 22 is the final filing deadline and the screening committee would review the applications after February 12.

### **10.6 Board Members Comments**

Jim Spering said that there was no Awards Ceremony date on the Board meeting schedule. He said that the Board should decide on a date at the next Board meeting and that it should be scheduled at the same time each year.

### **10.7 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Steve Gizzi. The next regular meeting will be on February 10, 1999.



Date: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
From: Dan Christians  
Re: Approve Amendment of Interagency Agreement with MTC for STP Planning Funds

On April 8, 1998, the STA Board approved a three-year Interagency Agreement with MTC for Surface Transportation Program (STP) planning funds. That agreement provided the STA with \$300,000 of planning funds for our Congestion Management Planning and Programming (\$100,000 each year between FYs 1998 and 2000). Because of the increased funding authorized by TEA-21 and because of the increased project monitoring required by the recently passed SB 45 (for projects such as the I-80 Reliever Route, Highway 37 and the Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez bridge) MTC has agreed to increase the STP planning funds in this agreement to a total of \$380,000, by increasing the last two years of the agreement (FYs 1999 and 2000) to \$140,000 per year.

Based on MTC's commitment a few months ago, the STA incorporated \$40,000 of increased revenue into the STA's 1998-99 December budget amendment. This amendment will formalize that commitment and provide the same amount for next year.

#### Fiscal Impact

This agreement amendment will provide an additional \$80,000 of STP planning revenues to the STA for FY 1999 and FY 2000.

#### Recommendation

Authorize the Chair to sign Administrative Amendment #1 to the FYs 1998-2000 STP Interagency Agreement with MTC for \$80,000 of additional STP Planning funds.

Attachment

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT #1

to the

FY 1997-1998 through 1999-2000 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

between the

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY

for CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

This Administrative Amendment to the FY 1998-2000 Interagency Agreement between MTC and Solano Transportation Authority Congestion Management Agency is entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1998, between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, a regional transportation planning agency established pursuant to California Government Code § 66500 *et seq* (hereinafter referred to as "MTC"), and the Solano Transportation Authority Congestion Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WHEREAS, effective 7/1/97, MTC and Contractor entered into an interagency agreement entitled "Interagency Agreement for FY 1998-2000 STP Funds for Congestion Management Agency Planning and Programming" (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Section 3.0 FUNDING, Paragraph (a) is amended as follows:

(a) Contractor and MTC mutually agree that, pursuant to this agreement, MTC shall allocate to Contractor a total of **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$380,000)** in federal general planning funds apportioned in Fiscal Years 1998 (\$100,000), 1999 (\$140,000) and 2000 (\$140,000).

This Agreement is in effect from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 2000.

Except as set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, MTC has executed this amendment effective on the date indicated above.

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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Lawrence D. Dahms, Executive Director

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Rischa Slade, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Revised TEA 21 "75% Funds" Program

MTC has issued a call for projects for federal STP/CMAQ funds from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21). These projects are for the "75% Funds" – the category of federal STP/CMAQ funds targeted to rehabilitation and replacement projects. Solano County's bid target is \$6.9 million, with a guarantee of \$5.2 million of that bid target to be allocated to Solano County.

In January 1999, the STA Board approved the selection of projects for Solano County for the 75% Funds. After further review, the City of Vacaville has withdrawn a transit project and has added a pavement rehabilitation project to the list. Several other project requests were modified to meet Solano's bid target. The SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium reviewed the revised project list and the TAC approved it in January.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached list of projects for submittal to MTC for STP/CMAQ funds through the 75% funds program.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the selection of projects for Solano County for \$6,971,000 in STP/CMAQ funds for the 75% funds program.

Attachment

Solano County Projects				2/1/99	
TEA 21 (75% Funds) - FYs 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000					
Jurisdiction	Project Name	STP Funding Request	Total Project Cost	Tier	Bid Target
All	Safety reserve to be programmed after 25% Funds project selection is complete	\$ 594,000	n/a		
<b>Pavement Projects</b>					
Benicia	Military East overlay from East Second to East Fifth Street	\$ 258,500	\$ 300,000	2	
Dixon	North Adams St. overlay from E St. to H St.	\$ 53,100	\$ 60,000	2	
Dixon	Porter Rd. overlay from West A St. to southern Dixon city limits	\$ 97,400	\$ 110,000	2	
Fairfield	Pennsylvania Ave. pavement rehabilitation between Travis Boulevard and Gateway Blvd.	\$ 550,000	\$ 837,000	1	
Rio Vista	Main Street pavement rehabilitation from Highway 12 to east of Front St. (City Hall)	\$ 158,000	\$ 179,000	2	
Suisun City	Railroad Avenue rehabilitation from Sunset to East Tabor Avenue (a)	\$ 200,000	\$ 226,000	2	
Vacaville	Peabody Rd. rehabilitation from Elmira Rd. to Beelard Dr.	\$ 474,400	\$ 536,000	1	
Vallejo	Fairgrounds Drive overlay from Gateway to Vallejo city limits	\$ 424,000	\$ 479,000	2	
Pavement Subtotal (0 to 85% of Bid Target)		\$ 2,215,400	\$ 2,727,000		
<b>Transit Projects</b>					
Benicia	Replace 3 - 1985 Buses	\$ 730,200	\$ 825,000	1	
Fairfield/Suisun	Replace 4 - 1985 Buses	\$ 973,600	\$ 1,100,000	1	
Vallejo	Ferry maintenance facility rehab (fueling tanks)	\$ 177,000	\$ 200,000	1	
Vallejo	Rehabilitate 5 Buses	\$ 531,000	\$ 600,000	1	
Transit Subtotal (0 to 85% of Bid Target)		\$ 2,411,800	\$ 2,725,000		
<b>Subtotal - 0 to 85% - Bid Target</b>		<b>\$ 5,221,200</b>			<b>\$5,153,000</b>
<b>Transit Projects</b>					
Vallejo	Rehabilitate bus maintenance facility	\$ 221,200	\$ 250,000	1	
Fairfield/Suisun	Replace 1985 Bus	\$ 243,400	\$ 275,000	1	
Vallejo	Rehabilitation of ferry maintenance facility (maintenance dock)	\$ 71,200	\$ 250,000	1	
Transit Subtotal (85% to 100% of Bid Target)		\$ 535,800	\$ 775,000		
<b>Pavement Projects</b>					
Solano County	Pleasants Valley Road rehabilitation/overlay from north of Cherry Glen Road to approximately 1.5 miles north of Cherry Glen Road and from Vaca Valley Rd. to 0.5 miles south	\$ 305,000	\$ 345,000	1	
<b>Subtotal - 0 to 100% - Bid Target</b>		<b>\$ 6,062,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$6,062,000</b>
<b>Pavement Projects</b>					
Vallejo	Fifth Street overlay from Bennett Ave. to Lemon Street	\$ 91,000	\$ 103,000	2	
Suisun City	Railroad Avenue rehabilitation from Sunset to East Tabor Avenue (b)	\$ 95,000	\$ 108,000	2	
Benicia	Military East overlay from East Fifth to East Seventh Street	\$ 147,000	\$ 200,000	2	
Dixon	North Adams St. overlay from A St. to E St.	\$ 23,000	\$ 26,000	2	
Vacaville	Nut Tree Road rehabilitation from Marshall Road to Alamo Dr.	\$ 265,400	\$ 300,000	2	
Pavement Subtotal (100% to 115% of Bid Target)		\$ 621,400	\$ 737,000		
<b>Transit Projects</b>					
Fairfield/Suisun	Replace 1985 Bus	\$ 243,400	\$ 275,000	1	
Vallejo	Rehab Vallejo Ferry Terminal Building	\$ 44,200	\$ 50,000	2	
Transit Subtotal (100% to 115% of Bid Target)		\$ 287,600	\$ 325,000		
<b>Total - 0 to 115% - Bid Target</b>		<b>\$ 6,971,000</b>			<b>\$6,971,000</b>



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Resolution Supporting I-80 Reliever Route application for 1998 STIP  
Augmentation Funds

In December 1998, the STA Board approved the selection of projects for Solano County for the 1998 STIP augmentation funds. The STA is applying for \$191,000 in STIP funds for additional support costs for the I-80 Reliever Route project.

MTC requires the STA Board to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of the application for this project.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an application for STIP funds for the I-80 Reliever Route project.

Attachment

**Resolution No. 99-**

**A Resolution of the Solano Transportation Authority  
Authorizing the Filing of an Application for STIP Funds  
for the I-80 Reliever Route Project**

**Abstract**

This resolution authorizes the Executive Director or his/her designee to file an application for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding for \$191,000 for additional support costs for the I-80 Reliever Route project. The resolution commits the necessary local match for the project and also states the assurance of the Solano Transportation Authority to complete the project.

**Resolution No. 99-**

**A Resolution of the Solano Transportation Authority  
Authorizing the Filing of an Application for STIP Funds  
for the I-80 Reliever Route Project**

**WHEREAS**, Solano Transportation Authority has authority under California Government Code Sections 65088 to 65089.4 *et seq.* for the exercise of certain powers to transportation and transportation related issues. The STA shall be the congestion management agency for Solano County; and

**WHEREAS**, SB45 reformed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (Chapter 97-062, October 3, 1997); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SB45, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive State Transportation Improvement Program grants for a project shall submit an application first with the appropriate metropolitan transportation planning organization (MPO), for review and inclusion in the MPO's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is the MPO for the San Francisco Bay region; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano Transportation Authority is an eligible project sponsor for State Transportation Improvement Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano Transportation Authority wishes to submit a grant application to MTC for funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program in fiscal year 1999-2000 for the following project:

<i>I-80 Reliever Route additional support cost</i>	<i>\$191,000</i>
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Phase 1 of the I-80 Reliever Route in Solano County runs from the State Route 12/Walters Road intersection in Suisun City to the Interstate 80/Leisure Town Road interchange in Vacaville. The project is located in the jurisdictions of the City of Suisun City, the City of Fairfield, Solano County, and the City of Vacaville. The Phase 1 project will ultimately be a continuous roadway along Walters Road, an extension of Walters Road to Cement Hill Road, Cement Hill Road from the Walters Road Extension to Peabody Road, Vanden Road to an extension of Leisure Town Road, and Leisure Town Road to I-80.

**WHEREAS**, MTC requires, as part of the application, a resolution stating the following:

- 1) the commitment of necessary local matching funds, if necessary; and
- 2) that the sponsor understands that the State Transportation Improvement Program funding is established at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot usually be expected to be funded with State Transportation Improvement Program funds; and

- 3) the assurance of the sponsor to complete the project as described in the application and if approved, as programmed in MTC's TIP.
- 4) that the sponsor understands that funds must be obligated within specific deadlines as set forth in SB 45 or the project may be removed from the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Solano Transportation Authority that the Executive Director or his/her designee is authorized to execute and file an application for funding under the State Transportation Improvement Program of SB45 in the amount of \$191,000 for additional support costs for the I-80 Reliever Route project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Solano Transportation Authority by adopting this resolution does hereby state that:

- 1) The Solano Transportation Authority will provide \$-0- (0%) in local matching funds; and
- 2) The Solano Transportation Authority understands that the State Transportation Improvement Program funding for the project is fixed at \$191,000, and that any cost increases must be funded by the Solano Transportation Authority from local matching funds, and that Solano Transportation Authority does not expect any cost increases to be funded with State Transportation Improvement Program funds; and
- 3) The additional support costs for the I-80 Reliever Route will be used as described in this resolution and, if approved, as programmed in Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- 4) The project sponsor will adhere to the deadlines established by SB45.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC in conjunction with the filing of the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the MTC is requested to support the application for the project described in the resolution and to program the project, if approved, in MTC's TIP.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

I, MICHELLE MORRIS BRUBAKER, the Solano Transportation Authority Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the STA at a regular meeting thereof held this 10th day of February, 1999.

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Michelle Morris Brubaker, Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Goal for 1998-99

The STA is required to adopt an annual DBE goal for fiscal years in which the STA will be contracting with consultants using federal funds. This fiscal year, the STA plans to contract with consultants to implement the I-80 Reliever Route project. Staff recommends a DBE goal of 10% for the fiscal year 1998-1999, which was approved by the TAC in January.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Establish an annual DBE goal of 10% for the Federal Fiscal Year 1998-1999, beginning on October 1, 1998 and ending on September 30, 1999.

Attachment

**Resolution No. 99-**

**A Resolution of the Solano Transportation Authority  
Establishing an Annual DBE Goal for the Federal Fiscal Year 1998-1999**

**WHEREAS**, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has adopted policies and procedures on April 13, 1994, and revised on June 11, 1997, regarding establishing an the annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the STA plans to expend federal funds in Federal Fiscal Year 1998-1999 for the I-80 Reliever Route project in Solano County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended a DBE goal of 10%.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY** authorize its Executive Director to submit this resolution establishing an annual DBE goal of 10% for the Federal Fiscal Year 1998-1999, beginning on October 1, 1998 and ending on September 30, 1999, to Caltrans.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

I, MICHELLE MORRIS BRUBAKER, the Solano Transportation Authority Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the STA at a regular meeting thereof held this 10th day of February, 1999.

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Michelle Morris Brubaker, Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Resolution in Support of the MTC's Preferred Alternative for the New East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Start of Construction as soon as possible

After over a year of review, on June 24, 1998, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved an alignment, design concept and scope for the new East Span of the Bay Bridge. MTC has endorsed a northern alignment for replacing the east span, incorporating a single-tower, self-anchoring suspension span into the design adjacent to Yerba Buena Island, and including a bicycle/pedestrian lane on the new bridge. The selected alignment was arrived at after over three years of project studies by Caltrans and a detailed review by the 35 member Engineering Design Advisory Panel for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

This selection has been challenged recently by a number of parties, including San Francisco (which desires another alignment), Oakland (which desires a different type of bridge) and others (who, along with the Mayor of San Francisco and the Mayor of Oakland, want the bridge scope significantly expanded to provide for future, undefined rail capacity).

Timely replacement of the east span is critical to many commuters in Solano County. The 1990 Census survey travel data estimate that 6.5% of the commuters using the Bay Bridge originate in Solano County. Expediting construction of the new east span is critical because of the seismic safety issues on the bridge. In addition, any changes to the scope or alignment would not only delay construction of this seismic project, but dramatically increase costs as well. Revising the alignment or scope of the project would cause a delay of from 18 to 36 months, with attendant costs. Waste of approximately \$15 million or more spent to date in design costs would occur. Any delay for the new east span will increase the total cost of the project and will cost Solano County commuters more as they continue to pay the increased bridge tolls.

Staff recommends that the STA Board adopt a resolution endorsing MTC's selection of the single-tower suspension span and causeway, and construction of the bridges as currently envisioned, without further provisions for rail beyond those already envisioned.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt a Board resolution in support of MTC's preferred alternative for the new east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and start of construction as soon as possible.

Attachment

## **Resolution 99-**

### **A Resolution of the Solano Transportation Authority In Support of MTC's Preferred Alternative for the New East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, And Start of Construction As Soon As Possible**

**WHEREAS**, the 1937 East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge is a steel truss design which is no longer adequate to meet critical seismic safety standards of survivability and usability following a major earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1937 bridge can be retrofitted to improve its seismic safety at an approximate cost of \$909 million, but that cost is approximately 60 to 70 percent of the cost of replacing it with a newer span; and

**WHEREAS**, a new span has lower life cycle costs and would reduce disruption of traffic flow during construction, and modern technology would provide greater seismic resistance, a longer economic life, less environmental impacts than retrofit, and lower maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Caltrans have both endorsed the construction of a new East Span to replace the steel truss structure; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 1998, after more than a year of deliberations and discussion, MTC endorsed a scope, schedule and budget for the new East Span, as follows: (1) alignment N-6, north of the existing bridge, with a self-anchoring, single-tower suspension span adjacent to Yerba Buena Island; (2) a 15 1/2 foot separated bicycle and pedestrian facility, and provision for future conversion of shoulders/lanes to a light rail line, if warranted; (3) approval of the environmental document in summer, 1999, with start of construction in spring/summer 2000; and (4) a \$1.5 billion cost estimate for the base bridge, plus \$91 million for the single-tower suspension span and \$50 million for the bicycle/pedestrian path; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect public safety and expedite delivery of this critical seismic safety project, following the MTC endorsement of the N-6 alignment, Caltrans began at-risk design, and has invested on the order of \$15 million to date in that effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the bridge includes provisions to incorporate light rail transit under certain conditions, where removal of shoulders, and narrowing or removal of lanes would permit such addition, similar to provisions being made on the new Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rail service is already provided across the Bay by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District; and

**WHEREAS**, 1990 Census survey travel data estimate that 80 percent of the commuters using the Bay Bridge originate in the East Bay and Solano County – Alameda County, 40.9 %; Contra Costa County, 32.5%; and Solano, 6.5%;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) hereby fully endorses MTC's preferred options for the new Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project as follows:

1. Construction of the new East Span on the N-6 alignment; and
2. Incorporation of the single-tower, self-anchoring suspension span adjacent to Yerba Buena Island, at an estimated cost of \$91 million; and
3. Including bicycle lanes on the new East Span at an estimated cost of \$50 million; and
4. Making accommodations for light rail as currently envisioned by Caltrans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the STA is strongly opposed to the suggestion which has been made by several parties to revise MTC's preferred design alternative for the new bridge for the purpose of accommodating heavy rail transit in the future; because the STA believes that such a change would delay the project significantly, would be incompatible with the need and purpose of the bridge to enhance public safety, and is inconsistent with the financial plan for the new structure as statutorily enacted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Solano Transportation Authority strongly urges that Caltrans, MTC, and all affected parties recognize the fundamental importance to public safety of constructing this bridge as soon as possible, and make every effort to accelerate construction of the new East Span – with a goal of having construction underway no later than summer, 2000.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

I, MICHELLE MORRIS BRUBAKER, the Solano Transportation Authority Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the STA at a regular meeting thereof held this 10th day of February, 1999.

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Michelle Morris Brubaker, Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Resolution Establishing a Regular STA Board Meeting Time and Place

At the November Board meeting, staff was requested to develop a formal policy establishing a regular time and place for monthly STA Board meetings. The attached resolution clarifies and reflects the current practice of holding regular STA Board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Suisun City and makes provisions for changes, when needed.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt attached resolution establishing a regular STA Board meeting time and place.

Attachment

**Resolution No. 99-**

**A Resolution of the Solano Transportation Authority Establishing a Regular Meeting Time and Place**

**WHEREAS**, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) holds regular monthly meetings for the purpose of conducting STA business; and

**WHEREAS**, the STA wishes to establish a regular meeting time and place for meetings of its Board of Directors.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano Transportation Authority does hereby establish a regular time and place for Agency meetings as more particularly described in Attachment A of this resolution.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

I, MICHELLE MORRIS BRUBAKER, the Solano Transportation Authority Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the STA at a regular meeting thereof held this 10th day of February, 1999.

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Michelle Morris Brubaker, Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority

ATTACHMENT A  
SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEETINGS

1. Regular Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Meetings.

Regular meetings of the STA's Board of Directors shall be on the second Wednesday of each month. Unless otherwise scheduled, meetings shall commence at 6:00 p.m. When a regular meeting falls upon a legal holiday, the date and time of such meeting shall be determined by the STA's Board of Directors no later than seventy-two (72) hours preceding such rescheduled regular meeting. Agency Board meetings shall be held at 333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 230, Suisun City, California, or in alternate locations within the County that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities; provided that, if such an alternative location is chosen, it shall be publicly announced, no later than seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting.

The Chair may cancel or reschedule a regular STA Board meeting if a quorum cannot be obtained, or if there is insufficient business to warrant a meeting. Notice of cancellation of a meeting shall be given, if possible, not later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date to those persons receiving notice of such regular meetings.

2. Special STA Board Meetings

The Chair or a majority of the Board may call special meetings of the STA Board when Authority business warrants the need for such special meeting.

3. Brown Act

All meetings of the STA Board shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.).



DATE: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Welfare to Work Update

STA staff and transit agencies have been working with Ava Williams of the County Health and Social Services (H & SS) Department through the SolanoWORKs Transportation Planning Group, which is meeting on a monthly basis. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16.

Ongoing projects include:

1. STA staff will make a transit information presentation to the SolanoWORKS supervisors meeting on March 4.
2. County H & SS staff is working directly with MTC on a GIS mapping project. The consultant has received all the necessary information and the final product should be available in March.
3. A survey form has been completed and distributed to all the Welfare to Work clients through a mailing. The surveys are to be returned in early February and results compiled in March. The survey will provide further information on what modes people use for transportation, and where they need to travel.
4. A Transportation Resource Guide will be created with assistance from MTC. The first meeting of STA, SCI, H & SS, and the consultant was on February 1. The finished handbook will have step by step procedures to get around in Solano and address multiple modes of transportation.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

No recommendation; this is an information item only.



DATE: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Solano Paratransit Quarterly Report

Operating Statistics and other information through December 1998 is included in the attached spreadsheet.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

No recommendation; this is an information item only.

Attachment

**Solano Paratransit, FY 1998-1999**  
**Monthly Data and Performance Report**

Month	Total Monthly Passngrs				Sui City			Vaca Coun		Wheel Chair of Lifts Total		Revenue Vehicle Service Hours		Passngrs/Revenue Vehicle Hour		Denials
	Dix	FF	Rio	Sui City	Vaca	Coun	Wheeler	Chair	Hours	Denials	Revenue	Vehicle	Passngrs	Revenue	Vehicle	
Jul	54	197	0	57	189	40	141	26.3%	395	0	1.36	1.36	0			
Aug	30	185	0	43	213	33	161	31.9%	340	1	1.48	1.48	1			
Sep	38	323	0	82	347	24	279	34.3%	524	0	1.55	1.55	0			
Oct	36	279	0	88	345	28	282	36.3%	515	0	1.51	1.51	0			
Nov	33	239	0	71	294	37	277	41.1%	438	0	1.54	1.54	0			
Dec	31	239	0	49	276	29	250	40.1%	456	0	1.37	1.37	0			
Jan	0															
Feb	0															
Mar	0															
Apr	0															
May	0															
Jun	0															
TOTAL	3,929	222	1,462	0	390	1,664	1,390	35.4%	2,668	1	1.47	1.47	1			
YTD AVG	655	37	244	0	65	277	232	35.4%	445	0	1.47	1.47	0			
ANNUALIZED	7,858	444	2,924	0	780	3,328	2,780	35.4%	5,335	2	1.47	1.47	2			

Total Monthly Expense	Est Passngr Fares	Net Subsidy	Est Farebox Recovery Ratio
\$16,875	\$1,155	\$15,720	6.8%
\$14,533	\$990	\$13,544	6.8%
\$22,398	\$1,724	\$20,675	7.7%
\$22,007	\$1,642	\$20,365	7.5%
\$18,739	\$1,390	\$17,349	7.4%
\$19,516	\$1,294	\$18,222	6.6%
\$114,068	\$8,194	\$105,874	7.2%
\$19,011	\$1,366	\$17,646	7.2%
\$228,137	\$16,388	\$211,749	7.2%

**Solano Paratransit, FY 1997-1998**  
**Monthly Data and Performance Report**

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	Dix	FF	Rio	Sui City	Vaca	Coun	Wheeler	Chair	Hours	Denials	Revenue	Vehicle	Passngrs	Revenue	Vehicle	
Jul	2	297	2	167	256	53	362	46.6%	452	0	1.72	1.72	0			
Aug	8	266	0	158	293	60	382	48.7%	460	0	1.71	1.71	0			
Sep	16	368	0	178	338	38	471	50.2%	524	0	1.79	1.79	0			
Oct	24	324	0	144	368	43	481	53.3%	548	0	1.65	1.65	0			
Nov	13	239	0	98	292	38	338	49.7%	456	0	1.49	1.49	0			
Dec	11	206	0	122	343	36	373	51.9%	514	0	1.40	1.40	0			
Jan	12	123	4	100	312	37	306	52.0%	455	0	1.29	1.29	0			
Feb	15	159	0	104	364	22	355	53.5%	478	0	1.45	1.45	0			
Mar	34	191	0	122	436	16	401	50.2%	551	0	1.39	1.39	0			
Apr	28	174	0	62	326	31	251	40.4%	448	0	1.39	1.39	0			
May	27	176	0	38	274	14	191	36.1%	400	0	1.32	1.32	0			
Jun	30	102	0	33	296	32	136	27.6%	367	1	1.34	1.34	1			
TOTAL	220	2,625	6	1,326	3,898	420	4,047	47.6%	5,651	1	1.50	1.50	1			
YTD AVG	708	18	219	1	111	325	337	47.6%	471	0	1.50	1.50	0			
ANNUALIZED	8,495	220	2,625	6	1,326	3,898	4,047	47.6%	5,651	1	1.50	1.50	1			

Total Monthly Expense	Est Passngr Fares	Net Subsidy	Est Farebox Recovery Ratio
\$18,550	\$1,528	\$17,022	8.2%
\$18,878	\$1,666	\$17,212	8.8%
\$21,528	\$1,942	\$19,585	9.0%
\$22,493	\$1,886	\$20,606	8.4%
\$18,745	\$1,442	\$17,302	7.7%
\$21,097	\$1,614	\$19,483	7.6%
\$18,674	\$1,330	\$17,344	7.1%
\$19,628	\$1,446	\$18,182	7.4%
\$22,649	\$1,721	\$20,928	7.6%
\$18,394	\$1,333	\$17,061	7.2%
\$16,446	\$1,118	\$15,329	6.8%
\$15,070	\$917	\$14,153	6.1%
\$232,151	\$17,943	\$214,208	7.7%
\$19,346	\$1,495	\$17,851	7.7%
\$232,151	\$17,943	\$214,208	7.7%



DATE: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Approve CMAQ Program for Eastern Solano

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are one of the primary sources of money distributed through TEA 21. CMAQ is distributed by air basin, because this money is only eligible for projects that will benefit air quality. Solano is entirely in the MTC region based on County lines, but geographically, the county is half in the Sacramento air basin and half in the Bay Area air basin. The Sacramento Area Council of Government (SACOG) receives the CMAQ funds for the Eastern Solano area, and distributes the funds through MTC per the guidelines set in an MOU agreement between the agencies.

The amount of CMAQ funds to Eastern Solano County is \$2.693 million over the first three years of TEA 21. CMAQ applications for Eastern Solano County (available to Dixon, Rio Vista, Vacaville, Yolo/Solano AQMD, and the eastern portion of the County) were due to the STA on January 8. A scoring subcommittee of the applicants met on January 15 to review the applications.

The scoring subcommittee reviewed the projects and recommended the attached program of projects for the first three years of TEA 21 funding. The Consortium reviewed the projects on January 26 and the TAC on January 27.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the Eastern Solano CMAQ project list to receive TEA 21 monies.

Attachment

# Eastern Solano CMAQ Funds (FY 97-98, 98-99, 99-00) Proposed Program (Reviewed by TAC 1/27/99)

Project Title	CMAQ \$ Recommended
Downtown Dixon Multi-modal Trans. Center	\$354,000
Southside Bikeway	\$500,000
Alamo Creek Bikeway	\$300,000
Elmira Road Pedestrian/Bike Path	\$80,000
Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure	\$300,000
Bicycle Lockers/Racks	\$20,000
Leisure Town Park & Ride Lot	\$250,000
Dixon-Davis Bike Route	\$860,211
Spare the Air Program	\$29,000
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$2,693,211</b>
<b>EST. TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$2,693,211</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Notes     Vacaville Transit Transfer Station has been withdrawn from consideration. The funding did not complete a usable segment of the project



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Approve I-80 Reliever Route Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Authorize Executive Director to sign Cooperative Agreements

The Solano Transportation Authority has an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the STA, the County of Solano, the City of Fairfield, the City of Suisun City, and the City of Vacaville concerning the development of the Interstate 80 Reliever Route, Phase 1 project. Since this MOU was adopted, additional funds have become available for the project.

The amended MOU assigns the funds available to specific segments of the project and designates the implementing agency. The I-80 Reliever Route Working Group has reviewed this MOU and has recommended it for Board approval.

For each segment of the project, cooperative agreements will be necessary between the STA and the implementing agency(s) to agree on a detailed scope, designation of specific responsibilities and assignment of specific funds for the project.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the attached MOU for the I-80 Reliever Route project and authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOU and Cooperative Agreements for the I-80 Reliever Route project.

Attachment

**AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOLANO  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THE COUNTY OF SOLANO, THE CITY OF  
FAIRFIELD, THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY, AND THE CITY OF VACAVILLE  
CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERSTATE 80 RELIEVER  
ROUTE, PHASE 1 PROJECT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this . day of .., 1999, by and between the SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (hereinafter "STA"), the COUNTY OF SOLANO (hereinafter "COUNTY"), the CITY OF FAIRFIELD (hereinafter "FAIRFIELD"), the CITY OF SUISUN CITY (hereinafter "SUISUN CITY"), and the CITY OF VACAVILLE (hereinafter "VACAVILLE").

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, portions of the Interstate 80 corridor in Solano County currently operate at level of service "F"; and

**WHEREAS**, variations in traffic volumes along Interstate 80 show that local trips are a major contributor to congestion on this critical transportation link; and

**WHEREAS**, a joint study by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has recommended development of an arterial Reliever Route system to divert local trips from Interstate 80; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the Interstate 80 Reliever Route will cross several jurisdictional boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the STA is the Countywide Congestion Management Agency for Solano County, representing all jurisdictions within the county, and is responsible for the programming of state and federal transportation funds in Solano County; and

**WHEREAS**, the STA Board approved, on May 14, 1997, an extensive study of the Interstate 80 Reliever Route between Highway 12 and Interstate 80 entitled the I-80 Reliever Route Implementation Plan - Phase 1, hereinafter "Reliever Route Plan", which recommended a continuous four lane roadway between Highway 12 in Suisun City and Interstate 80 at the Leisure Town Road interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, over \$2.5 million in intersection improvements along the Interstate 80 Reliever Route have been completed with state Traffic Systems Management (TSM) funds; and

**WHEREAS**, over \$4.7 million in state and federal funds to make improvements to the intersection of Peabody Road at Cement Hill Road and an extension of Leisure Town Road to Vanden Road on the Interstate 80 Reliever Route was programmed, and construction of the Peabody Road/Cement Hill Road improvement is planned for 1999 and the Leisure Town Road Extension improvements are completed; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1.451 million in STP Cycle III Federal funding for improvements to three bridge structures on Leisure Town Road has been secured; and

**WHEREAS**, \$13.707 million in 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and \$14.5 million in federal funds through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) was programmed to construct improvements on five segments of the Reliever Route Plan as identified in Attachment A-1;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound thereby, the parties do mutually agree as follows.

- I. This agreement supersedes any previous MOU for the development of the Interstate 80 Reliever Route.
- II. As per previous agreements, all parties continue to support the following:
  - 1) Improvements to the intersection of Peabody Road at Cement Hill Road, including the realignment of Vanden Road. This project is programmed with \$1.978 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) discretionary funding, \$170,000 in Transportation System Management (TSM) funds, \$1.386 million in 1998 STIP funds and \$400,000 in TEA-21 earmark funds.
  - 2) Improvements to the three bridge structures on Leisure Town Road. This project is programmed for \$1.451 million in Surface Transportation Program funds in MTC's 1999 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City of Vacaville shall provide the local agency contribution for this project.
- III. The City of Fairfield shall fund the improvement of Cement Hill Road to a four-lane roadway. These improvements must be in place prior to, or concurrent with, the construction of a four-lane Walters Road Extension.
- IV. The City of Fairfield shall fund the incremental cost of expanding the Walters Road Extension from two lanes to four lanes, with the exception of the cost to provide a four-lane overcrossing of the Union Pacific railroad tracks.
- V. The City of Vacaville shall fund the incremental cost of improvements to the I-80/Leisure Town Road interchange over and above the federal funding described below.
- VI. The City of Vacaville will attempt to require development to fund the incremental cost of expanding Leisure Town Road Extension from Alamo Drive to Vanden Road from two lanes to four lanes, at such time as the adjacent property develops within the City of Vacaville.

- VII. The STA has determined that five segments of the Phase 1 Interstate 80 Reliever Route, in priority order, shall receive state and/or federal funds as identified in the Attachment A-1.
- VIII. Any implementing jurisdiction(s) receiving state or federal funds shall be required to provide any required local match.
- IX. Any cost savings on projects shall revert back to a corridor reserve fund administered by the STA. Any jurisdiction that experiences a cost overrun on a project may submit a request to the STA for additional funding from the corridor reserve fund. The Reliever Route Working Group will review requests for additional funding. These provisions are not applicable to the I-80/Leisure Town Road interchange project, for which \$9.5 million is programmed regardless of project cost.

Each separate segment of improvement to the Interstate 80 Reliever Route shall be covered by a Cooperative Agreement between the STA and the implementing jurisdiction. This agreement will provide for a design concept consistent with the overall corridor identity as established in the Reliever Route Plan and Corridor Concept Plan.

Additional state and federal funding will be sought for the remaining segments of the Interstate 80 Reliever Route based on the priorities established in the Reliever Route Plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

_____	_____
The City of Fairfield	Date
_____	_____
The City of Suisun City	Date
_____	_____
The City of Vacaville	Date
_____	_____
Solano County	Date
_____	_____
Solano Transportation Authority	Date

Attachment A-1

**SUMMARY OF ALLOCATION OF 1998 STIP & TEA-21 EARMARK FUNDS**

*I-80 RELIEVER ROUTE, PHASE 1*

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTING AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>1998 STIP</b>	<b>TEA-21 EARMARK</b>	<b>PLANNED CONSTRUCTION START DATE</b>
1	Vanden Road Realignment & Intersection Project	City of Fairfield	\$1.786	\$1.386	\$0.400	April, 1999
2	Walters Road Extension	City of Fairfield	5.500	3.300	2.200	April, 2002
3	I-80/Leisure Town Road Interchange	City of Vacaville	9.500	-	9.500	April, 2003
4	Vanden Road Widening	Solano County	8.200	8.200	-	April, 2003
*	Walters Road Widening (E. Tabor to Bella Vista)	City of Suisun City	2.270	-	2.270	March, 2000
	Corridor Support	STA	0.861	0.821	0.040	N/A
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28.117</b>	<b>\$13.707</b>	<b>\$14.410</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\* Funding for this project was specifically identified as a TEA-21 earmark.



Date: February 3, 1999  
To: STA Board  
From: Dan Christians  
Re: Approve Contract for Federal Lobbyist

On February 11 1998, the Board authorized staff to retain a federal lobbyist to assist in securing earmarks for Section 3 Intercity Transit buses and the I-80 Reliever Route. The STA retained the Ferguson Group; a Washington based lobbyist with an office in Sacramento. Both efforts were quite successful and as a result of the approximately \$27,000 spent last year, the STA secured a \$1 million Section 3 grant (even though that grant was not initially recommended for approval by the House subcommittee) and a \$14.4 million earmark for the I-80 Reliever Route (even though the initial House proposal was only for approximately \$7 Million).

In order to compete again for federal earmarks for Section 3 funds for the SolanoLinks Consortium and any other special earmarks that might become available for the I-80 Reliever Route, emergency relief funds for McGary Road, and funding for bike routes, staff is recommending that the Ferguson Group be retained again for up to \$10,500 through June 30, 1999. If it appears possible that the STA could obtain any additional funds for the Reliever Route and/or McGary Road for next fiscal year (beginning October 1, 1999) the contract should be written so it can be extended up to four additional months by the STA's Executive Director, subject to budgeting of up to an additional \$8,400 of 1999-00 Project Development funds.

In the 1998-99 Project Development Fund, \$15,000 was budgeted for Federal Representation or lobbyist activities. To date, \$4,500 has been spent and the contract with the Ferguson Group expired on September 30, 1998.

#### Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact to the 1998-99 budget, since there is an additional \$10,500 of unspent Project Development Funds available for this purpose. If the contract were to be extended into FY 1999-00, additional Project Development Funds would need to be budgeted.

#### Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Contract for up to \$10,500 with The Ferguson Group for lobbying activities through June 30, 1999 (see attached Scope of Work), with a possible \$8,400 extension of the contract through October 31, 1999 subject to budgeting additional Project Development funds by the STA Board for 1999-00.

## **1999 Scope of Work - The Ferguson Group**

- In general, The Ferguson Group will help develop legislative and regulatory strategies for the STA that most effectively meet the needs of the agency, its officials and staff.
- Primary attention will be given to obtaining federal funds for four priority projects in 1999 including the purchasing of buses for the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium, the I-80 Reliever Route between Fairfield and Vacaville, Emergency Relief funds for McGary Road in Fairfield, and any special federal grants available for bike routes.
- The Ferguson Group will work with STA officials to prepare background materials, request letters and create advocacy papers for distribution to the STA's congressional delegation and the appropriate committees. Meetings will be scheduled with relevant congressional and federal agency officials. The Ferguson Group will also advise and prepare STA officials and staff for appropriate meetings with congressional and administration officials.
- Regular communication will be maintained with the STA's staff in telephone conversations, meetings, written reports and presentations to STA's staff and STA's leadership as appropriate. The Ferguson Group will provide the STA with their monthly Federal Transportation Report. This report will be customized to address transportation issues that are unique to STA or are specifically requested to be included in the report by STA officials and staff.
- The Ferguson Group will remain in regular contact with the STA's congressional delegation, congressional committees, federal agency personnel, and appropriate White House officials. They will ensure that the necessary follow-up work is accomplished until a specific objective is met.
- The Ferguson Group will provide STA officials and staff with the latest most up-to-date information available as well as their best professional judgement on the issues at hand in order to help them make the best decisions and strategies needed to obtain federal funding for the priority projects identified above.
- The Ferguson Group will represent the STA in a manner that generates respect and compels action. The Ferguson Group offers these services with the commitment to provide effective and economical representation with the highest standard of professional integrity.



Date: February 3, 1999  
To: STA Board  
From: Dan Christians  
Re: Approve Revised Program Guidelines and Call for Projects for 1999-00 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

As Program Manager, each year the STA Board approves Guidelines for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program. This is a program funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for various clean air projects such as the following: the purchase of clean air vehicles, non-diesel shuttle buses and services, bike routes, arterial management, and voluntary trip reduction and transit information. In prior years, the STA funded a portion of the Benicia Transit's Southampton bus service, Vallejo Transit's Route 92 between Vacaville and Vallejo Ferry Terminal, the Solano Bikeway, the Highway 12 (Central County) Bike Route in Suisun City, SolanoLinks transit information distribution and printing administered by Solano Commuter Information, and police bicycles for the Cities of Fairfield and Suisun City. The cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, the County, the STA, and school districts are eligible to apply.

This year, the minimum amount of funding expected will be \$308,000. The guidelines are very similar to last year with just a few technical changes. They are intended to be a simplified version of the Air District's guidelines, but more user-friendly. Because of some recent program changes by the BAAQMD, diesel shuttle bus services (such as Route 92) can no longer be funded. However, it is still a good program for providing services and capital improvements such as SolanoLinks and Solano Bikeway, which help to provide alternative modes to the single-occupant vehicles.

Staff recommends that the STA call for projects immediately and set a deadline of March 15 for all applications to be submitted. Then, as in past years, it is recommended that a subcommittee of the Board (probably the Executive Committee) will review applications, interview applicants (if necessary), and rank the applications for funding. It is expected that a final list of recommendations will be submitted to the full Board for approval at the Board meeting of April 14 and submittal to the BAAQMD by April 30.

#### Fiscal Impact

None. The amount of new funds projected by the BAAQMD and any interest and fund balance will be incorporated into the 1999-00 budget to fully fund the program.

#### Recommendation

Approve the Revised Program Manager Guidelines and Call for Projects for the 1999-00 Transportation Fund for Clean Air program.

Attachment



**1999-00 Solano TFCA Program Guidelines**  
**Schedule, Screening, and Selection Process**

**General Screening Criteria**

Projects must be consistent with BAAQMD’s Clean Air Plan (CAP) and must be deliverable within 2 years of programming (i.e. within 2 years after initial program funds are received by the STA, usually in December of the program year). When evaluating project deliverability, an agency’s ability to implement previous projects within the allotted time will be reviewed. Also, only projects that would have net reduction in air emissions can be approved. If any questions arise on the evaluation criteria and policies, the BAAQMD criteria dated December 18, 1998 shall supercede these guidelines. Questions on eligibility or policies shall be submitted to BAAQMD staff for a final resolution.

**Schedule**

1999-00 Applications Submitted to STA	3/15/99
Executive Committee Reviews Applications and Interviews Sponsors (if needed)	3/25/99
Project Recommendations Submitted to STA Board	4/14/99
Application Deadline of BAAQMD	4/30/99

**Eligible Project Types**

The following are eligible project types for TFCA funding subject to BAAQMD TFCA criteria:

- Voluntary trip reduction programs or implementation of ridesharing programs.
- Purchase or lease of clean fuel buses for school districts and transit operators.
- Provision of non-diesel feeder bus or shuttle service to rail, ferry stations and to airports.
- Implementation and maintenance of local arterial traffic management systems, including, but not limited to, signal timing, transit signal preemption, bus stop relocation and smart streets.
- Implementation of rail-bus integration and regional transit information systems.
- Implementation of CNG and electric vehicle demonstration projects.
- Clean air vehicles infrastructure projects for both electric recharging and natural gas facilities.
- Implementation of bicycle facility improvement projects that are included in the

adopted Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan or the Solano Congestion Management Program.

### **General Evaluation Criteria**

1. Priority will be given to projects having regional or subregional benefit (e.g. projects benefiting two or more jurisdictions or transportation systems).
2. Priority will be given to projects which have the greatest benefit to the reduction of vehicle trips and/or net reduction of air quality emissions.
3. For sponsors requesting continued funding, all required monitoring reports and signed funding agreements shall have been received.
4. All trip reduction or implementation of ridesharing program projects must have clearly defined services that will be provided. Activities such as carpool matching, vanpool program support, and direct employer services are eligible projects. A monitoring program to accurately identify the number of trips reduced each fiscal year is required for these types of projects.
5. All transit coordination and information programs must directly support and implement the recommendations of the 1998 5-Year Solano Intercity Transit Plan.

### **Proposed Project Scoring and Selection Process**

The Executive Committee of the STA will evaluate each application and achieve a consensus recommendation for each project score. Final recommendations will be made to the Board. A backup list of projects will also be created in case any recommended projects are not approved by the BAAQMD.

Throughout the project review process, the subcommittee will also consider each project's potential for competing in the discretionary regional (60%) funding process. The subcommittee may recommend that certain projects compete in the regional program.

As part of the application, each project sponsor is requested to answer each of the attached questions related to the following scoring categories:

#### ***I. Project Effectiveness (up to 70 points)***

This criterion will help to evaluate projects based on the extent to which the project is effective in reducing vehicle trips, improving air quality and meeting other program goals. Project sponsors are asked to complete the attached worksheets that explain how the project will be implemented and the benefits that can be expected. Projects may not exceed a cost effectiveness threshold of \$60,000 TFCA \$ per ton. Areas that need to be addressed for each category of eligibility include:

### **Trip Reduction/Implementation of Ridesharing**

- Projected total annual number of vehicle trips reduced (one-way)
- Average length of reduced trip (one-way)
- Explanation of how vehicle trips and trip length were determined

### **Shuttle Buses/Feeder Buses**

- Shuttle bus routes should serve either a rail station, airport, or ferry terminal
- Description of shuttle/feeder bus service: type of buses used, route, stops, schedule
- Projected one year operational data: average daily ridership, total annual boardings, miles of service
- Projected annual number of vehicle trips reduced (one-way)
- Estimated prior mode of patrons (i.e. % drive alone)
- Projected percent of patrons making vehicle trip to access transit
- Expected length of vehicle trips to access transit
- Explanation of how # of vehicle trips and trip length were determined
- Diesel shuttle bus routes are unlikely to be funded unless there is substantial ridership (i.e. new buses and more that 75% occupancy per average trip)

### **Clean Air Transit and School Vehicles**

- Number of vehicles to be purchased
- Type (CNG, electric, hybrid etc.)
- Passenger size of vehicle
- Per vehicle cost of vehicles
- Incremental cost of the clean air vehicle(s) as compared to purchase price of a conventional vehicle
- Average annual mileage of vehicles being replaced

### **Bicycle Projects**

- Primarily for construction of paths, trails, bridges (Class I), and bicycle lanes (Class II).
- Projects may also include bicycle racks, bicycle lockers, bicycle storage facilities or electric police bikes.
- Bike routes should serve regional, subregional or multi-jurisdictional travel demands.
- Must reduce a sufficient amount of daily vehicle trips to comply with BAAQMD cost effectiveness standards for bike routes
- Bike routes must be included in the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan or Solano Congestion Management Plan.

### **Arterial Management Projects**

- Provide Location of Project
- Segment Length (miles)
- Time Period (describe expected time over which speeds will be increased)

- Traffic must be at least 20,000 average daily traffic volume (w/o project)
- Provide Travel Speed w/o project
- Days/yr. project would affect traffic
- Traffic volume w/Project
- Travel Speed w/Project
- Projects may not include routine maintenance

### **Rail-Bus Integration and Transit Information Systems**

- Detailed description of proposed rail-bus integration and/or transit information systems
- Proposed products and estimated one year cost estimate for each one such as the following:
  1. Printing and/or distribution of intercity transit maps
  2. 1-800 transit information number and transit information and trip planning assistance
  3. Transit kiosks
  4. Transit incentives
  5. Park-and-ride information and support facilities
  6. Web site for transit information, ridesharing or trip planning
  7. Promotional campaign to encourage ridership on rail or intercity transit systems
  8. Annual ridership survey to determine the change in mode as a result of any of the above efforts
- Describe total overall bus-rail system, one-way length of combined routes, and average number of daily one-way trips for the entire system or systems
- Projected one year operational data for the overall system (or systems)
- Average daily ridership
- Total days of service per year
- Total average daily boardings
- Total average annual vehicle miles of service
- Projected daily number of vehicle trips reduced (one-way)
- Estimated prior mode of patrons (i.e. % drive alone)
- Projected percent of patrons making vehicle trip to access shuttle/feeder bus or park-n-ride facilities
- Expected average length of vehicle trips to access rail, transit or park –n-ride facilities
- Explanation of how # of vehicle trips and trip length were determined

### **Clean Air Vehicle Demonstrations (i.e. electric vehicles for public fleets)**

- TFCA funding shall be the incremental cost of the clean air vehicle and not exceed \$8,000 for zero emission vehicles.

### **Clean Air Vehicles Infrastructure Projects**

- The maximum amount of funding is limited to the amount necessary to satisfy the recharging demand created by the demonstration project.
- After satisfying the project needs, the recharging facility must be accessible, to the extent feasible, to other public agencies, private fleets and the general public.
- Funds may be used for both electric recharging and natural gas refueling infrastructure.

#### ***II. Regional or Corridor Benefit (20 points maximum)***

- Does the project have regional benefit (i.e. benefits more than one jurisdiction, promotes regional transportation systems or supports a major transportation corridor)? Does the project support transportation and land use policies and programs that support the region's air quality objectives, particularly those that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles.

#### ***III. Matching Funds (10 points maximum)***

- Does the project, route or system have other matching funds or would it be 100% funded with TFCA funds? Preference will be given to projects which utilize other local, regional, state or federal, matching funds, which work with TFCA funds to leverage a larger project.

February 10, 1999  
Agenda Item 9.1



Date: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
From: Dan Christians  
Re: Draft 1998 STA Annual Report

Attached is the Draft 1998 STA Annual Report. A final version will be submitted for approval at the March STA Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Review draft 1998 STA Annual Report.

February 10, 1999

Dear STA Partner:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is pleased to submit the enclosed 1998 Annual Report. We are proud of our accomplishments last year and will continue to work in partnership with our member jurisdictions, government agencies, local businesses, and the general public to meet the many transportation issues facing Solano and the region.

A lot of credit for last year's success story should be given to Mayor Don Erickson, our Chair during 1998, Jim Spering, the Chair of MTC, and Martin Tuttle, our former Executive Director.

The passage of Measure F - the Transportation Advisory Measure was a truly remarkable accomplishment for the STA. We must build on that success and continue implementing our priority projects.

In 1998, STA was proactive in securing funds and implementing our key projects such as the I-80 Reliever Route, Highway 37, Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez bridges, I-680/I-80 interchange improvements, and transit coordination. The cooperation among all of our partners has been excellent.

With your help, we will fully succeed in implementing our project goals. Please contact me or Michelle Morris Brubaker, the STA's Interim Executive Director at (707) 422-6491, if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Rischa Slade  
Chair



## **ANNUAL REPORT - 1998**



# 1998 Annual Report

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## **SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Rischa Slade, Chair, City of Vacaville**  
**Dan Donahue, Vice Chair, City of Vallejo**  
**Steve Gizzi, City of Benicia**  
**Don Erickson, City of Dixon**  
**Steve Lessler, City of Fairfield**  
**Marci Coglianese, City of Rio Vista**  
**Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano**  
**Jim Spering, City of Suisun City**

### **Mission Statement**

*Delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Solano.*

### **Responsibilities**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) coordinates countywide transportation programs and projects under a joint powers agreement between the cities and county. It develops transportation plans, operates elderly and handicapped paratransit services and serves as the clearinghouse for several state, regional and federal transportation grants.

The STA is governed by a board composed of representatives from the county board of supervisors and mayors/city council members from each of the seven cities within the county. The Board has an Executive Director and staff, and meets monthly in Suisun City.

February 10, 1999

Dear STA Partner:

This past year marked many great accomplishments by the STA Board, committees and staff by advancing many transportation projects throughout the county.

In May, the Board adopted its third list of "Priority Projects", which placed a far greater emphasis on the STA for project delivery than ever before. These projects range from bike routes throughout the county to the timely construction of new bridges at Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez.

The STA is now poised to advance a vision for Solano that builds toward a complete transportation system -- regional roads, trains, buses, ferry service and freeways. The commitment by the Board and staff to that vision, along with our working relationship with you and other key partners, portends well for success in 1999.

We are fortunate to have you and your agency as a STA partner, and look forward to continue working with you to advance Solano projects in the context of a workable regional system.

Finally I would like to express my appreciation to Martin Tuttle who guided the STA and its staff for the past three years, and Dan Christians, Matt Todd and Stacy Medley who also worked very hard on the STA's goals and priorities.

Sincerely,

Michelle Morris Brubaker  
Interim Executive Director

# 1998 IN REVIEW

## January

- Mayor Don Erickson elected Chair and Councilmember Rischa Slade Vice-Chair
- SEDCORP/STA Transportation Action Team unveiled Solano Transportation Plan strategy
- Alan Nadritch elected Chair and Pam Belchamber Vice Chair of SolanoLinks Consortium

## February

- STIP funding proposed for Highway 37, I-680/I-80 interchange, and environmental work for I-80 expansion between Dixon and Vacaville
- STA retains Federal Lobbyist to seek federal earmarks

## March

- Mayor Jim Spring and Martin Tuttle join MTC on their annual trip to Washington D.C.
- STA supports pending Earmark Requests
- TDA Article 3 funds approved for bicycle routes in Fairfield and Vacaville

## April

- Annual TDA claims for planning/administration and Solano Paratransit approved
- Vallejo Transit commences Express Bus Routes 92 and 100 to Vacaville and Sacramento
- Construction of Leisure Town Road Extension commences in Vacaville

## May

- SolanoLinks receives "Tranny" award at California Transportation Foundation
- Board approves 1998-99 Priority Projects
- Rischa Slade and Steve Lessler lobby for reauthorization of ISTEA and Solano earmarks in Washington D.C.

## June

- \$179 Million of State Transportation Improvement Program funds approved for Solano
- \$15 Million of federal earmarks approved for Reliever Route and Wilson Avenue
- YSAQMD funds approved for Citylink Route 30, Dixon-Davis Bike Route and BikeLinks

## July

- Travel Safety Study commences
- \$412,000 of TFCA Program Manager funds approved by BAAQMD
- Transportation for Livable Communities grant approved for Reliever Route Concept Plan and Moore Iacofano and Goltsman commence Phase 1 Study
- Bicycle Lane Account grant secured for Old Davis Road

## **August**

- Board of Supervisors place Measure F on November ballot

## **September**

- TEA-21 process commences for 25% and 75% Programs
- BikeLinks maps completed

## **October**

- 5<sup>th</sup> train of Capitol Corridor begins service
- Community Meeting held at Vanden High School for Reliever Route Corridor Concept Plan
- MTC's annual Unmet Needs hearing is held in Suisun City
- STA supports redesign of Benicia-Martinez bridge eliminating elevated overcrossing to I-780
- Transportation Awareness Week held
- New SolanoLinks transit brochure completed

## **November**

- Measure F- the Transportation Advisory Measure passes by 76%
- TEA-21 25% Program Corridor plans approved
- Jones and Stokes Associates selected to prepare EIR/S for I-80 Reliever Route
- Mark Thomas and Co. Inc. selected to prepare base mapping/plan lines for Reliever Route
- Reliever Route Phase 1 Corridor Plan completed

## **December**

- STA approves \$11.6 million of STIP Augmentation funds for road repairs
- First Annual Transportation Awards Ceremony held by STA
- Traffic Safety Study Completed
- 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan approved
- Martin Tuttle leaves STA for Executive Director of Sacramento Area Council of Governments



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: STA Goals/Objectives for 1999

With the new year, it would be advantageous for the STA Board to adopt clear project and organizational goals for this year. Please take a few minutes to review the draft goals and bring your ideas to the meeting for discussion.

The goals underscore the emphasis on the already adopted "priority projects" for 1998/99 and reinforce the emphasis on transit coordination through the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium. As in the past year, obtaining additional funds to finance priority projects must be a clear objective. Highlighting the need to secure new funding should continue to be a key component of the STA outreach efforts to local, state and federal officials, as well as to business and civic leaders.

Following on the success of last year's Transportation Awards event, we propose an annual event to recognize the achievements and commitments by STA partners to enhance mobility in Solano County during the year.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Review the attached list of draft STA goals for 1999 for adoption in March.

Attachments

## **DRAFT STA Goals – 1999**

Please take a few minutes to review the draft goals and bring your ideas to the meeting for discussion.

1. Advance STA Priority Projects (see attached)
2. Seek additional local, state and federal funds to assist priority projects and backfill current transportation funding shortfalls.
  - Local – continue work with Solano Economic Develop Corporation (SEDCORP) Transportation Action Team to explore feasibility of new local funds
  - State – maximize STIP and SHOPP funding opportunities
  - Federal – secure federal earmarks for Board approved projects and Section 3 discretionary funds for intercity bus purchases.
3. Continue work with the business/government partnership to implement the Solano Transportation Plan with SEDCORP.
4. Achieve tangible results on transit coordination through the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium.
5. Hold a “Transportation Awards” event (month to be determined in Item 9.6) to honor achievements of STA partners in promoting mobility in Solano.
6. Hire an excellent Executive Director to provide leadership for the STA.

## **1999 Priority Projects**

1. Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project
2. Carquinez Bridge Project
3. Bike Route Plan Implementation
4. Capitol Corridor
5. Electric Vehicles
6. Highway 12 Improvements
7. Highway 37 Project
8. I-80/680 Auxiliary Lanes
9. I-80 Reliever Route Land Use Study
10. Intercity Transit Plan Implementation
11. Mare Island Access Study
12. Red Top Slide/McGary Road
13. Solano Transportation Plan Implementation
14. Traffic Safety Study
15. Vacaville CNG Facility



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Transportation for Livable Communities and TEA 21 Transportation Enhancements

In December, MTC issued a call for projects for the Transportation Enhancements (TEA) and Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) programs. Applications have been mailed by MTC to each jurisdiction. These two programs are being unified with one theme to make investments associated with the transportation system that solve community needs and which then become the catalysts for other continuing community improvements. The program's purpose is to fund transportation projects in the San Francisco Bay Area that:

- Support a community's development and/or redevelopment activities
- Have been developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process
- Enhance a community's identity and overall quality of life

At the regional level, about \$5 million from the TLC program and \$4 million from the TEA program will be available each year. In addition, \$1.5 million over 6 years (approximately \$250,000 per year) will be available as a county guarantee to Solano County. MTC has proposed the following schedule for the MTC TLC capital program:

December 30, 1998	Distribute applications
January 19 and 26, 1999	Informational workshops in Oakland and Santa Rosa
February 23, 1999	Applications due to MTC at noon
Week of April 5, 1999	Draft list of project "rankings" published and distributed at MTC's Work Program Committee meeting on April 9, 1999
May 14, 1999/May 26, 1999	Request Work Program Committee and MTC approval of program

TLC planning grants are also available. Applications for FY 1999-2000 planning grants are due to MTC by March 1, 1999 at noon.

STA will develop its own application for funds that will be guaranteed to Solano. The Solano process will follow closely behind the selection of projects for the regional program. STA will program the first two years of funding in the first cycle (about \$500,000).

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. Information only.



DATE: February 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: YSAQMD Clean Air Program for 1999-00

Applications are now available for the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) Clean Air Program. The submittal deadline is March 5 to the YSAQMD. The STA has copies of the application materials or they can be obtained directly from the YSAQMD by calling 1-800-287-3650.

Eligible project activities include:

- Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles
- Alternative Transportation Programs
- Transit Services
- Public Education/Information

The STA requests summaries of all applications be submitted to the STA by February 19, in order to allow discussion at the TAC on the Solano projects submitted for funding. STA also requests that copies of all applications be submitted to the STA staff by March 1 to be included in the STA Board's Resolution of support that will be forwarded on to the YSAQMD. Project sponsors should submit completed applications to the YSAQMD.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

For information only.



DATE: February 2, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: Sites for Electric Recharging Stations/Vehicles and Request for BAAQMD Funds

An Electric Vehicles Priority Project was adopted at the October STA Board meeting. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is expecting to call for electric vehicle infrastructure projects by mid-February for a special program that is funded with \$350,000 of state and regional funds. Staff is proposing that we apply for funding for sites in each of the south and mid county jurisdictions. The program will allow us to apply for at least \$7,000 per site, to fund 40% of each site. It is also expected that private funds will be available from the major auto dealers (i.e. GM and Ford) to cover most or all of the remaining costs for each site.

One conductive and one inductive electric recharging station should be funded at each site and they must be publicly accessible. After talking with BAAQMD, staff believes that these sites must be easily accessible to I-80 and I-680, and be closely associated with another transportation mode or large public facility to have a chance of being funded in this regional program. They can be located on either public or private property.

We will also propose to supplement this program with Program Manager funds by creating a pool of TFCA funds for additional infrastructure and some vehicle leases beginning next year. Both public and private sites are eligible for this program, although only public sponsors can apply for the regular TFCA program.

At the last TAC meeting the following tentative sites were recommended for this request:

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Clean Air Request</u>	<u># and Type of Recharging Units</u>
Vallejo Ferry Terminal	\$14,000	(2 conductive, 2 inductive)
E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Park and Ride, Benicia	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
Solano Mall, Fairfield	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
Cordelia Junction, Fairfield	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
Suisun City Hall or Amtrak Station	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
Fairfield City Hall	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
Vallejo City Hall	\$7,000	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
STA Offices	<u>\$7,000</u>	(1 conductive, 1 inductive)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>	

Staff will keep an on-going list of potential sites that do not receive funding. Public sites not funded under this program will be considered under the TFCA program. This list will be used to develop cost estimates for each site.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None at this time. Once the BAAQMD formally requests proposals, staff will request a formal action by the STA Board.



**DATE:** February 3, 1999  
**TO:** STA Board  
**FROM:** Matt Todd  
**RE:** Select 1999 Awards Ceremony Date

The Board discussed selecting a date for the Annual STA Awards Ceremony at the January meeting. The Executive Committee discussed selecting the November Board meeting date as the annual date of the event. This falls on the second Wednesday of the month, and would be on **November 10, 1999**. This date is close to the end of the year, but should not conflict with holiday events.

The nomination process should start in late summer to allow for more participation in the process.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Select a date for the 1999 awards ceremony.



DATE: February 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Rischa Slade/Don Erickson  
RE: Information on Executive Director Search

Shannon and Associates has received a number of resumes for the new Executive Director position. The final filing date was Friday, January 22, 1999. Upon completing their screening, the firm will deliver a list of ten candidates to the Executive Director Search Committee (Members Erickson, Donahue, Slade and Coglianese) to consider after February 12.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. Information only.

**David Harris**  
**Shannon Associates**  
**(916) 567-4280**

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**Date:** February 1, 1999

**To:** Ms. Rischa Slade, Chairperson  
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**From:** David Harris  
(916) 567-1220 (fax)  
(916) 567-4280 (Shannon Phone)

**Subj:** STA Executive Director Recruitment

**Fax #:**

**Comments:** We received 48 applications, including some very strong contenders. Screening interviews are being conducted this week and next with 15 or 16 of the 48 applicants. Of the 48, 40 are from California. Most have advanced degrees. Several have both transportation and legislative process experience.

Our revised target date for sending the report to you is Friday, February 12. The report will include information on all who have been interviewed and we will recommend which candidates we feel you should consider for interviews as finalists. We will be pleased to discuss our impressions and findings with the appropriate STA reps when you have had a few days to review the report.

Please call 916/ 567-4280 if you encounter any difficulties in receiving this facsimile.