



**March 10, 1999**

**Special Closed Session  
5:45 p.m.**

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



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**MEETING NOTICE**

**March 10, 1999**  
**STA Board Meeting**  
**333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 230**  
**Suisun City, CA**

**5:45 p.m.**  
**Special Closed Session Regarding Public Employment to Fill the**  
**Position of Executive Director**

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

**MISSION STATEMENT - SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, economic**  
**vitality, and quality of life in Solano.**

**ITEMS**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - CONFIRM QUORUM**
- 2.0 CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT TO FILL THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- 3.0 RECONVENE FOR REGULAR MEETING**
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5.0 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 6.0 COMMENTS/UPDATE FROM STAFF, CALTRANS AND MTC**
- 7.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 8.0 CONSENT AGENDA (Any consent item can be pulled for discussion)**
- 8.1 Approve Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 1999 - Page 13**
- 8.2 Review Draft Minutes of February 24, 1999 TAC meeting – Page 19**
- 8.3 Approve Appointment to Bicycle Advisory Committee (Dan Christians) – Page 23**
- 8.4 Approve Appointment to Paratransit Coordinating Council (Matt Todd) – Page 25**

- 8.5 **Approve FY 1998-99 STA Budget Revisions** (Dan Christians) - Page 29
- 8.6 **Approve STA Annual Report for 1998** (Dan Christians) – Page 31
- 8.7 **Approve Resolution Supporting Travel Safety Projects for TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program** (Matt Todd) – Page 61
- 8.8 **Approve 5-Year Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan and 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims** (Dan Christians) – Page 65
- 8.9 **Approve Sole Source Justification for Contract with Grandy and Associates Contract for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services** (Michelle Morris Brubaker) – Page 69
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- 9.1 **Authorize Amendment to the Contract with Shannon Associates for Additional Services for the Executive Director Search** (Chair Rischa Slade) – Page 75

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

- 10.1 **Approve STA Goals/Objectives for 1999** (Chair Rischa Slade) - Page 79
- 10.2 **Approve Resolution Supporting Requests for Federal Earmarks for Acquisition of Buses for SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium** (Matt Todd) - Page 83
- 10.3 **Approve Resolution of Support for 1999-00 YSAQMD Clean Air Fund Applications** (Matt Todd) – Page 87

#### **11.0 INFORMATION ITEMS: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

- 11.1 **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Call for Projects for 1999-00 BAAQMD Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program** (Dan Christians) – Page 99
- 11.2 **SolanoLinks Consortium and Marketing Program Update** (Dan Christians) Page 101
- 11.3 **Transportation Advisory Committee Formation** (Chair Rischa Slade) – Page 109
- 11.4 **Award Ceremony Update** (Matt Todd) – Page 111
- 11.5 **Board Members Comments**
- 11.6 **Adjournment** (Next Meeting April 14, 1999)

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**MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: March 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 months Board agenda.*

**\*Budget:** Staff proposes minor revisions to the current year budget in agenda item 8.5 to reflect additional funds received by the STA and Board actions taken since the original budget was adopted.

**Federal TEA 21 Funds:** In February, the Board adopted a revised list of projects for the TEA 21 75% fund rehabilitation/replacement program (\$5.2 - \$6.9 million available for Solano). This list included a set-aside of \$594,000 for safety projects. There will be a meeting on March 10 with Solano jurisdictions to select these projects.

**\*Transportation Advisory Committee:** On March 2, Board member Rischa Slade and I will be meeting with representatives of the Solano Economic Development Corporation (SEDCORP) regarding establishing a Transportation Advisory Committee for Solano, which would build upon the success of Measure F.

**\*Federal Earmark:** The STA sent letters to our Congressional delegation requesting an earmark of \$2.7 for the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium for bus service along I-80. A resolution in support of this request is included in agenda item 10.2.

**Bay Bridge:** I forwarded to MTC the resolution the STA Board passed in February 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. STA staff member Dan Christians spoke in support of the bridge at the Bay Bridge Task Force meeting on February 24 in Oakland.

**Reliever Route:** In February, I attended the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting in Sacramento to support a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment for revising the funding for the I-80 Reliever Route project. Action to allocate funds for this project will be on the March CTC agenda.

**MTC's Capitol Hill Legislative Trip:** Board member Jim Spering and I will be participating in MTC's annual trip to Washington DC on March 14-17.

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**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**SB 315 (Burton) Proposal for Transportation Bonds:** This bill contains the \$16 billion bond proposal that would place on the ballot \$4 billion in bonds for transportation over the next four elections. Currently, SB 315 is a skeletal proposal that outlines the initial program categories that would be funded. The Transportation Investment Plan would allocate an unspecified amount of the bond proceeds to each of the following categories: rehabilitation of the state highway system, assistance to local governments for rehabilitation and storm damage repair of local streets and roads, funding for public transit capital assistance, and funding for high-priority capital projects of statewide significance.

**SR 8 (Burton) Transportation Needs Assessment:** The CTC and Caltrans would be requested to provide an assessment of the state's rehabilitation, maintenance, and operation needs over the next ten years. This needs assessment includes the state highway system, local streets and roads, and urban, commuter and regional transit systems. The resolution also requests that high-priority projects be identified. A workload projection and staffing estimate for Caltrans is also requested in order to determine if Caltrans has the resources to complete the projects contained in the assessment.

**SCA 3 (Burton) Constitutional Amendment for Local Transportation Sales Taxes:** This would amend the Constitution to allow for local transportation sales taxes to be enacted by a majority vote. Local sales taxes statewide will generate approximately \$20 billion for transportation projects and programs. Most of these local programs will sunset in the next ten years.

***Upcoming events***

March 16-17	MTC legislative meetings in Washington DC
March 22-23	Bay Area Partnership Board Meeting in Oakland
March 24	Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland
March 29/30	California Transportation Commission meeting in Sacramento
March 31	SolanoLinks Consortium in Suisun City
March 31	STA TAC meeting in Suisun City
April 14	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board meeting in Suisun City
April 14	STA Board meeting in Suisun City

***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	Allotted 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 began February 21 -Negotiations ongoing with landowner for parking improvements at Suisun/Fairfield
<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	-Received 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 mtg 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/McGary Road</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	\$19,878	-2nd printing of BikeLinks map completed -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 -Time extension granted by BAAQMD for 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 transferred to FTA and STA approved \$58,000 STAF local match
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,971</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$83,820</b>	

\* No funds allotted at this time

\$152,971

\*\* 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.

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Dear Chair King:

On February 10, 1999, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board adopted the attached 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.

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 and waste approximately \$15 million or more spent to date in design costs.

The STA Board endorses 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. Any delay for the new east span will increase the total cost of the project. Commuters from Solano County pay two tolls as they traverse two bridges to travel to San Francisco.

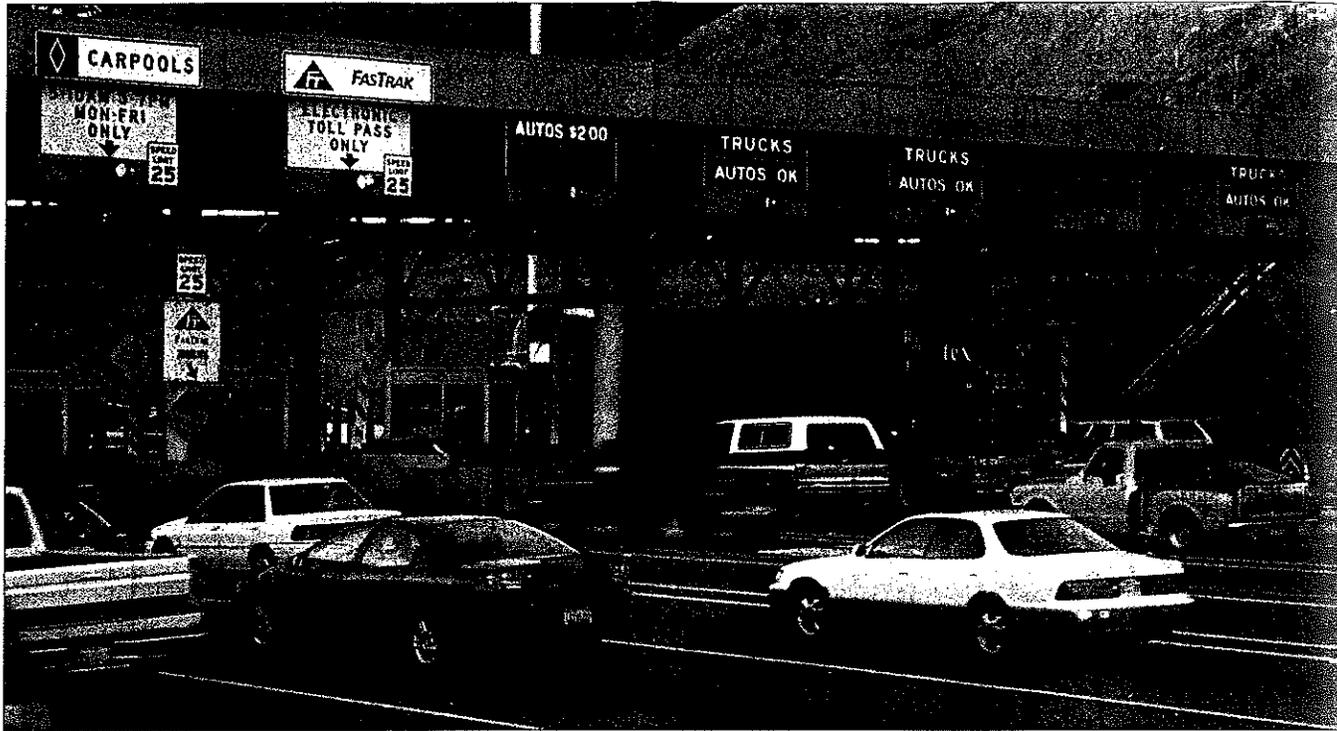
Thank you in advance for your consideration of the STA Board's view. Please call me at (707) 422-6491 if we can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Michelle Morris Brubaker  
Interim Executive Director

Enclosure

- cc: Hon. Diane Feinstein
- Hon. Barbara Boxer
- Hon. George Miller
- Hon. Maurice Johannessen
- Hon. Wesley Chesbro
- Hon. Helen Thompson
- Hon. Patricia Wiggins
- Jose Medina, Caltrans
- Larry Dahms, MTC
- Robert McCleary, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- STA Board Members



Christine Baker/DAILY REPUBLIC

A pickup travels through the FasTrak lane without delay on I-80 at the Carquinez Bridge, while other cars slow down to pay the toll.

## FasTrak commuters face 'technical' glitches

By Mark Simborg  
DAILY REPUBLIC

2/14/99

VALLEJO — About 15,000 Solano County commuters are on the FasTrak. But a year and half after its installation, the system that allows motorists to pass through toll booths without stopping has only the Carquinez Bridge to its name.

"Everyone's a little frustrated," said California Department of Transportation spokesman Colin Jones. "We were hoping to have it on the other bridges by (September 1998)."

The system hasn't performed up to Caltrans standards, Jones said. He didn't elaborate on the reason why, only saying the system still needs

**'Everyone's a little frustrated.'**

— Colin Jones,  
Caltrans spokesman

work in its "reliability."

A spokeswoman for the company that designed the system acknowledged that there are "technical" issues being worked out, but attributed part of the delay to a shift in the upper management in Caltrans.

"Nobody was in charge of the thing" after Caltrans Director James Van Loben Sels resigned last December, said Dawn Jackson, spokeswoman for Hayward-based MFS

Network Technologies, Inc.

Van Loben Sels was replaced by former San Francisco Supervisor Jose Medina.

"That has nothing to do with it," Jones said. "It's a simple issue of meeting contract specifications and they haven't been able to do that."

MFS has a \$30 million contract with Caltrans to install FasTrak on all nine state-owned bridges in the Bay Area, including the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and the Bay Bridge. It was supposed to complete the work by the end of last year.

The Carquinez FasTrak on eastbound Interstate 80 was installed in July 1997. It has 8,000

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### FasTrak From Page One

to 9,000 daily users and around 15,000 "accounts," Jackson said.

A computer reads information from a 3-inch by 5-inch "tag" mounted inside the car and automatically deducts the fare from a pre-paid account.

The amount deducted comes out to about 7½ percent less than the \$2 fare.

• One tag will work on all the bridges.

About 105,000 motorists travel across the bridge each day, according to Caltrans.

MFS has had similar problems getting the system going in other states, Jones said. MFS representatives denied

that claim.

"I'm not aware of any similar problems," said Marc Deflin, project manager. "There have been delays, but not of this kind."

Motorists, at least, are satisfied with the system.

Benicia resident and commuter John Hertia is the vice president of a biotechnology company in Hercules.

"It's been great," he said. "I'm the kind of person that's always switching lines in the grocery store to go through faster."

To get an application for a FasTrak account, call MFS' toll free number at (888) 725-TRAK.



Reporter file

Passengers disembark from the Vallejo Ferry. Bay ferry service would be boosted under a proposal to be presented Wednesday.

## Ferryboats signal wave of future ...

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of the Bay Area Council, which joined the Bay Area Economic Forum to produce the document. Those matters are expected to be dealt with when the final report is issued, probably in April, he said.

The plan sees at least 26 terminals served by 70 vessels at an initial estimated cost of \$680 million.

"The ferries will have to link up with other public transit systems," Hancock said.

For a reminder, one needs only look at the hundred-year-old Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street. City streetcars once circled in front of the building as passengers disembarked from the nation's largest ferry fleet.

As many as 50 million passengers and 7 million motor vehicles rode the ferries during the 1920s and '30s. Today, there are fewer than 3 million passenger trips per year.

Southern Pacific operated the largest system in 1930. The SP fleet consisted of 27 automobile-carrying ferries on seven routes. In all, 47 ferries sailed the bay in that year.

So many ferries jammed the bay that when the fog was thick, the boats ran at 40-minute intervals rather than the usual 20 minutes to minimize the risk of collision.

Although the big, traditional ferryboat disappeared from bay routes in 1958, it's still possible to board one. The 300-foot Eureka is open to the public at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Built in 1890, the 300-foot vessel

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**Harold Gilliam of Los Angeles, writing about visiting San Francisco in the 1930s**

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like the Eureka. They would be more in the class of the M.V. Del Norte, a high-speed ferry capable of carrying 325 passengers on the Larkspur-San Francisco run. The 135-foot boat is the fifth ferry in the Golden Gate Transit District's flotilla.

Other ferries routes include Alameda-San Francisco, Oakland-San Francisco and Vallejo-San Francisco.

Redwood City on the San Francisco Peninsula is typical of the towns that would like to join that list.

Redwood City Port Commissioner Dick Dodge said a survey of 10 of the largest employers with close access to the port in his city found that 1,111 workers live within

than four miles. In addition, 291 lived within a five-mile radius of Jack London Square in Oakland.

There can be little doubt there are people willing to be passengers.

Ferry ridership swelled during the 1997 Bay Area Rapid Transit district strike, the task force notes. After the rail walkout was well over, the ferries reported a 20 percent gain over pre-strike levels.

High-speed ferries "would enable a Redwood City-San Francisco route to be achieved in 50 to 55 minutes," said Dodge.

The big lure, however, may not be convenience.

Riding a ferryboat can result in San Francisco having an "uncritical mass" of workers, said Nancy Olmsted, author of "The Ferry Building: Witness to a Century of Change, 1898-1998."

What a great way to start and end the workday, she said, praising "the calming effect of moving slowly across San Francisco Bay in a convivial atmosphere."

Olmsted isn't the first writer to see the connection.

Harold Gilliam wrote about growing up in Los Angeles and visiting San Francisco in the 1930s. He was struck by how the people in San Francisco seemed "more courteous."

Gilliam concluded that there was a connection between the ferries and the genial atmosphere he saw.

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## Swelling interest in ferryboats may signal wave of bay's future

**In brief**

Service would not only ease traffic congestion, but possibly revive a long-lost civility among commuters.

By James O. Clifford  
Associated Press Writer

Reporter  
2/14/99

There are lots of people who want San Francisco Bay to look more like it used to — teeming with ferries that shuttled passengers back and forth before bridges did the job.

On Wednesday, the back-to-the-future plan will be launched, envisioning ferries criss-crossing the bay again to ease landlocked gridlock left in the wake of the earlier fleet's demise.

Ferry service in Solano County —

from Vallejo to San Francisco — has been growing in recent years, but ridership has leveled off. Holidays and weekends, however, find long lines at the Ferry Building at the waterfront.

A task force appointed by the state Senate in 1997 to study and make recommendations for water transit on San Francisco Bay will issue the first part of its report in what amounts to a wish list.

"How to do it and pay for it is another matter," said Russ Hancock

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 Section B  
**BAY & VALLEY**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999 • DAILY REPUBLIC

# Groups back massive transportation package

## The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Saying California's economy could be strangled by traffic jams, business and labor groups lined up Tuesday to support state Senate leader John Burton's \$36 billion transportation package.

But Burton said a key portion of the package — the simple majority needed to pass local transportation taxes — could be in trouble because of opposition from tax limitation groups and conservative Republicans.

"The local vote issue will be the toughest," the San Francisco Democrat

said at a Capitol news conference. "I still have hopes that it will pass."

Burton announced in December that he would introduce two measures: a bill authorizing the state to sell \$16 billion in bonds to pay for transportation improvements and the local vote measure, a constitutional amendment designed to preserve at least \$20 billion in local transportation taxes.

A third piece of the package is a resolution directing the state Transportation Commission and Department of Transportation to send the Senate a report on California's transportation

needs over the next 10 years.

On Tuesday Burton was joined by representatives of the state Chamber of Commerce, home builders, the state's high-tech and aerospace industries, counties and construction trades unions to promote the legislation.

They said the state needs an additional \$15 billion to \$25 billion over the next 10 years to meet transportation needs brought on by an exploding population and aging infrastructure.

"The statistics speak for themselves," said David Ackerman of the California Chamber of Commerce. "The

California business community will be strangled if we do not improve our infrastructure and transportation."

Both the bonds and the constitutional amendment need approval from lawmakers and voters, and it will take two-thirds majorities in both houses to put them on the ballot. That means they'll have to have some Republican votes — at least two in the Senate and six in the Assembly — to pass.

The bond bill, which would put \$4 billion bond measures on the next four general election ballots, seems to have the votes to pass at least the Senate.

Two Republican senators are coauthors.

But the local vote proposal faces tougher going. In the Legislature's 1997-98 session, Assembly Republicans blocked similar legislation, which would have allowed voters to pass local school bond measures by simple majorities instead of two-thirds votes.

Seventeen California counties already have local sales taxes to raise money for transportation, most of them passed by simple majorities of voters. They're expected to raise nearly \$20 billion over their lifetimes.

## BAY AREA

# S.F. Has Trouble Selling Idea of Routing Bay Bridge to the North

Task force isn't moved by arguments of economic hardship

By Carl Nolte  
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

The city of San Francisco got a chilly reception yesterday when it made its pitch for a redesign of the new eastern half of the Bay Bridge to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's bridge design task force.

The city says the current design — which would sweep north of where the bridge stands now and run from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island — would “devastate” San Francisco's business plans for Yerba Buena.

Instead, said Annemarie Conroy, the Treasure Island and Yerba Buena project director appointed by Mayor Willie Brown,

San Francisco wants the new bridge moved south of where the bridge stands now.

By routing the new \$1.5 billion project north, she said, several historic and important buildings would be in the bridge's shadow, making it impossible to convert them to conference centers and other uses.

If the bridge is built the way Caltrans and design panel has recommended, she said, it would cost the city \$92.6 million and upset movie studios so much they would curtail their film activities on Treasure Island, which would mean a loss of \$200 million in revenue.

San Francisco's presentation took 98 minutes and featured slide shows, graphs, charts, veiled threats, and testimony from everybody from engineers and landscape planners to a Navy admiral in full uniform.

Rear Admiral Ronne Froman, commanding the Navy Region Southwest, said that although the Navy has left Treasure Island and Yerba Buena, it still owns the property

and is planning to turn it over to San Francisco. But, she said, the northern route “effectively destroys the ability of San Francisco to redevelop” the islands.

As if the city's arguments were not convincing, Conroy also threatened to sue if the replacement bridge is not redesigned. “We will not stand for this,” she said. “We have no choice but to litigate.”

Conroy, however, was preaching to an audience that had made up its mind — the Bay Bridge Design Task Force, the very people who had selected the northern route in the first place.

Task force members noted that the design had been developed over a two-year period, including more than 30 “unprecedented” public meetings, that the state had already invested \$40 million in the design and that time was of the essence.

The new bridge has to be completed before the next big earthquake because the old cantilevers section is unsafe.

One member called it playing Russian roulette with public safety.

“This,” said Christopher Arnold, a member of the design group, “is a very small tail wagging a very big dog. If you are worried about a historic house, I would move the house. Don't move the bridge.”

Mayor Willie Brown himself was not at the meeting. Neither was Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, who sent Oakland public works director Terry Roberts to read a letter urging redesign of the whole bridge.

Jerry Brown wants to throw out the present design — a single tower suspension bridge and a causeway — in favor of an international contest to produce what the Oakland mayor calls “a spectacular design.”

But a design contest, said Alameda County Supervisor Mary King, who also serves as chairwoman of the design task force, “would be a waste of time.”

“And in the bridge business, time is mon-

ey,” she said.

Construction is supposed to start next year, and the bridge would open in 2004.

King said a delay would cost an additional \$100 million. “You know who's going to pay for that?” she said. “The Bay Area toll payers, that's who.”

There was no vote yesterday, but it was clear that if a vote were taken, San Francisco would have lost by a large margin. “There are 100 cities in the Bay Area, said John Kriken, vice chairman of the engineering and design panel, “and we've only heard from one of them. I hope we don't have to hear from the other 99.”

After the meeting, King said Caltrans would continue work on the design on the bridge on the northern route, “until they are told to stop.”

It was clear that any new orders would have to come from the governor's office in Sacramento. So far, said King, there have been no new orders.

# Bridge work set for 2000

By **DOROTHY VRIEND**

Times-Herald staff writer

2/17/99  
**W**ork on the new span of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge is not set to begin until the summer of 2000, but grading for a new ramp to its southern approach is planned for this June.

Commuters may barely be aware of the construction this year. By next year, however, work is expected to begin on the Marina Vista Interchange south of the bridge and the Interstate 680 to Interstate 780 interchange north of the bridge, as well as on the span itself.

The new span will provide five northbound lanes, including two to I-780 and three to I-680. The old bridge will carry four southbound lanes, including two from I-780 and two from I-680,

(See **BRIDGE**, A2)

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## Bridge: Work set for summer of 2000

(From A1)

plus a bicycle lane.

"It's just going to be a viaduct. It's not pretty like the (new) Carquinez span," said Caltrans spokesperson Steve Cobb.

Construction for a new westbound suspension span for the Carquinez Bridge is set to begin this fall and for completion in 2002. That bridge's cables and towers have been designed with lights to outline it against the night sky.

Work on a new toll plaza and administration building north of the Benicia-Martinez bridge is planned for the spring of 2000, with all the work on that bridge expected to be complete by the middle of 2003.

Adjustments to the Benicia-Martinez bridge design have caused delays in the project, Cobb said. A raised crossover lane for northbound I-680 traffic switching to westbound I-780 was first planned, then shelved last year in favor of a simple "Y" split for the interchange from I-680 to I-780.

### Benicia-Martinez Bridge at a glance

**Location:** Interstate 680 between Solano and Contra Costa counties

**Structure:** Deck truss (18 spans)

**Length:** 1.2 miles (1,894.8 meters)

**Opened:** Sept. 16, 1962; widened in 1991

**Cost:** \$25 million

**Traffic Lanes:** Six

**Avg. Daily Traffic:** 100,000 vehicle trips

Source: Caltrans

The new viaduct was initially planned to be built 170 feet west of its current planned location. But Union Pacific Railroad requested that the Caltrans span be moved further east to allow more room for maintenance of the nearby railroad bridge. The railway swings east through the Benicia Industrial Park.

"There were a lot of last-minute changes and problems with right of way," Cobb said.

Another related project not yet scheduled is for creation of a wet-

land habitat for bay smelt and the salt marsh harvest mouse to make up for disturbances to the area during construction. Caltrans is working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and regulatory agencies to plan the project.

Cobb said the restoration project under negotiation would take place just off Industrial Way in Benicia and may involve dredging of existing wetlands to improve tidal flow into the area.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: CONSENT AGENDA (Any consent agenda item can be pulled for discussion)

Recommendation

That the STA Board approves the following attached consent items:

- 8.1 Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 1999
- 8.2 Draft Minutes of February 24, 1999 TAC Meeting
- 8.3 Appointment to Bicycle Advisory Committee
- 8.4 Appointment to Paratransit Coordinating Council
- 8.5 FY 98-9 STA Budget Revisions
- 8.6 STA Annual Report for 1998
- 8.7 Resolution Supporting Travel Safety Projects for TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program
- 8.8 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims
- 8.9 Sole Source Justification for Contract with Grandy and Associates Contract for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services
- 8.10 Process to Notify Potential Applicants About Transportation Funding Programs
- 8.11 Welfare to Work Update



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting of  
February 10, 1999**

**1.0 Call to Order - Confirm Quorum**

Chair Slade called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve Gizzi Don Erickson Marcy Coglianese Barbara Kondylis Jim Spering Rischa Slade Dan Donahue Steve Lessler	City of Benicia City of Dixon City of Rio Vista County of Solano City of Suisun City City of Vacaville City of Vallejo City of Fairfield
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**MEMBERS  
ABSENT:** None

<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Don Reynolds Mark Garcia Alan Nadritch Morrie Barr Michael Segala Paul Hom Gary Leach Susan Blake Dan Sharp John Gray Michelle Morris Brubaker Dan Christians Matt Todd Stacy Medley	Caltrans CHP-Solano City of Benicia City of Fairfield City of Suisun City (Alternate) City of Vacaville City of Vallejo Senator Maurice Johannessen Senator Maurice Johannessen Solano County STA STA STA STA
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## **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Chair Slade moved item 7.3 (contract for Federal Lobbyist) from "Action Item: Financial" to "Information." The revised agenda was unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Steve Gizzi.

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

Michelle Morris Brubaker updated the Board on the following items:

- Eastern Solano CMAQ Projects
- Resolution on the Bay Bridge
- Highway 12 District 4 Planning Study Grant
- Solano Bikeway Time Extension
- State Legislative Trip to Sacramento

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

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that staff was requesting e-mail addresses from the Board members. Matt Todd noted that a number of Board members attended the presentation on the lighted sidewalk prior to the Board meeting. He also said that the results of the TEA-21 "25% Fund" program were due later in the month. Stacy Medley reminded the Board members that the Conflict of Interest Form 700 is due April 1.

Don Reynolds, Caltrans District 4, said the IIP fund request for Highway 37 was expected to be decided by the April CTC meeting. Jim Spering said that his two-year Chairmanship of MTC ended today, but that he hoped to become Chair of the Work Program Committee.

### **4.1 Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Don Erickson**

Rischa Slade read a statement and presented a plaque of appreciation for all the hard work Don Erickson did as Chair of the STA. Don thanked the STA and said it had been a pleasure working with everyone.

## **5.0 Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **6.0 Consent Agenda**

Member Kondylis asked that items 6.7 (Resolution Supporting Preferred Design for East Span of Bay Bridge) and 6.8 (Resolution Establishing a Regular STA Board Meeting Time and Place) be pulled from the consent agenda.

Michael Segala said that item 6.5 (STIP Augmentation) should reflect that the upgrade of the signal at Lawler Road to Walters Road also includes a left turn light. Steve Lessler asked if alternates could

participate and he thought each member should just have one representative at the table. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that a policy on this matter had been approved at the December meeting. Don Erickson said that the policy said that alternates are encouraged to attend and participate but have no voting rights. Jim Spering also said that alternates don't receive a per diem for attending the meeting.

Except for items 6.7 and 6.8, the following Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Member Erickson with a second by Barbara Kondylis.

- 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**
  - 6.6 Approve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for 1998-99**
  - 6.9 Welfare to Work Update**
  - 6.10 Solano Paratransit Quarterly Report**
- 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**

Barbara Kondylis said that this matter was more complicated than explained in the staff report and requested a month delay to find out more about the real concerns of San Francisco and Oakland and the request for heavy rail. Rischa Slade said that Mayor Willie Brown's issues are related to the entrance to Treasure Island and Mayor Jerry Brown was concerned about the design.

Jim Spering described the one and a half year process and the 30 public meetings that were held by the Bay Bridge Design Advisory Panel. He said that neither of the mayors ever attended the meetings and that Caltrans is very concerned about the seismic safety of the existing structure. He said that San Francisco was trying to free up 5 acres of Treasure Island for development by moving the bridge to the southerly alignment. About \$50,000,000 has already been spent on design work. Don Reynolds concurred that the seismic safety is a major reason why the preferred design should move ahead at this time.

Regarding the proposal for heavy rail, Jim Spering said the potential for light rail is in the project, and since there is no place for heavy rail to connect to in San Francisco, objection to heavy rail should remain in the resolution. Also, Senator Kopp had put together a fragile funding agreement and any further delay would cost Northern California a significant amount of money.

The STA Board on a vote of 7-1 (Member Kondylis voting no) approved the resolution on a motion by Steve Gizzi with a second by Steve Lessler. Member Kondylis said she was voting no only because of lack of information.

## **6.8 Approve Resolution Establishing a Regular STA Board Meeting Time and Place**

Barbara Kondylis thought that the time and place should be included in the resolution with an attachment for any exceptions. Michelle Morris Brubaker said the STA Counsel had reviewed and approved the resolution.

After discussion, the resolution was approved as is by the STA Board on a vote of 7-1 (Member Kondylis voting no) on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Don Erickson.

## **7.1 Approve CMAQ Program for Eastern Solano**

Matt Todd presented the report and said the list of projects and the recommended funding had been developed at a meeting of the project sponsors and supported by the TAC. STA is working with MTC who is working with SACOG to secure the funds. Matt said that the funding for the Vacaville personal electric vehicle charging units had been deleted because of eligibility. Rischa Slade said that the Leisure Town Park and Ride lot should be changed to read Leisure Town Road Park and Ride Lot. Marci Coglianesse discussed the possibility of Rio Vista applying for some of these funds.

After discussion, the program was unanimously approved by Don Erickson with a second by Jim Spering.

## **7.2 Approve I-80 Reliever Route Amended MOU and Authorize Executive Director to Sign Cooperation Agreements**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this report and said that, because of additional funding received for the Reliever Route project, this amended MOU was needed. The document designates agencies and assigns funds to the jurisdictions participating in the project. Michelle said that two jurisdictions had requested additional revisions and they were shown on the goldenrod version contained in the file folders.

The amended MOU was unanimously approved and the Executive Directive authorized to sign the MOU and Cooperation Agreements on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Steve Lessler.

## **8.1 Approve Revised Program Guidelines and Call for Projects for 1999-00 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program**

Dan Christians presented this report and said that the guidelines had been revised slightly since last year. This program is for various clean air projects located in the BAAQMD portion of Solano. The STA is the Program Manager for this program and the guidelines designate the STA Executive Committee to review the applications and recommend funding to the STA Board. Dan said that March 15 was set for the application submittal deadline. Barbara Kondylis asked if Solano County could apply for a bicycle path along Lopes Roads, north of Benicia. Dan responded that bike routes were eligible activities.

The 1999-00 TFCA Program Guidelines and Call for Projects were unanimously approved by the STA Board on a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Don Erickson.

## **9.1 Draft STA Annual Report**

Dan Christians presented the Draft Annual Report for 1998. Barbara Kondylis suggested that the STA should look at revising the Mission Statement, particularly the emphasis on delivering projects instead of planning and delivering. Jim Spering said that the statement had purposely put a strong emphasis on delivering projects when the statement had been approved. It was agreed that the 1998 Annual Report would be finalized at the next meeting and that the Mission Statement would be reviewed in next few meetings for inclusion in the 1999 Annual Report.

## **9.2 Draft STA Goals/Objectives for 1999**

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that these goals and objectives were being presented this month for information and for action next month. Risha Slade asked the Board members to review the draft list and to submit any suggested revisions on the separate sheet provided. Steve Gizzi asked if anything has changed on the list of priority projects. Michelle said that this is the 1998-99 list and staff will bring back a proposed list of 1999-00 priority projects later in the spring. Barbara Kondylis asked if the STA Board had reviewed and adopted the two documents that SEDCORP had prepared on principles of planning and growth. Michelle said that she would request copies of those reports.

## **7.3 Approve Contract for Federal Lobbyist**

Dan Christians said staff had hoped to work out a contract with the Ferguson Group to provide some additional lobbying services with the \$10,500 of remaining budget this year designated for that purpose. Dan said that the Ferguson Group had been very successful, obtaining large federal earmarks for the I-80 Reliever Route (\$14.45 million) and intercity buses for transit (\$1.2 million in 1997 and \$1.0 million in 1998). However, because of the short time left in this fiscal year and because of other commitments already made by the Ferguson Group it may not be possible to retain their services this year. If a contract could be finalized, it would be brought back at the next STA Board meeting.

## **9.3 Transportation for Livable Communities and TEA-21 Transportation Enhancements**

Michelle Morris Brubaker said that applications for this regional program are due to MTC on February 23. For projects to score well they need to support downtown redevelopment, transit nodes and/or quality of life issues. She said that the STA would also be programming 2 years of local guaranteed money consisting of \$250,000 each year. A Call for Projects for the local program will be made after April 5. In addition, member jurisdictions could apply for planning grants by submitting a letter to MTC by March 1. Michelle offered to help provide guidance to applicants to apply for these funds.

## **9.4 YSAQMD Clean Air Program for 1999-00**

Matt Todd said that applications for this program are due to the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District on March 5. Barbara Kondylis asked why these applications had to go through the STA. Matt explained that staff requested them to be submitted to the STA if they would like to be part of the STA's resolution of support.

## **9.5 Proposed Sites for Electric Recharging Stations/Vehicles**

Dan Christians updated the STA Board on efforts to identify electric recharging station sites that would qualify for some special clean air funds being made available by the BAAQMD. A preliminary list of sites was provided in the staff report and Dan said he would bring back a final list for support by the Board when the air district makes an official call for projects.

## **9.6 Select 1999 Awards Ceremony Date**

Matt Todd said that staff suggested that the 1999 awards ceremony be held as part of the November 10, 1999, Board meeting with the nomination process beginning a few months earlier. Jim Spering said that he supports the date and requested that staff prepare a one-page description of the process when nominations are requested. Chair Slade said that this would be a great kick-off event for the holidays.

## **9.7 Information on Executive Director Search**

Don Erickson told the Board that Shannon Associates had conducted interviews and evaluation packets were going out to the STA Executive Director Search Committee by overnight mail. He said that the applicants are of very good quality. The committee will need to meet to narrow down the list before bringing the finalists to the Board at the March meeting. It was agreed to set a time of 4:00 p.m. on March 10 for all Board members to meet prior to the next Board meeting to interview the finalists in closed session.

Marci Coglianese asked what is the policy when an applicant contacts a Board member. Don Erickson said they should let Shannon Associates know and they will take care of it.

## **9.8 Board Member Comments**

Jim Spering said that he would like staff to develop a process to make sure that cities are aware of transportation funding opportunities. Don Erickson said that staff is very helpful. Marci Coglianese said that a phone call would be helpful as a reminder for some of the key funding deadlines.

Barbara Kondylis said that she was still concerned with the opinion of the STA Agency Counsel regarding the Executive Committee. She said that the County Counsel has a different opinion and believes they should have an agenda and keep minutes. Don Erickson said this matter was addressed at the December Board meeting and that they are an ad hoc committee since they don't make decisions. Jim Spering also said this matter had been thoroughly discussed and didn't want to revisit it. Steve Lessler concurred with the STA Agency Counsel.

Marci Coglianese said that on February 17 the Bay Area Council was going to have a hearing on a comprehensive ferry system for the Bay Area. However, funding sources are not identified in the plan and some are concerned that it could take away from funding for existing systems.

## **9.9 Adjournment**

On a motion by Jim Spering with a second by Barbara Kondylis the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (The next regular meeting will be held on March 10.)



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**February 24, 1999**

**DISCUSSION ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

Michelle Morris Brubaker called the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 1:37 P.M. at the STA conference room.

**PRESENT:**

Gian Aggarwal	City of Vacaville
Morrie Barr	City of Fairfield
Michelle Morris Brubaker	STA
Kevin Daughton	City of Fairfield
Ace Forsen	Caltrans
Ed Huestis	City of Vacaville
Farhad Iranitilab	City of Fairfield
Janet Koster	City of Dixon
Marci Malaster	City of Vallejo
Ashley Nguyen	MTC
Julie Pappa	City of Suisun City
Yvette Pierre	MTC
Michael Throne	City of Benicia
Matt Todd	STA
Paul Weise	Solano County

**DISCUSSION ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Paul Weiss and second by Morrie Barr the agenda was approved as presented.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 1999**

The minutes were revised to reflect that Gian Aggarwal was in attendance and the third sentence of item 12 was changed to read "But ~~stet~~ he said that ...". The minutes were approved as amended on motion of Paul Weiss and second by Michael Throne.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 5. COMMENTS FROM STAFF, CALTRANS, MTC**

Matt Todd noted the mower buy back program flier for the Yolo/Solano air basin. Michelle Morris Brubaker distributed a new MTC fund guide and a Federal Aid Class brochure. She also noted that the draft budget is under review and is scheduled to come before the TAC next month. Ace Forsen said the IIP funding should be decided in mid-March. Paul Weiss requested the STA staff to attend the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting for a Bay Bridge Alignment item. Michelle said that Dan Christians would attend. Paul also noted that STA Board Member Kondylis may be bringing the issue of the STA Executive Committee to the District Attorney.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 6. CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

Matt Todd provided an update of the Consortium meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 7. 5-YEAR BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN PLAN AND 1999-00 TDA ARTICLE 3 CLAIMS**

Matt Todd presented this item. He reviewed the proposed 5-year plan and the proposed claims for FY 99-00. There was discussion on the 5-year plan and the projects in it. On motion of Paul Weiss and second by Michael Throne, the 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for 1999-2004 and the 1999-00 TDA article 3 claims were approved as presented.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 8. SUPPORT APPLICATIONS FOR 1999-00 YSAQMD CLEAN AIR FUNDS PROGRAM**

Matt Todd presented this item. Matt noted that the STA would be applying for \$90,000 for Citylink Route 30 operations, \$10,000 for printing additional BikeLinks maps, and \$50,000 for Old Davis Road Class 2 Bike Route. Ed Huestis provided a summary of the projects Vacaville planned to submit including \$140,000 to operate Route 40, \$50,000 for the Alamo Creek Bike Path, \$50,000 for the Leisure Town Road Park and Ride lot, \$20,000 for the Elmira Road Ped/Bike Path, and \$20,000 for electric vehicle public charging stations. Elizabeth Richards said SCI was considering applying for these funds at the Consortium meeting. Dan Christians noted at the Consortium meeting that SEDCORP was interested in applying for funds for a bicycle race in Solano. Terry Bassett requested that the STA also consider applying for funds for a Summer Sizzler Program on Route 30 and a match for CMAQ funds and staff said they would consider applying for these projects as well.

Applications should be forwarded to the STA by March 1 to be considered in the Board resolution. On motion of Paul Weiss and second by Ed Huestis, the TAC approved the above mentioned projects for inclusion in the resolution attached in the packet.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 9. STATUS REPORT ON 1998-99 PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this item. Michelle briefly reviewed the information included in the packet and asked for any comments to be noted to staff. A few changes were noted and Michelle said the TAC is scheduled to review the 99-00 priority projects after the 99-00 budget is approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 10. RESOLUTIONS REQUESTED FOR TEA-21 25% AND 75% PROGRAMS, STIP, AND EASTERN SOLANO CMAQ FUNDS**

Matt Todd presented this item. He noted the due dates of the resolutions necessary for the four programs. The Eastern Solano CMAQ funds were discussed in further detail. The 25% Program was also discussed in further detail, including the draft scoring list, the five projects within the funding limit on the draft list, and other projects on the draft list. Michelle Morris Brubaker discussed the 75% Program. Michelle also addressed the 75% Program reserve for safety projects. The STA will pass a blanket resolution for these funds for TIP purposes and a meeting date of March 10, at 1:30 p.m. was selected to discuss the project selection for these funds. Michelle also covered the draft final guidelines for the STIP funded projects and distributed materials with these guidelines.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 11. UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR BAAQMD FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC RECHARGING STATIONS**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this item. She noted that any proposed additional sites should be forwarded to the STA before March 15. Kevin Daughton updated the group on a site visit with Edison EV on Tuesday.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 12. CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR 1999-00 BAAQMD TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this item. She noted that applications for the 40% funds will be due to the STA by March 15.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 13. TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES AND TEA-21 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS**

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this item. Michelle said that capital requests were due to MTC by February 23. The projects submitted by the TAC included \$2.2 million for the Fairfield Linear Park Enhancement; \$195,000 for Suisun Downtown Pedestrian Improvements; \$700,000 for Vacaville Downtown Creek walk and a Vallejo project for the Wilson Avenue bike project. Michelle said the planning grant letters are due to MTC by March 1 at noon. She also noted that Solano Transportation Enhancement funds will be programmed after the regional process is complete.

**DISCUSSION ITEM 14. MTC PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS**

Yvette Pierre reviewed the MTC project review process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on motion of Michael Throne and second by Morrie Barr.  
The next meeting is Wednesday March 31, at 1:30 p.m.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: Approve Appointment to Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee is appointed by the STA. The only qualification is that the members be bicycle enthusiasts from Solano and that they be nominated by their own Mayor or Board Chair.

The committee consists of nine members including one from each of the eight STA member agencies and a Member at Large. For the past year or more there have been three vacancies on the committee including: City of Fairfield, City of Suisun City and City of Rio Vista.

The Suisun City position has been vacant for about two years. Michael Segala, Alternate on the STA Board, has expressed an interest to serve on the committee. Mr. Segala has been attending the committee periodically for the past year and is very interested in developing bicycle facilities and promoting bicycling in his community. The Mayor of Suisun City has officially submitted his nomination to serve on the committee (see attachment). His term would be for three years ending in December 2001.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Appoint Michael Segala to serve as the Bicycle Advisory Committee member from Suisun City until December 2001.

Attachment

CITY COUNCIL

James P. Spering, *Mayor*  
Pedro "Pete" M. Sanchez, *Vice Mayor*  
Jane Day  
John Rundlett  
Michael A. Segala



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

First and Third Tuesday  
Every Month

CITY OF SUISUN CITY

02-05-99P02:22 RCVD

701 Civic Center Blvd.  
Suisun City, California 94585

Incorporated October 9, 1868

February 3, 1999

Dan Christians, Principle Planner  
Solano Transportation Authority  
333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200  
Suisun City, CA 94585

Dear Mr. Christians:

This letter is to inform you that I have appointed City Council Member Michael Segala to represent the City of Suisun City by sitting on the Solano Transportation Authority Subcommittee called "Bicycle Advisory Committee". If you should have any questions or comments, please call me at 421-7300.

Sincerely,

James P. Spering  
Mayor

JPS:sv

DEPARTMENTS: AREA CODE (707)

ADMINISTRATION 421-7300 ■ PLANNING 421-7335 ■ BUILDING 421-7310 ■ FINANCE 421-7320  
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DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Confirm Appointment to Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)

Larry Schwahn has submitted a letter requesting renewal of his membership for an additional three years on the Paratransit Coordinating Council. The letter requesting reappointment is attached.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Appoint Larry Schwahn for an additional three-year term on the Paratransit Coordinating Council.

Attachments

February 26, 1999

Solano Transportation Authority  
333 Sunset Ave. Suite 200  
Suisun City, CA 94585

To PCC Members and STA Board:

Please accept this letter as my request for reappointment to the Solano County Paratransit Coordinating Council.

I have served on the solano county PCC Board for the past three years. Being disabled for most of my life along with my 8+ years experience working in the paratransit arena, as well as being a member of the San Francisco PCC Board representing MV Transportation, gives me a unique blend of experience and knowledge that can hopefully be use by the PCC. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please contact me at 707.649.1999 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Larry Schwahn

## PCC (VOTING) MEMBERSHIP LIST

(proposed March 10, 1999)

CLASSIFICATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM EXP.
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*Voting Members:*

**Transit Users**

1.	Elderly	Vacant	Vacant
2.	Low Income	Daniel Lloyd 422-2086	Vacant 12/99
3.	Handicapped	Fred Ramsey 678-1531	Gloria G. Davis 12/00

**Members-at-Large**

4.	Member-at-Large	Vacant	Vacant
5.	Member-at-Large	Vacant	Vacant 12/99

**Public Agencies**

6.	Education-Related	Cat Evanson Solano Community College 428-4206	Ted Harding 8/00
7.	Solano County	Abe Bautista 421-6605	Vacant 12/00

**Social Service Providers**

8.	Independent Living Resource	Gerald Cohen 435-8174	Bea Tiger 10/00
9.	Benicia Yellow Cab	Marcia Kent 745-4040	Zora Mangat 12/00 Fairfield Yellow Cab
10.	MV Transportation Co,	Larry Schwahn 649-1999	Vacant 12/01
11.	Solano County	Barbara Thomas 421-6789	Marie Kirby 12/99
12.	MTC Elderly & Disabled Representative	Jim Simon 451-2219	Ed Watson 12/00

***Non-Voting Members:***

1.	Benicia Transit	Alan Nadritch	Evelyne Hayden N/A
2.	Caltrans District 4	Burdette Conner	N/A
3.	Dixon Read-Ride	Randy Davis	N/A
4.	Fairfield/Suisun	Kevin Daughton	N/A
5.	MTC	Yvette Pierre	N/A
6.	Rio Vista Transit	Michael Lee	N/A
7.	Solano County	John Gray	N/A
8.	Vacaville	Trent Fry	N/A
9.	Vallejo Transit	Pam Belchamber	Marci Malaster N/A



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: Approve FY 1998-99 STA Budget Revisions

In 1998-99, the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) approved an \$8,000 grant for the design and printing of BikeLinks maps and \$50,000 for the construction of the Old Davis Road portion of the Dixon-Davis Class 2 Bike Route. Both of these grants need to be incorporated into STA's 1998-99 fiscal year budget.

The Executive Director Search Committee is recommending that an additional \$6,500 from the 1998-99 budget contingency be used for some additional services to be provided by Shannon Associates (see Agenda Item 9.1). There is currently a remaining contingency of \$7,000 and \$6,500 of that would be moved to "services and supplies."

Fiscal Impact

The YSAQMD grants will have no impact on general operations of the STA since new revenues will offset all expenditures. There is adequate contingency to pay for the recommended additional services for Shannon Associates.

Recommendation

Approve FY 1998-99 STA budget revisions, including \$58,000 of YSAQMD grants and expenditures for Bikelinks maps and Old Davis Road, and the transfer of \$6,500 from contingencies to services and supplies for proposed additional services by Shannon Associates.

Attachment

<b>STA 1998-99 BUDGET</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amended 1998-99 Budget</b>
<b>Operations</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$410,744
Stipends	\$6,600
<b>Services/Supplies</b>	<b>\$205,486</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$623,330</b>
<b>Project Development</b>	
Bike Route Implementation	\$19,971
Capitol Corridor	\$5,000
Federal Lobbyist	\$19,500
Travel Safety Study	\$25,000
Solano Bikeway Environmental	\$10,000
I-80 Reliever Route	\$37,000
Electric Vehicles	\$5,000
Solano Transportation Plan	\$18,920
Mare Island Access Study	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Project Development	\$3,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$153,391</b>
<b>Programs</b>	
I-80 Reliever Route	\$630,000
Fairfield/Suisun Rail Station	\$591,000
SolanoLinks ( Transit Marketing/Planning )	\$128,825
Local Match for Bus Purchases (TFCA/STAF Grants)	\$200,000
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Grants	\$305,000
TFCA Air Quality Program Manager Grants (BAAQMD)	\$394,975
Solano Paratransit Operations	\$290,075
Citylink	\$115,000
<b>Bikelinks Maps</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Dixon-Davis Bike Route (Old Davis Road)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,712,875</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,489,596</b>

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>1998-99 Budget</b>
<b>Current Year Revenues</b>	
TDA Planning & Admin.	\$252,374
STP Planning	\$140,000
Gas Tax Contributions	\$252,374
TDA Solano Paratransit Operations	\$283,630
BAAQMD-TFCA Program/Grant/Interest	\$344,472
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	\$295,000
YSAQMD CityLink Grant/Fares	\$110,000
<b>YSAQMD Bikelinks</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>YSAQMD Dixon-Davis Bike Route</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
BAAQMD Citylink	\$5,000
TCI Grant	\$591,000
STIP Funds	\$630,000
State Transit Assistance (SolanoLinks)	\$128,825
Local Match for Section 3 Grant (STAF)	\$200,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,290,675</b>
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>	
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	\$15,000
BAAQMD-TFCA Program	\$67,726
Gen Op & Proj Dev Fund Balance for Proj Dev	\$109,751
Gen Op Fund Balance for Solano Paratransit	\$6,445
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$198,922</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,489,596</b>



DATE: March 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: 1998 STA Annual Report

Attached is the 1998 STA Annual Report. A printed version will be distributed by the April STA Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the 1998 STA Annual Report and release for distribution.



## **ANNUAL REPORT - 1998**

March 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 Sperring, 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

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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 Coglianesse, 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.**

March 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 implementing 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 joined 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
- Solano Travel Safety Plan approved
- 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan approved
- Martin Tuttle leaves STA for Executive Director of Sacramento Area Council of Governments

**Solano Transportation Authority  
1998-99 Priority Projects**

1. Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project
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# Solano Transit Services

<b>Benicia Transit</b>	Local fixed route, regional fixed route, and local paratransit service <u>Regional Route(s)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Service from Vallejo downtown down the I-680 corridor to Pleasant Hill BART</li></ul>
<b>Dixon Read-Ride</b>	Local general dial-a-ride service
<b>Fairfield/Suisun Transit</b>	Local fixed route, regional fixed route, and local paratransit service <u>Regional Route(s)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Service between Fairfield and Vacaville on the I-80 corridor</li><li>● Commuter service from Vacaville to Pleasant Hill BART along the I-680 corridor</li></ul>
<b>Rio Vista Transit</b>	Local and regional general dial-a-ride service
<b>Solano Transportation Authority</b>	Regional fixed route and northern county regional paratransit service <u>Regional Route(s)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Commuter service between Fairfield and Davis along the I-80 corridor</li></ul> <u>Regional Paratransit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Solano Paratransit</li></ul>
<b>Vacaville City Coach</b>	Local fixed route and local paratransit
<b>Vallejo Transit</b>	Local fixed route, regional fixed route, local paratransit, and southern county regional paratransit service <u>Regional Route(s)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Service from Fairfield down the I-80 corridor El Cerrito del Norte BART</li><li>● Service between Fairfield and Vallejo with a stop at the Solano Community College</li><li>● Service from Sacramento, Davis and Vacaville to Vallejo Ferry Terminal</li></ul> <u>Regional Paratransit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Vallejo/Benicia Run About</li></ul>

## **Additional Transportation Services in Solano**

- **Solano Commuter Information (SCI)** is a full service ridesharing agency that provides individual commute assistance, personalized rideshare matchlists, vanpool formation assistance, employee commuter surveys, worksite events, employee site relocation assistance and information on all the local and regional transit systems.
- The **Vallejo Ferry** provides eleven round trips daily from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the S.F. Ferry terminal or Pier 39. The trip takes one hour and service is provided on the comfortable 365 seat Jet Cat Express. Vallejo purchased two additional 300 seat ferries and placed them in service in April 1997.
- The **Capitols** passenger rail service provides six round trips daily with a stop at the Suisun/Fairfield station. New double-decked cars and a new dining car were recently added to the system. The Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board assumed the management responsibilities of the service in mid-1998. Improvements to the existing Suisun City station and three new stations in Dixon, Fairfield/Vacaville and Benicia are eventually planned to significantly increase ridership by Solano residents.
- **Solano Bikeways** provide an enjoyable alternative for commuting to work. Some of the local routes include Alamo Bikeway in Vacaville, Laurel Creek and the Linear Park in Fairfield, the California State Park bike/pedestrian route in Benicia and Columbus Parkway and in Vallejo. New proposed or planned bikeways include the I-80 Solano Bikeway between Vallejo and Fairfield; Wilson Way/Mare Island, Benicia Road and bike lanes connecting to the Carquinez Bridge Replacement span bike route in Vallejo; bike lanes along Park Road connecting to the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge; additional linear park segment in Fairfield; a bike route adjacent to the recent Highway 12 improvements in Suisun City; bike lanes on new Pleasant Valley Bridges; a bike bridge along Alamo Creek in Vacaville; and a proposed Class 1 Bike Route from Dixon-Davis.

# Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project

**Goal:** Ensure the delivery of the second Benicia-Martinez Bridge span is kept on schedule and local issues relating to the project are addressed.

**Lead agencies:** Caltrans, STA and the City of Benicia

**Project Summary:** Caltrans is proceeding with planning and design of the second Benicia-Martinez Bridge project, which was funded by Regional Measure One bridge toll revenues. Key issues include:

- Caltrans has determined the design of the new span will be similar to the current bridge -- concrete box girder.
- Caltrans has agreed to include provisions for future light rail in the design of the new bridge. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has agreed to fund the additional cost.
- The new location of the bridge has been finalized. Due to the need expressed by the Union Pacific Railroad for additional clearance between the project and their railroad bridge, the new bridge will be located farther to the east. The CTC has approved the additional cost to relocate the bridge.
- Caltrans is seeking an alternative maintenance facility site somewhere other than the reconstructed 680/780-interchange area. They are currently working with the City of Benicia on a site location.

**Project Needs:** Continue to work with Caltrans, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and the City of Benicia to address issues concerning the bridge, including mitigation of construction impacts on traffic flow.

**STA Funding:** None proposed at this time.

**Schedule:** Construction is scheduled to start in 1999 and be completed in 2003.

# Carquinez Replacement Bridge Project

**Goal:** Assist Caltrans in accelerating the construction schedule of the new Carquinez Bridge Project from 2004 to 2002 and ensure the interests of the City of Vallejo and Solano County are incorporated into the project.

**Lead agencies:** Caltrans, STA and the City of Vallejo

**Project Summary:** Caltrans decided it is not feasible to seismically retrofit the oldest of the two existing Carquinez Bridges and, as a result, will accelerate construction of a replacement bridge for the oldest bridge, the westbound span, built in 1927.

The new bridge was authorized by the passage of Regional Measure One in 1988. Key issues include:

- The type of bridge design has been resolved. The Replacement Bridge will be a two-tower suspension bridge.
- Resolve scoping issues with Caltrans and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) including, short and long term impacts to Interstate 80 through the City of Vallejo, and construction impacts.
- Working with local officials and the public to develop the project.

**Project Needs:** STA staff to monitor critical items and provide advocacy on issues of concern to the City of Vallejo and the STA.

**STA Funding:** None proposed at this time.

**Schedule:** The retrofit of the 1958 bridge span began in 1998 and construction of the new bridge span is scheduled to begin in 1999.

# Capitol Corridor

**Goal:** Promote continued development of comprehensive passenger rail service on the Capitol Corridor by the Joint Powers Board.

**Lead Agency:** Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board (CCJPB), and STA

**Project Summary:** The Capitol Corridor passenger rail service was implemented in 1991, serving the Interstate 80 corridor from Roseville to San Jose with a local stop at Suisun City. Fifth and sixth daily round trips were implemented during 1998-99. Key issues for the service include:

- Supporting the management of the Capitol Corridor.
- Improving the current annual ridership of approximately 600,000 and increasing fare revenues.
- Completing the Proposition 116 funded capital improvements to the tracks on schedule in order to increase train speeds and frequency.
- Developing passenger stations at Fairfield-Vacaville, Dixon, and Benicia as outlined in the Solano Rail Facilities Plan.
- Completing improvements to the Suisun/Fairfield station.

**Project Needs:** STA to monitor Capitol Corridor issues and provide advocacy on items of interest to the STA Board.

**STA Funding:** \$5,000

**Schedule:** Track and signal improvements are ongoing and expected to be completed by February 1999. TCI funds have been programmed for R-O-W acquisition for the Fairfield-Vacaville station and for the Dixon station. Another TCI grant was also secured by the STA for improvements to the Suisun/Fairfield station and negotiations are pending with the landowner. The CCJPB is working on the funding and implementation of a 7<sup>th</sup> daily round trip to begin as soon as June 1999.

# Electric Vehicles and Recharging Facilities Program

**Goal:** To provide electric vehicles and electric recharging facilities for city and county fleets in each Solano jurisdiction by the year 2003.

**Lead Agencies:** STA and City of Vacaville

**Project Summary:** California is requiring that 10% of all new cars manufactured or sold in the State be zero emission vehicles by the year 2003. Electric vehicles meet that requirement and would prove to be excellent fleet vehicles for all Solano jurisdictions. The City of Vacaville would take the lead in implementing this program in north county and the STA would take the lead in the mid and south county. However, both agencies would work closely in creating a unified countywide effort. The major areas necessary to implement this program include:

- Determine the best type, quantity and location of recharging facilities and electric vehicles for each of our communities.
- Apply for clean air funds including Regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air (if a 50% non-TFCA local match can be secured), TFCA Program Manager funds, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Clean Air funds, CMAQ and other federal, state, regional and private funds that become available.

**Project Needs:** Finalize list of sites for proposed recharging facilities. Apply for funds to install recharging facilities and lease or buy electric or hybrid vehicles for STA jurisdiction fleets.

**Schedule:** Subject to funding availability: Apply for 1999-00 TFCA Program Manager and Regional Funds in spring of 1999; Install first recharging facilities in mid and south county during summer and fall 1999; Lease or buy first electric vehicles in fall and winter 1999-00.

# Federal Lobbyist

**Goal:** Secure federal funding for Solano earmark and Section 3 funding requests.

**Lead agencies:** STA

**Project Summary:** Key issues included:

- Requesting \$14.45 million in federal earmark funding for the I-80 Reliever Route.
- Requesting \$1 million in federal earmark funding for improvements to Wilson Avenue in Vallejo.
- Requesting \$2.7 million in federal Section 3 funding for acquisition of buses for intercity transit service in Solano County.

STA was successful in receiving \$14.45 in federal earmark funding for the I-80 Reliever Route, \$750,000 for Wilson Avenue and \$1 million in federal Section 3 funding for acquisition of buses.

**Project Needs:** Retain the services of a lobbyist to support the federal funding requests in Washington.

**STA Funding:** \$15,000

**Schedule:** Contract was extended to the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30.

# Highway 12 Improvements

**Goal:** Ensure the timely implementation of the HR 45 short-range recommendations on Highway 12.

**Lead Agency:** Caltrans, STA

**Project Summary:** In December 1994 Caltrans prepared a report to the state legislature in response to House Resolution 45 (Hannigan) that reviewed the options to improve the safety of driving on State Route 12, including the immediate (1 year), short range (5 years) and long range solutions needed between Suisun City and the City of Rio Vista. The STA will work with Caltrans to ensure that the immediate and short-range operational enhancements are implemented on schedule. Specific projects that will be monitored include:

- Increased enforcement activities on Route 12, including enforcement of the double fine law and participation in the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) program.
- Monitor left turn lane improvements at the Route 12/113 intersection, and the Route 12/Branscombe Road intersection.
- Work with Caltrans to ensure timely delivery of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects to extend the existing passing lanes on Highway 12, providing shoulders and eliminating vertical curves.
- Work with Caltrans to confirm funding and ensure timely delivery of the vertical curve correction project.
- Work with MTC, Caltrans and Rio Vista to include long term (Track 1 and 2) improvements in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Work with the CTC to include Highway 12 as a priority route for Interregional Transportation Improvement Program funding.

**Project Needs:** STA staff will work with Caltrans to monitor the SHOPP projects. STA staff will work with Rio Vista, Caltrans, MTC and the CTC to advocate for funding.

**STA Funding:** No STA funding recommended at this time. Monitor for need.

**Schedule:** Ongoing for 1998-99. Staff will work with Rio Vista, Caltrans, and other corridor partners to complete a corridor study funded with State Planning and Research funds.

## Highway 37 project in Vallejo

- Goal:** Secure funding for the Highway 37/29 interchange, and monitor schedule for construction of improvements to Highway 37 from the Napa River Bridge to Highway 29.
- Lead Agencies:** Caltrans, STA and the City of Vallejo
- Project Summary:** The first phase of the Highway 37 project would widen Highway 37 from the Napa River Bridge up to Highway 29 in the City of Vallejo. Funding for the Highway 37/29 interchange is included in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Project Needs:** Monitor the entire Highway 37 project to ensure that it remains on schedule. (Recent changes to the STIP include strict financial penalties for STIP projects that do not meet their schedule.)
- STA Funding:** None proposed.
- Schedule:** A funding shortfall was identified in December 1998. Advocate for funding from the state's Interregional Improvement Program (IIP).

# **I-80/680 Auxiliary Lanes**

**Goal:** Confirm funding and monitor project schedule.

**Lead Agency:** Caltrans, STA

**Project Summary:** The junction of Interstate 80 with Interstate 680 is one of the most congested segments of the I-80 Corridor in Solano County. Daily traffic volumes on this segment exceed 100,000 vehicles per day. The EIR for the Benicia-Martinez Bridge identified this improvement as the most needed improvement in the traffic impact area of the new bridge. This project received \$6.9 million in funding in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Key issues are:

- Monitor project to ensure timely delivery
- Work with Caltrans on construction impact mitigation

**Project needs:** Ensure timely delivery.

**STA Funding:** None proposed at this time.

**Schedule:** Project received STIP funding at the June 2 California Transportation Commission meeting.

# I-80 Reliever Route

**Goal:** Ensure funding, deliver programmed projects and prepare a corridor concept plan for the I-80 Reliever Route corridor.

**Lead Agencies:** STA, MTC, Fairfield, Solano County, Suisun City and Vacaville

**Project Summary:** Phase 1 of the I-80 Reliever Route will provide four continuous lanes from I-80 in Vacaville to Highway 12 in Suisun City. The system includes State Route 12 from I-80 to Walters Road, Walters Road, including an extension of Walters Road to Cement Hill Road, Cement Hill Road to Peabody Road, Vanden Road to the Leisure Town Road extension, and Leisure Town Road to I-80.

The I-80 Reliever Route traverses four jurisdictions and is surrounded by land uses that include agricultural, residential, and industrial. The area connecting Fairfield and Vacaville along Vanden Road includes agricultural land that could be developed, or preserved as open space between the two cities. A corridor concept plan is needed to provide guidelines for any development that does occur along the Reliever Route corridor, and incorporate transit and pedestrian friendly design elements into the project. Major Reliever Route project tasks include:

- Work with consultant to prepare corridor concept plan.
- Begin construction of the Peabody/Cement Hill Road intersection project in 1999.
- Prepare environmental documents and base mapping/plan line for the corridor.
- Secure additional funds required to complete the Reliever Route (\$29 million).

**Project Needs:** Deliver five programmed segments and prepare a corridor concept plan.

**STA Funding:** \$15,000 will be used to match funding from MTC to develop the corridor concept plan for the I-80 Reliever Route.

**Schedule:** The corridor concept plan for the I-80 Reliever Route corridor will be developed during fiscal year 1998/99. The Leisure Town Road extension was completed in 1998. Improvements to the Peabody Road/Cement Hill Road intersection should begin construction in the summer of 1999. The realignment of Vanden Road to Peabody Road at Cement Hill Road should also begin construction in the summer of 1999.

**In Addition:** \$22,000 would be used to hire a consultant to provide support services to implement the project.

# Intercity Transit Plan - Implementation

**Goal:** Implement the plan to coordinate intercity transit and paratransit systems to improve administration and operating efficiency.

**Lead Agency:** SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium

**Project Summary:** The STA adopted the Intercity Transit Coordination Plan in 1997. This is a proactive plan with the objective of expanding service and avoiding any potential reduction of intercity transit and paratransit services throughout Solano County. The initial emphasis is on establishing fully coordinated countywide transit services. Major implementation tasks include:

- Complete the 5-year Intercity Transit Plan
- Coordinate funding requests and schedules with member operators
- Coordinate service with member operators
- Continue the coordinated marketing effort
- Seek funding for buses to meet intercity transit needs
- Implement other priority elements of the 1998/99 Work Plan as approved by the Consortium.

**Project Needs:** STA will hire consultants to work with the Consortium.

**STA Funding:** None proposed at this time. Monitor for need.

**Schedule:** Ongoing for 1998-99.

# Mare Island Access Study

**Goal:** Complete Mare Island Access Study to identify transportation improvements needed for reuse.

**Lead Agency:** City of Vallejo

**Project Summary:** The purpose of this study would be to identify the transportation needs for the Mare Island Reuse Plan, evaluate the ability of the existing transportation facilities to meet the future uses of Mare Island, and develop a cost effective transportation program that will facilitate the island reuse. Although this study will take a cursory look at providing a new Southern Bridge access to Mare Island, it is expected that improvement of the existing access routes to the island in combination with transportation improvements on the island will be more cost effective and feasible in the short term. Transportation improvements to be evaluated will include: Highway 37 east to I-80 and west to I-101; Mare Island Causeway north to Highway 37 and south to I-80/I-780 via City streets; rail service, ferry service, bus service and bicycle/pedestrian access. This study will also develop a detailed circulation plan for Mare Island.

In 1994, Congressman George Miller obtained a \$500,000 Demonstration Project Grant to fund this Mare Island Access Study. To date, the City has been unable to proceed with this study due to the lack of the 20% local match (i.e. \$100,000) required.

**Project Needs:** A transportation consultant to be retained by the City of Vallejo to prepare this Mare Island Access Study Report.

**STA Funding:** \$10,000

**Schedule:** To begin when the balance of local match is secured.

# Red Top Slide/McGary Road

**Goal:** Obtain funds for the repair and reopening of McGary Road, a frontage road to I-80.

**Lead Agencies:** City of Fairfield, Caltrans and STA

**Project Summary:** Because of landslide damage caused by the El Nino storms in the winter of 1998, Caltrans has been repairing a damaged portion of the adjacent I-80 and the City of Fairfield temporarily closed McGary Road, a frontage road to I-80. Caltrans is proceeding with the dewatering and monitoring of the Red Top Slide and a preliminary analysis of its condition is expected to be completed by June 1999. Once the slide has been deemed corrected, a mitigation program will be developed for the long term improvement and maintenance of I-80.

Since McGary Road is not part of the I-80 highway system, separate funding will be needed for the necessary repairs to this frontage road. City of Fairfield was advised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that once the Red Top Slide have been mitigated that some emergency relief funds would probably be available for McGary Road repairs. Current cost estimates by the City of Fairfield to fully improve McGary Road is \$2.5 million.

McGary Road is also part of the Solano Countywide Bicycle system and is a key link to the pending Solano Bikeway that will connect McGary Road to Columbus Parkway in Vallejo.

**Project Needs:** Assist the City of Fairfield in securing adequate funding to repair and reopen McGary Road as a frontage road to I-80 for access to adjoining properties and as part of a gap closure segment of the Solano Countywide Bicycle System.

**STA Funding:** None

**Schedule:** Preliminary analysis of the Red Top Slide is due in June 1999. Request by City of Fairfield for FEMA funds for necessary repairs to McGary Road would occur after the slide is deemed corrected.

# Solano Bike Route Plan - Implementation

**Goal:** Implement key segments of the primary bike routes in the Countywide Bicycle Plan

**Lead Agency:** STA

**Project summary:** This is a continuing follow-up to our Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan. Particular attention would be given to prioritizing and implementing the key remaining gaps of the primary bike route.

- Prepare an update to the southern portion of the Countywide Bicycle Plan.
- Assist staff to investigate and apply for additional funding for key segments.
- Work with the Bicycle Advisory Committee to complete and print the new BikeLinks maps.

**Project Needs:** Retain a consultant to work with member jurisdictions, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the public to update and implement the plan.

**STA Funding:** \$19,971

**Schedule:** Ongoing for 1998-99.

## Solano Bikeway

**Goal:** Construct the 1.8-mile Solano Bikeway between Columbus Parkway and Hiddenbrooke Parkway in the City of Vallejo.

**Lead Agencies:** City of Vallejo, Caltrans and STA

**Project Summary:** The City of Vallejo and the STA have secured funding for the construction of Solano Bikeway, a 1.8 mile Class 1 bike route located on the east side of I-80 between Columbus Parkway and Hiddenbrooke Parkway in the City of Vallejo.

The project is located within Caltrans right-of-way and the sponsor is required to obtain the necessary environmental clearances and a Longitudinal Encroachment Permit from Caltrans.

Key issues include:

- Design of the bikeway in accordance with Caltrans standards.
- Environmental investigation and clearances in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.
- Funding and implementation of the project in accordance with the requirements of BAAQMD.

**Project Needs:** Special environmental investigations to ensure no unique biological species, archeological resources and lead contamination are present on site. Additional funding may also be needed for special fencing, gates and pavement being requested by Caltrans.

**STA Funding:** \$10,000

**Schedule:** Environmental investigations were completed in November 1998. Plans to be finalized by spring 1999; and project to be bid and a construction contract awarded by June 1999.

# Solano Transportation Plan - Implementation

**Goal:** Implement the recommendations of the Solano Transportation Plan.

**Lead Agency:** STA

**Project summary:** STA, and the Solano Economic Development Corporation (SEDCORP) jointly developed a plan to maintain mobility in Solano County over the next 10-15 years, including a list of proposed transportation projects and programs. Key tasks include:

- Seek new local funding
- Deliver already programmed projects
- Advocate for additional state and federal funds
- Educate the public on the need for local funding

**Project Needs:** Ongoing public education program.

**STA Funding:** \$10,000

**Schedule:** The Solano Transportation Plan recommended that a list of projects and programs be presented to the voters as an advisory measure on the November 1998 ballot. The measure passed by 76%.

# Traffic Safety Project Study

**Goal:** Develop a prioritized plan and funding strategy for traffic safety projects.

**Lead Agency:** STA

**Project summary:** Traffic safety was noted as a top public concern during the development of the Solano Transportation Plan. Recent MTC changes to the federal funding process will allow Solano to compete for regional safety project funding.

- Identify traffic safety problems
- Develop recommendations for safety improvements
- Develop cost estimates for the proposed improvements
- Develop funding strategy
- Advocate for funding

**Project Needs:** The STA hired a consultant to develop the plan.

**STA Funding:** \$25,000

**Schedule:** The plan was completed in December 1998.

# Vacaville CNG Facility

**Goal:** Monitor and support the efforts of the City of Vacaville to implement a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility for transit and other public vehicles and the purchase of CNG vehicles.

**Lead Agency:** City of Vacaville

**Project Summary:** The City of Vacaville has secured CMAQ funds to construct a CNG facility and acquire three CNG buses. The STA Board has approved a \$58,000 State Transit Assistance Fund claim as the local match for this project. Vacaville has three years to complete these projects. Vacaville has indicated that it will allow other public agencies to utilize this new facility. The STA has been working on a transit coordination study, which includes promoting intercity transit services and providing opportunities for joint use of transit facilities.

**STA Funding:** None proposed.

**Schedule:** On-going during FY 1998-99 and beyond in context with the implementation of the Intercity Transit Plan.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Approve Resolution Supporting Safety Projects for TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program

The STA set aside a reserve of the "75% Program" for low cost safety projects that were not funded through the regional "25% Program," which funded both operational improvements and safety projects through a competitive corridor planning process. These funds are proposed to be spent on projects listed in the Solano Travel Safety Study that was approved by the STA Board in December. There is \$594,000 available to fund this program.

The Travel Safety Subcommittee, which was responsible for creating the Solano Travel Safety Plan, will be meeting on March 10 to discuss a program of projects for these funds.

This resolution will allow the program of projects to proceed with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment being processed through MTC in April. The TIP is a document that accounts for all the funded transportation projects in the MTC region.

The program of projects will be brought before this Board for final approval in April. Each project sponsor will also be asked to submit a similar resolution for any project proposed for this program. This STA resolution will allow the funds to be processed in the TIP in advance of the local jurisdictions passing the necessary resolutions.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the programming of \$594,000 for safety projects from the Solano Travel Safety Plan.

**RESOLUTION 99-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
SUPPORTING THE SOLANO APPLICATION FOR LOW COST  
SAFETY PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$594,000**

**WHEREAS**, The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) 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**, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) (Public Law 105-178, June 9, 1998) and the TEA 21 Restoration Act (Public Law 105-206, July 22, 1998) continue the Surface Transportation Program (23 U.S.C. s 133) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (23 U.S.C. s 149); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEA 21, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality 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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

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

**WHEREAS**, The STA is an eligible project sponsor for Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, The STA wishes to submit a grant application to MTC for funds from the Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program in fiscal year 1999-00 for the following project:

Safety projects identified in the Solano Travel Safety Plan..... \$594,000

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

- 1) the commitment of necessary local matching funds of least 11.5%; and
- 2) that the sponsor understands that the Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded with Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality 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 by September 30, 2001, or the project may be removed from the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the STA that the Executive Director is authorized to execute and file an application for funding under the Surface Transportation Program or the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program of TEA 21 in the amount of \$594,000 for low cost safety projects in Solano; and

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

- 1) The STA and Solano jurisdictions will provide \$77,200 (11.5%) in local matching funds; and
- 2) The STA understands that the Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding for the project is fixed at \$594,000, and that any cost increases must be funded by the STA from local matching funds, and that the STA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with Surface Transportation Program or the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds; and
- 3) The safety projects will be built as described in this resolution and, if approved, as programmed in Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- 4) The program funds are expected to be obligated by September 30, 2001.

**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 Interim Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said STA at a regular meeting thereof held this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

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Michelle Morris Brubaker  
Interim Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority

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: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: 5-Year Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims

On February 4, the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) reviewed and approved the attached 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for 1999-04 and approved 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims totaling \$211,795. The two projects approved for next year include \$172,295 for the Solano Bikeway for the City of Vallejo and \$39,500 for Class 2 bike lanes on a replacement bridge on Pleasants Valley Road at Pleasants Creek for the County of Solano. On February 24, the TAC also approved the plan and TDA claims.

Both of these projects were included on the previous 5-Year Plan. In October 1998, the STA Board approved \$160,000 of funding for the Solano Bikeway project. Because of some remaining balance in our TDA Article 3 fund (\$12,295) the BAC recommended that the balance also be put into the Solano Bikeway project to help cover a portion of some additional gates and pavement requirements of Caltrans.

The BAC also recommended a proposed project by the City of Benicia for bicycle access improvements on Park Road connecting to the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge Bike Route for the fifth year (2003-04). This project has been proposed as part of our South County Bicycle Plan update recently completed by a subcommittee of the BAC.

Fiscal Impact:

None. Both projects will be funded entirely by Transportation Development Article 3 funds distributed by MTC.

Recommendation:

Approve the new 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for 1999-2004 and approve TDA Article 3 Claims for 1999-00 including \$172,295 for the Solano Bikeway and \$39,500 for Class 2 bike lanes on a bridge replacement project on Pleasants Valley Road at Pleasants Creek.

Attachment

# 5-Year Solano Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan (1999-2004)

Project Sponsor	Project	Total Project	TDA Request	Recommend.	Est. Running Balance	
<b>Year 1 (1999-2000)</b>					\$211,795	Based on bid target from MTC on 2/4/99
1. City of Vallejo	Construct Class I Solano Bikeway located on east side of I-80 between Columbus Parkway and Hiddenbrooke Parkway	\$774,000	\$160,000	\$172,295	\$39,500	Final Plans are being completed; Funding will match other TDA Article 3 and TFCA Funds from BAAQMD. Fund balance of \$12,295 is needed to cover additional Caltrans requirements.
2. Co. of Solano	Replace bridge on Pleasants Valley Rd. at Pleasants Creek (Bridge No. 23C-95)	\$790,000	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$0	Since some additional TDA Art. 3 funds are available for next year, this request can be fully funded.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,564,000</b>	<b>\$199,500</b>	<b>\$211,795</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Year 2 (2000-01)</b>					\$160,000	Estimate for new MTC funds
1. Co. of Solano	Replace Br. on Pleasants Valley at Pleasants Creek to incorporate Class II shoulders and handrailing for bicylists (Bridge No. 23C-10)	\$1,220,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$99,000	Environmental clearance underway; Construction planned for summer, 2000
2. Suisun City	Class I Bike Lane adjacent to Highway 12 from Sunset Avenue to Emperor Road	\$225,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$24,000	BAC requested submittal of final bike route design prior to approval of a TDA Art. 3 Claim for this project.
3. Co. of Solano	Replace Br. on Pleasants Valley at Pleasants Creek to incorporate Class II shoulders and handrailing for bicylists (Bridge No. 23C-8)	\$1,010,000	\$50,500	\$50,500	(\$26,500)	Environmental clearance underway; Construction planned for summer, 2000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,455,000</b>	<b>\$186,500</b>	<b>\$186,500</b>		
<b>Year 3 (2001-02)</b>					\$160,000	Estimate for new MTC funds
1. City of Vallejo	Construct Class II and Class III bike route gap closures on Maritime Academy Dr. , Sonoma Blvd. (Hwy 29) and Mare Island Way to connect the new Carquinez Bridge to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$150,000	
2. Suisun City	Class I Bike Lane adjacent to Highway 12 from Sunset Avenue to Emperor Road	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	Applicant should also pursue other fundin sources during next year; if successful that amount would be reduced from TDA recommendation.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>		
<b>Year 4 (2002-2003)</b>					\$160,000	Estimate for new MTC funds
1. Benicia	Construct bike bridge from Columbus Parkway/ Rose Dr. across I-780 to Benicia	\$500,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	Applicant is applying for additional fundi Requested to remain on 5-year plan and requested additional funds in 2003.
2. Co. of Solano	Replace Suisun Valley Road Bridge at Suisun Creek to incorporate Class II shoulders and handrailing for bicyclists (Bridge No. 23C-77)	\$810,000	\$32,400	\$32,400	\$42,600	Environmental clearance underway; Construction planned for summer, 2000 Review any additional TDA Fund
3. Co. of Solano	Replace Abernathy Road Bridge at Ledgewood Creek to incorporate Class II shoulders and handrailing for bicyclists	\$800,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	(\$7,400)	New project proposed by Solano County. Project is being planned for 2002/03.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,110,000</b>	<b>\$167,400</b>	<b>\$167,400</b>		
<b>Year 5 (2003-2004)</b>					\$160,000	Estimate for new MTC funds.
1. City of Benicia	Construct improvements to Park Road to provide access to the bike route on the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge span	\$345,660	\$160,000	\$160,000		Based on request from City of Benicia and So. County Bicycle Plan Update project description.
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$345,660</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>		

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February 3, 1999

Dan Christians  
Solano Transportation Authority  
333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 230  
Suisun City, CA 94585

Dear Dan:

**SUBJECT: Abernathy Road Bridge at Ledgewood Creek**

Solano County would like to nominate the Abernathy Road Bridge at Ledgewood Creek replacement project for TDA Article 3 funding.

Abernathy Road is contained in the Solano County Bicycle Plan as a Class II bike route. The existing bridge has a clear width of 20 feet. The proposed bridge will be wide enough to accommodate a Class II bike route (with four foot shoulders), which should be substantial safety improvement for bicyclists using Abernathy Road.

The estimated cost of the project is \$800,000. I request the Bicycle Advisory Committee approve the use of \$50,000 in FY 02/03 TDA Article 3 funding to pay a portion of the local cost share for the project in recognition of the significant benefit the project offers to bicyclists.

On a different subject, Solano County's project to replace the Suisun Valley Road Bridge No. 23C-77 has been delayed by environmental issues. This bridge was previously on the waiting list for TDA Article 3 funding in FY 00/01. I request that this project be dropped from that year, and considered for funding instead in FY 02/03.

Thank you for your assistance with these items. Please call me at 421-6072 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Wiese".

Paul Wiese  
Engineering Manager



DATE: March 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Approve Sole Source Justification for Contract with Grandy and Associates for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services

In January, the Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract for consultant services with Grandy and Associates for up to \$25,000, through December 31, 1999. The consultant would assist in the timely delivery of the funded project segments for the I-80 Reliever Route projects, coordinate consistent design standards among the jurisdictions, and optimize the use of available local, state and federal project funding.

According to STA's "Policies and Procedures," a sole source justification must be adequately documented and the request approved by a two-thirds vote of a financial quorum of the Board for contracts over \$15,000.

It is in the STA's best interest to construct the funded segments of the Reliever Route as soon as possible. Given the time frame for the Reliever Route schedule, Grandy and Associates is uniquely qualified to provide contract management services for the I-80 Reliever Route project because of their extensive knowledge of the project and the requirements to obligate funds within the deadlines. The services provided by Grandy and Associates needed by STA for the I-80 Reliever Route are available from only one responsible source and no other type of service will effectively satisfy the needs of the STA at the current time.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve a sole source justification for contracting with Grandy and Associate for I-80 Reliever Route management services.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker  
RE: Process to Notify Potential Applicants about Transportation Funding Programs

The STA coordinates a number of funding programs as the umbrella agency for the eight Solano jurisdictions. The STA also receives applications for various discretionary funding programs that the jurisdictions receive on an individual basis as well. In both cases, staff notifies eligible member jurisdictions of relevant programs and upcoming deadlines.

The primary source that STA staff uses to notify member jurisdictions of funding opportunities is the meeting agenda packets for the SolanoLinks Consortium, TAC and STA Board meetings. Agenda items on funding sources typically contain information on the funding program(s), eligible project sponsors, important dates, and any other necessary information. These items are generally presented as information items at the meeting where staff can highlight important information and answer questions. Another forum we use to disseminate program information is the STA Newsletter. Deadlines for funding programs are generally placed on the second page of the publication.

STA staff is often proactive in letting potential project sponsors know about funding programs. Staff is available to assist jurisdictions with regional processes and discuss proposals for the various funding programs so that the jurisdictions can compete well. In addition, we will advocate for Solano projects in regional forums.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

No recommendation, this is an information item only.



DATE: March 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 March 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 distributed to all the Welfare to Work clients through a mailing. We have received about 1200 completed surveys. Results will be compiled in March. The survey will provide further information on what 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. Transit providers are currently proofing information that will be provided in the handbook.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

No recommendation, this is an information item only.



DATE: March 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Chair Rischa Slade  
RE: Authorize Amendment to the Contract with Shannon Associates for Additional Services for the Executive Director Search

Shannon Associates has completed their screening process for candidates for the Executive Director position. The Executive Director Search Committee (Members Erickson, Slade and Donahue) has selected a group of candidates to interview. The committee recommends extending the contract with Shannon and Associates to assist the committee with setting up and conducting candidate interviews and negotiating compensation for the Executive Director position.

Fiscal Impact

The contract amendment would increase the total cost of the contract with Shannon and Associates from \$15,000 to up to \$21,500. The additional \$6,500 would come from the contingency fund in the 1998-99 STA budget.

Recommendation

The STA Board approve up to \$6,500 in funds to amend the contract with Shannon Associates to continue to assist with the Executive Director search.



SHANNON  
ASSOCIATES

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
ADDENDUM**

In addition to the recruitment services for Executive Director agreed upon between Shannon Associates and the Solano Transportation Authority in that certain agreement dated and entered into on November 24, 1998, Shannon Associates hereby agrees to provide additional services related to the design of the selection process, administration of the selection process and reference checking. Said services are more fully described in Exhibit A attached. The fee for said additional services shall be:

\$4000 (four thousand) for Professional Services plus Reimbursable Expenses (as described in the original agreement) not to exceed \$2,500.

**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHANNON ASSOCIATES**

NAME: 

TITLE: President

DATE: 2/24/99

**EXHIBIT A**

**Task 1 - Design Selection Process**

The consultant will design a selection process to be utilized in assessing the final candidates. This process will typically include an in-depth interview with each candidate, but may also include other selection tools, such as an oral presentation, preparation of written reports, and problem solving exercises. The components will be determined by the Authority.

**Task 2 - The Selection Process**

The consultant will coordinate all aspects of the selection process for the Authority. This includes contacting both the successful and unsuccessful candidates, preparing appropriate materials, facilitating the interviews, and assisting the appropriate officials with deliberation of the results of the interviews.

**Task 3 - Arrange Follow-up Interviews and Conduct Reference Checks**

Following the completion of the selection process, the consultant will be available to schedule and coordinate follow-up interviews and complete reference checks and to facilitate an Employment Agreement, if requested by the Authority.



DATE: March 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Rischa Slade  
RE: Approve STA Goals/Objectives for 1999

In February, the Board reviewed draft goals for 1999. 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 during the year.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Adopt the attached list of STA goals for 1999.

Attachments

## **Solano Transportation Authority Goals – 1999**

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 to honor achievements of STA partners in promoting mobility in Solano.
6. Hire an excellent Executive Director to provide leadership for the STA.

**Solano Transportation Authority  
1998-99 Priority Projects**

1. Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project
2. Carquinez Bridge Project
3. Capitol Corridor
4. Electric Vehicles and Recharging Facilities Program
5. Federal Lobbyist
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 Bike Route Plan Implementation
14. Solano Bikeway
15. Solano Transportation Plan Implementation
16. Traffic Safety Study
17. Vacaville CNG Facility



ATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Approve Resolution Supporting Requests for Federal Earmarks for Acquisition of Buses for SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium

Over the past two years, the SolanoLinks Consortium has received two federal earmarks (Federal Transit Administration Section 3) for a combined total of \$2.2 million dollars to purchase intercity transit buses. These funds are in the process of being claimed through the city of Vallejo's FTA Claim. The STA will seek another \$2.7 million to support intercity transit services capital needs this year.

The attached resolution supports this year's request for federal Section 3 funding. This request will be pursued during the Executive Director's trip to Washington DC which will be from March 14-17.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution in support of the STA Section 3 funding request.

Attachments

## Section 3 Bus Discretionary Program

### FY 2000 Request

<b>Congressional Districts</b>	<b>Operators</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Federal Funding Request</b>
1,3,7	Benicia Transit Fairfield-Suisun Transit Vacaville City Coach Vallejo Transit	Purchase six (6) over-the-road buses to operate via the new Interstate 80 HOV lane between the cities in Solano County to BART and San Francisco	\$2,700,000

### Background

Through the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium, the major transit operators in Solano County are committed to increasing intercity transit services along the I-80 high growth corridor as proposed in the 1996 *MTC I-80 Corridor Study* and 1998 *Solano 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan*. These plans promoted substantial increases in express bus services through Solano County, particularly across the Carquinez Bridge to the East Bay, and San Francisco. The total cost of the project is \$3.4 million. The SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium is requesting \$2.7 million and member jurisdictions of the Consortium will provide \$.7 million as the required local match.

The Consortium was formed in the fall of 1997 to coordinate and promote intercity transit links connecting to various Bay Area, Yolo, and Sacramento regional transit systems including BART, the BayLink Ferry, Capitol Corridor train service, and express bus services to Sacramento Airport and downtown Sacramento. This new transit organization consists of members from the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Solano County, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo, and is officially recognized and staffed by the Solano Transportation Authority. Some of the recent efforts of the group have included the development of a full color Intercity Transit Map and "Integrated Schedule" displaying all Solano intercity routes and schedules.

The Consortium goal is to increase daily ridership, particularly along the I-80 Corridor, from 4.5% in 1997 to at least 11% or 11,000 passenger trips a day by the year 2010. However, to achieve this goal, at least six additional high occupancy buses (i.e. 40-60 seat buses) will be needed each year to meet the growing demand of about 600+ new daily passenger trips each year along this key commute corridor.

**RESOLUTION 99-**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOLANOLINKS CONSORTIUM  
REQUEST FOR A FEDERAL SECTION 3 FUNDING REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is to advance transportation projects in Solano County; and

**WHEREAS**, the SolanoLinks Consortium represents all the transit operators in Solano County; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the SolanoLinks Consortium is to more than double the amount of passengers carried on transit on the I-80 corridor in Solano by the year 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the STA received \$1 million in funding for intercity transit buses under the Federal Section 3 program in Fiscal Year 1999 and will request funding for intercity transit buses from the federal Section 3 funding program again in the coming year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano Transportation Authority hereby strongly supports the above request.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

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

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Michelle Morris Brubaker  
Interim Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Approve Resolution of Support for 1999-00 YSAQMD Clean Air Fund Applications

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) administers the Clean Air Fund (CAF) program in the Yolo-Solano air basin. The Yolo-Solano air basin is the eastern part of Solano County including Dixon, Rio Vista, eastern parts of unincorporated Solano County, and Vacaville. About \$250,000 is expected for Solano projects. The funding categories for FY 99-00 includes clean fuels infrastructure/vehicles, alternative transportation programs, transit services, and public education/information.

The submittal deadline for the CAF program was March 5 to the YSAQMD. The STA requested that copies of all applications for YSAQMD CAF be forwarded to the STA for review and coordination. The proposed projects were discussed at the TAC meeting.

STA staff is preparing applications for three projects.

- \$90,000 for operating Citylink Route 30
- \$10,000 for printing additional BikeLinks map showing suggested bike routes throughout Solano and Yolo Counties
- \$50,000 for Old Davis Road Class 2 Bike Route Construction

The City of Vacaville has proposed five projects for submittal.

- \$140,000 for operating Solano BART Express
- \$50,000 for Alamo Creek Bike Path construction
- \$50,000 for Leisure Town Road Park & Ride Lot
- \$20,000 for Elmira Road Pedestrian/Bike Path construction
- \$20,000 for Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations (4)

Solano Commuter Information (SCI) has proposed a project for submittal as well.

- \$2,000 for Northern Solano Multi-modal Direct Mail Outreach

The TAC recommended approval of the attached resolution supporting the SCI, STA, and Vacaville projects.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution of support for funding the project applications from SCI, STA, and Vacaville.

**RESOLUTION 99-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
SUPPORTING APPLICATIONS FOR CLEAN AIR FUNDS TO YOLO/SOLANO AIR  
QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR FY 1999-2000**

**WHEREAS**, Yolo/Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) has requested applications for the FY 1999-2000 Clean Air Funds Program of funds collected through AB8 and AB2766; and

**WHEREAS**, AB8 funds are collected through a property tax on eastern Solano County residents and AB2766 funds are collected through a vehicle registration surcharge on residents in the Yolo/Solano air basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) requests \$90,000 for Citylink Route 30 operations, \$10,000 to produce BikeLinks Map, and \$50,000 for the Dixon-Davis Bike Route construction; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano Commuter Information requests \$2,000 for Northern Solano Multi-modal Direct Mail Outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vacaville requests \$140,000 for operating Solano BART Express, \$50,000 for Alamo Creek Bike Path construction, \$50,000 for Leisure Town Road Park & Ride Lot, \$20,000 for Elmira Road Pedestrian/Bike Path construction, and \$20,000 for Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations (4); and

**WHEREAS**, these projects meet the criteria established by the YSAQMD and will meet long range plans and programs of the STA and its member jurisdictions and help improve air quality in the Yolo/Solano air basin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the STA hereby supports the Clean Air Funds Program applications from the Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Commuter Information, and the City of Vacaville.

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Rischa Slade, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority

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

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Michelle Morris Brubaker, Executive Director  
Solano Transportation Authority

# YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Application Form for Clean Air Funds  
Fiscal Year 1999/00

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>  <u>Citylink Route 30</u>	<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles    [    ] Alternative Transportation            [    ] Transit Services                            [ <b>x</b> ] Public Education/Information         [    ]
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<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>Agency/Company Name:</b>	<u>Solano Transportation Authority</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
	<small>(Street or P.O. Box)</small>		
	<u>Suisun City</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>94585</u>
	<small>(City)</small>	<small>(State)</small>	<small>(Zip Code)</small>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<u>707-422-6491</u>		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0656</u>		

<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<u>Matt Todd, Project Manager</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
	<small>(Street or P.O. Box)</small>		
	<u>Suisun City</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>94585</u>
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<b>Phone Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0655</u>		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0656</u>		

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

Citylink route 30 is a transit service connecting the cities of Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, and Davis along Interstate 80. It is primarily a commuter service for work and school trips. It makes four round trips/day and has been in operation since September 1991. Since October 1997, we have contracted the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) to operate the service with CNG powered vehicles. We are also processing an FTA grant that will supply the funds to purchase a CNG vehicle to be owned by the STA to dedicate to this service. A more detailed description is attached.

**Note: Please see pages 6 through 10 for additional project specific application requirements.**

<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB2766 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>45,000</u>	
AB8 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>45,000</u>	
Other Funding:	\$	<u>20,000</u>	<b>Source:</b>
	\$	<u>5,000</u>	<u>Fares</u>
	\$	<u>          </u>	<u>BAAQMD</u>
	\$	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>115,000</u></b>	

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Application Form for Clean Air Funds

Fiscal Year 1999/2000

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Northern Solano Multi-modal Direct  
Mail Outreach

**CATEGORY:**

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

**PROJECT APPLICANT:**

**Agency/Company Name:** Solano Commuter Information (SCI)

**Mailing Address:** 333 Sunset Ave., Suite 230  
*(Street or P.O. Box)*

Suisun City, CA 94585  
*(City) (State) (Zip Code)*

**Phone Number:** (707) 432-1996

**Fax Number:** (707) 429-2894

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**Name:** Elizabeth Richards

**Mailing Address:** 333 Sunset Ave., Suite 230  
*(Street or P.O. Box)*

Suisun City, CA 94585  
*(City) (State) (Zip Code)*

**Phone Number:** (707) 432-1996

**Fax Number:** (707) 429-2894

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

The project would expand the existing direct mail outreach of multi-modal information in Northern Solano county. Currently SCI distributes a limited number of multi-modal information mailers to new residents throughout Northern Solano county and this would expand the reach to all new residents.

**FUNDING:**

AB2766 Funding (Requested): \$ 2,000

AB8 Funding (Requested): \$ -

Other Funding: \$ 4,000

Source: MTC

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**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$ 6,000

# YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Application Form for Clean Air Funds

Fiscal Year 1999/00

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>		<b>CATEGORY:</b>	
<u>BikeLinks Maps</u>		Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles	[   ]
		Alternative Transportation	[ X ]
		Transit Services	[   ]
		Public Education/Information	[   ]
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>Agency/Company Name:</b>	<u>Solano Transportation Authority</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
	<i>(Street or P.O. Box)</i>		
	<u>Suisun City</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>94585</u>
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<b>Fax Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0656</u>		
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<u>Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
	<i>(Street or P.O. Box)</i>		
	<u>Suisun City</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>94585</u>
	<i>(City)</i>	<i>(State)</i>	<i>(Zip Code)</i>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0654</u>		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0656</u>		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
<p>Update and reprint approximately 5,000 sets of the popular BikeLinks maps. These maps show all major intercity bike routes throughout Yolo and Solano counties. There are also a number of local routes shown in Woodland and West Sacramento. The updated maps will include the design and printing of a larger scale bike map for the City of Vacaville showing all local routes, schools and other destinations. Copies of the maps will be made available to the bike clubs, major employers, UC Davis, and all jurisdictions in Yolo and Solano counties. By showing all of the best bike routes in the area it is expected that bicycling will grow as a major alternative transportation mode.</p>			
<b>Note: Please see pages 6 through 10 for additional project specific application requirements.</b>			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB2766 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>5,000</u>	
AB8 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>5,000</u>	
Other Funding:	\$	<u>2,000</u>	
	\$	<u>          </u>	
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	\$	<u>          </u>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>12,000</u></b>	<b>Source:</b> <u>Proposed STA</u> <u>1999-00 Project</u> <u>Development</u> <u>Funds</u>

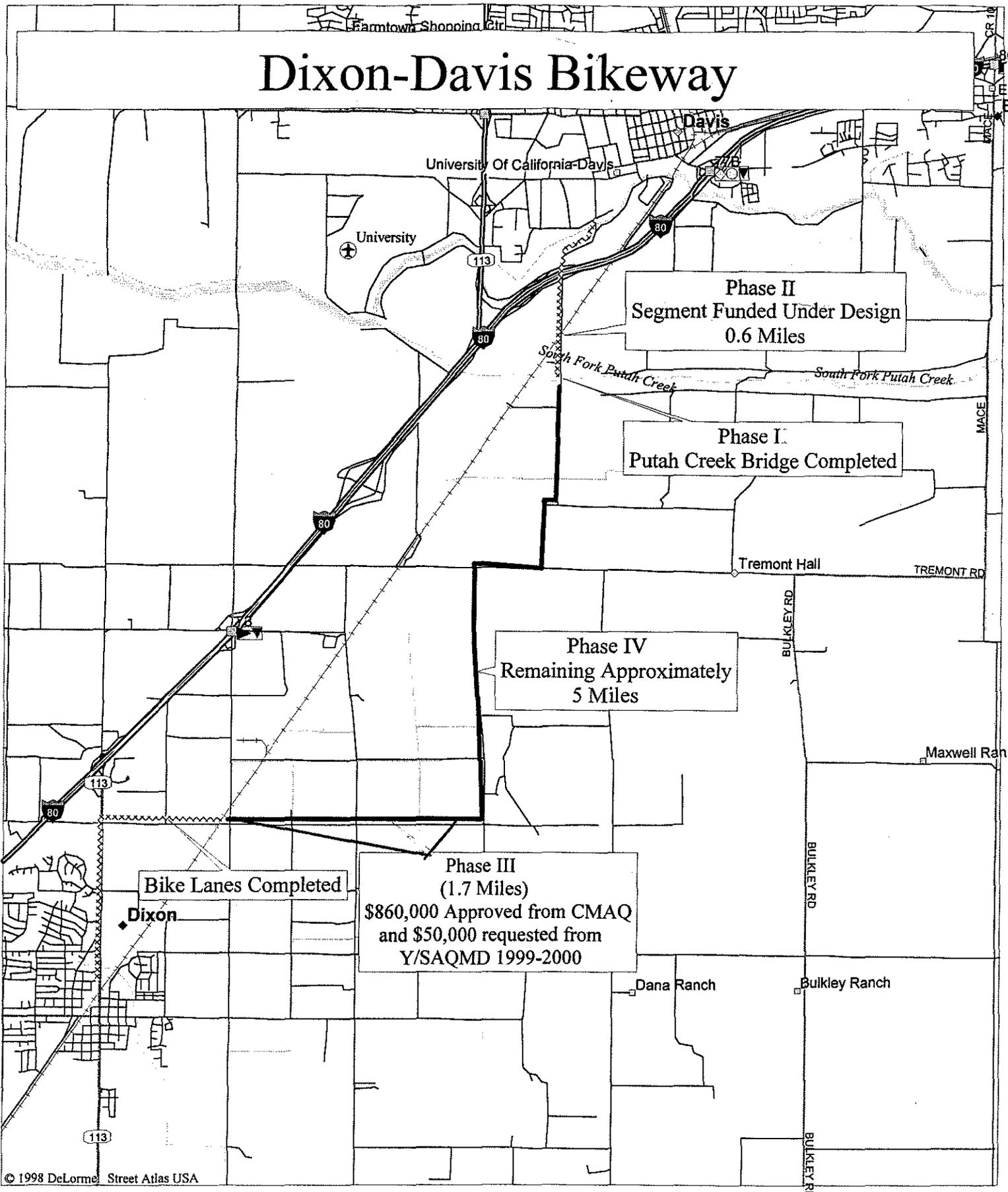
# YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Application Form for Clean Air Funds

Fiscal Year 1999/00

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>		<b>CATEGORY:</b>	
<u>Dixon-Davis Bike Route (Vaughn Road Class 2 Bike Lanes)</u>		Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles [    ]	Alternative Transportation [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]
		Transit Services [    ]	Public Education/Information [    ]
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>Agency/Company Name:</b>	<u>Solano Transportation Authority</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
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<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<u>Dan Christians, Deputy Director for Planning</u>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	<u>333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200</u>		
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<b>Phone Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0654</u>		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<u>707-438-0656</u>		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
<p>This is the third phase of the Dixon-Davis Bike Route, an approximaely 7 mile bike route connecting the cities of Dixon and Davis. This segment will consist of about 1.7 miles of Class 2 bike lanes located on Vaughn Road from Pedrick Road to a point west of Runge Road. Phase 1 consisted of Old Davis Road Bridge, completed in 1997. Phase 2 is a 0.6 mile long Class 2 segment of Old Davis Road that will be constructed by summer 1999. This bike route will provide a safe, alternative bike corridor to meet the growing demand for bicycling in Yolo and Solano counties. About 80 bicycle trips a day are expected along this segment during good weather months. Annual bicycle trips will increase each year as additional segments are completed and the bike route is signed and promoted.</p>			
<b>Note: Please see pages 6 through 10 for additional project specific application requirements.</b>			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB2766 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>25,000</u>	
AB8 Funding (Requested):	\$	<u>25,000</u>	
Other Funding:	\$	<u>860,211</u>	Source: <u>E. CMAQ</u>
	\$	<u>61,450</u>	<u>Co. Gas Tax</u>
	\$	<u>          </u>	<u>or TDA</u>
	\$	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>971,661</u></b>	

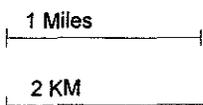
# Dixon-Davis Bikeway



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Local Road  
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**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Application Form for Clean Air Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> SOLANO BART EXPRESS (TYPE I. Operating assistance for commuter bus service)		<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles [ ] Alternate Transportation [ ] Transit Services [X] Public Education/Information [ ]	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>Agency/Company Name:</b>	City of Vacaville		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(707) 449-5330		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(707) 449-5377		
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	Ed Huestis		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Transportation Systems Manager 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(707) 449-5424		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(707) 449-5346		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
<p>The <i>Solano BART Express</i> is a collaborative transit service between the cities of Vacaville and Fairfield. Its aim to provide dependable and reliable commuter bus service between these cities and the Pleasant Hill BART station. Success in this project will result in decreased pollutants being generated in the Bay area and wind swept into the Yolo-Solano air basin. First year ridership was 30,874. The buses have the capability to serve over 50 passengers per trip (9 trips daily), thus greatly reducing car/van emissions along the I-80/680 corridor. Estimated total annual cost of this service is \$290,000.</p>			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB 2766 Funding (Requested):	\$110,000		
AB 8 Funding (Requested):	\$ 30,000		
Other Funding:	\$ 75,000	Source: City of Fairfield	
	\$ 75,000	Source: City of Vacaville (TDA & Fares)	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$290,000</b>		

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Application Form for Clean Air Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> ALAMO CREEK BIKE PATH		<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles [ ] Alternative Transportation [X] Transit Services [ ] Public Education/Information [ ]	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
<b>Agency/Company Name:</b>	City of Vacaville		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(707) 449-5424		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(707) 449-5346		
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	Ed Huestis		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	Transportation Systems Manager 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(707) 449-5424		
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(707) 449-5346		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
The Alamo Creek Bike Path will extend the existing Alamo Creek Bike Path, which originates at Leisure Town Road, and currently ends at the Southside Bikeway, to Alamo Drive, travelling along the North side of Alamo Creek.			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB 2766 Funding (Requested):	\$ 50,000		
AB 8 Funding (Requested):	\$ 0		
Other Funding:	\$300,000	Source:	CMAQ
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>		

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Application Form for Clean Air Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> LEISURE TOWN ROAD PARK & RIDE LOT		<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Alternative Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Transit Services <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Public Education/Information <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
Agency/Company Name:	City of Vacaville		
Mailing Address:	650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>			
Name:	Ed Huestis		
Mailing Address:	Transportation Systems Manager 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
The Leisure Town Road Park & Ride Lot will be a 52-space park and ride lot in the Southwest corner of the I-80/Leisure Town Road interchange.			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB 2766 Funding (Requested):	\$ 50,000		
AB 8 Funding (Requested):	\$ 0		
Other Funding:	\$250,000	Source: CMAQ	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>		

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Application Form for Clean Air Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> ELMIRA ROAD PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATH		<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles [ ] Alternative Transportation [X] Transit Services [ ] Public Education/Information [ ]	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
Agency/Company Name:	City of Vacaville		
Mailing Address:	650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>			
Name:	Ed Huestis		
Mailing Address:	Transportation Systems Manager 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
The Elmira Road Pedestrian/Bike Path is an off-road bike path in conjunction with the sidewalk, and is a gap closure project. The bike path will connect with the recently completed section adjacent to Elmira Road, from Nut Tree Road, to just beyond Beelard Drive, and tie in with the existing bike path adjacent to Allison Drive.			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB 2766 Funding (Requested):	\$ 20,000		
AB 8 Funding (Requested):	\$ 0		
Other Funding:	\$ 80,000	Source:	CMAQ
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>		

**YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Application Form for Clean Air Funds**  
**Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS		<b>CATEGORY:</b> Clean Fuels Infrastructure/Vehicles [X] Alternative Transportation [ ] Transit Services [ ] Public Education/Information [ ]	
<b>PROJECT APPLICANT:</b>			
Agency/Company Name:	City of Vacaville		
Mailing Address:	650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b>			
Name:	Ed Huestis		
Mailing Address:	Transportation Systems Manager 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688		
Phone Number:	(707) 449-5424		
Fax Number:	(707) 449-5346		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b>			
This project is for four additional electric vehicle charging stations in an effort to expand the existing infrastructure throughout the City of Vacaville in providing a vital link between the Bay Area and Sacramento area. The two sites under consideration are at the future Leisure Town Road Park & Ride Lot and at the future Transit Yard at the City's Corporation Yard. Each site will have one inductive and one conductive charging station.			
<b>FUNDING:</b>			
AB 2766 Funding (Requested):	\$ 20,000		
AB 8 Funding (Requested):	\$ 0		
Other Funding:	\$ 20,000	Source:	CMAQ
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>		



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Call for Projects for 1999-00 BAAQMD Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

The deadline for submitting 1999-00 BAAQMD Transportation Fund for Clean Air applications is **March 15, 1999**. Per BAAQMD guidelines, staff has published newspaper ads requesting applications in both the Fairfield Daily Republic and Vallejo Herald Times. Applications have been distributed to all interested TAC and SolanoLinks Consortium members. Eligible applicants include the cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City and Vallejo and Solano County. Also, any school district within the BAAQMD portion of Solano may apply.

Eligible project activities include bicycle routes, shuttle bus services to rail, ferry or train stations, purchase of clean air vehicles, police electric bicycles, ridesharing and voluntary trip reduction programs and arterial management projects such as traffic signal interconnects.

The Executive Committee is scheduled to review all applications at their next meeting on March 25. It is expected that their recommendations will be forwarded to the STA Board for action on April 14.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Dan Christians  
RE: SolanoLinks Consortium and Marketing Program Update

As the Consortium completes its first year and half, it is a good time to review its purpose, history, and recent successes.

## **Purpose**

The major purposes of the Solano Intercity Transit Consortium, as described in the amended the STA Joint Powers Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by all member agencies, include the following:

- The Consortium is an official advisory body to the STA Board. It is responsible for making transit recommendations to the STA including long range transit plans, 5-Year transit development plans, and recommends prioritization of various transit funds. A Transit Working Group of the STA was also established in the JPA Amendment to provide policy input to the Consortium.
- The MOU states that primary job of the Consortium is to coordinate, improve and expand intercity transit services in Solano.
- Each year the Consortium prepares an annual work program outlining various planning, funding, marketing and other coordinated tasks that they will undertake over the following year.

## **Public Benefits**

The biggest benefit has been the public, by having more seamless service among different operators and better transit information. The major successes of the Consortium include:

- Prepared and distributed the first comprehensive transit map with all intercity routes and summary schedules.
- Conducted public information campaigns letting the public know about new and existing Solano transit services.
- Expanded intercity services.

- Secured two bus earmarks totaling \$2.2 million for purchasing intercity buses for Solano transit operators.

## **History**

The following includes the major milestones that lead up to the formation of the Consortium along with its significant accomplishments that have been achieved in this fairly short time frame.

- June 1995** STA and its member agencies prepare the Intercity Transit Concept Plan. This is the first countywide transit plan, prepared by JKaplan and Associates, to analyze all existing intercity transit and paratransit services in Solano and proposes a 20-year concept plan to increase intercity transit ridership from 3% of all modes to 11%. It proposes a number of service improvements, funding and organizational enhancements. It recommends that some intercity transit programs (such as marketing and purchasing) be conducted jointly and suggested various options to increase funding opportunities.
- June 1996** STA Chair Lessler appoints a 3-member Transit Steering Committee to work with the transit operators to help achieve the recommendations proposed in the 1995 plan.
- July 1996** SB 1474 (Kopp), the Bay Area Transit Coordination bill is signed by the Governor. The bill authorizes MTC to exercise authority to improve efficiencies through inter-operator agreements to improve transit information, marketing and ticketing. It also authorizes MTC to address transit service coordination and effectiveness issues in corridors of regional significance by eliminating duplicative services and improving services that cross transit boundaries (see attached MTC fact sheet).
- July 1996** MTC approves \$20,000 Section 8 Planning grant and \$36,000 State Transit Assistance grant for the preparation of the Intercity Transit Coordination Study.
- October 1996** STA awards contract with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates to prepare the Intercity Transit Coordination Study. The scope of work includes 1.) Evaluation of existing transit services; 2.) Recommendations on policy, organizational and financial changes that would help the transit operators meet the purpose and intent of SB 1474; 3.) Consideration of a common fare policy; and 4.) Development of an intercity transit map and brochure to better market intercity transit services.
- Nov. 1997** Nelson\Nygaard interviews all key stakeholders identified for improving Solano intercity transit coordination and services.
- Dec. 1997** Transit Operators and Transit Steering Committee meet to discuss transit plans and proposals needed to address coordination issues required by SB 1474.
- Jan 1997** Workshop held with all transit operators, the Chair of the STA and MTC to discuss the status of intercity transit in Solano; what will be needed to achieve goals and objectives; and what coordination approaches have worked in other areas.

- Feb. 1997** Transit Steering Committee meets to discuss results of the Workshop.
- March 1997** On behalf of the Consortium, STA applies to Congress for a \$2.7 million federal earmark for purchase of intercity buses.
- June 1997** Conceptual Organization Action Plan is prepared by Nelson\Nygaard. It proposes the formation of an Intercity Transit Consortium consisting of all Solano transit operators as members, and other regional advisory members such as MTC, SACOG, YoloBus and Napa Transit.
- August 1997** Intercity Transit Coordination Study proposes the creation of an Intercity Transit Consortium through a Memorandum of Understanding to develop improved transit services and coordination. It proposes a 5-Year transit services plan and other activities including joint purchasing, increased funding efforts (particularly to secure clean air funds and more local operating funds), improved service identity and increased transit information and niche marketing activities.
- August 1997** STA retains the marketing firm of Moore Iacofano and Goltsman (MIG) to create a marketing and promotions program for the Consortium.
- Sept. 1997** At a large press conference held at the Suisun City Amtrak station, approximately 125 persons attended a special meeting of the STA Board to hear an announcement of the formation of the Solano Intercity Transit Consortium. Members of all intercity transit operators were present at this exciting event. The new SolanoLinks transit map was unveiled and there was substantial press coverage in all local newspapers, the San Francisco Chronicle, Contra Costa Times, and cable TV.
- Sept. 1997** 35,000 copies of SolanoLinks transit brochure are printed and distributed.
- October 1997** STA awards Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates a contract to prepare the Consortium's 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan.
- Nov. 1997** President Clinton announces the award of a \$1.2 million grant to the SolanoLinks Consortium for the purchase of four intercity buses.
- Nov. 1997** New [www.SolanoLinks.com](http://www.SolanoLinks.com) web site created with transit information and route maps.
- Dec. 1997** Two focus groups held to determine effectiveness of the new SolanoLinks maps, web site and marketing program.
- March 1998** On behalf of the Consortium, STA submits a second request for a \$2.7 million federal transit earmark to Congress.
- April 1998.** SolanoLinks transit video is completed by Consortium.

- May 1998** Try Transit Week is celebrated by the Transit Consortium with the printing of 80,000 newspaper inserts in all Solano newspapers, the showing of the transit video daily for two weeks on the four major Solano cable TV stations, and a reception at the STA office building.
- May 1998** California Transportation Foundation (CTF) awards "Project of the Year" to the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium for outstanding work in transit coordination and marketing.
- July 1998** STA approves new contracts with MIG and Nelson\Nygaard to continue marketing and planning activities through 1998-99.

## **Major 1998-99 Products of the Consortium**

- July 1998** MIG designs and prints 7,500 full-color transit schedule jackets printed and distributed.
- Sept. 1998** MIG designs and prints 25,000 inserts for a special City of Davis mailer to all city residents promoting Routes 30 and 100.
- October 1998** MIG designs and prints 20,000 copies of the new SolanoLinks transit map and brochure and distributes them to all members of the Consortium, SCI and various transit centers.
- Oct. 1998** MIG designs and publishes various promotional ads in the Vallejo Times Herald, Benicia Herald, Vacaville Reporter and Fairfield Daily Republic promoting routes 92, 40, and Benicia Transit service to Pleasant Hill BART.
- Oct. 1998** After substantial lobbying by STA and its lobbyist, Joint Committee of Congress approves \$1 million federal earmark for purchase of intercity buses for Consortium.
- Nov. 1998** Consortium approves 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan and recommends it for adoption by STA Board.
- Nov. 1998** MIG designs and prints large laminated posters of the new SolanoLinks map and distribute them to each of the transit operators.
- Dec. 1998** On board marketing surveys are distributed on various intercity routes requesting input on the SolanoLinks marketing efforts.
- Dec. 1998** STA Board adopts 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan.
- Jan. 1999** MIG prepares report on marketing survey results.
- Jan. 1999** Spring Marketing Program drafted by MIG Consultants and reviewed by Consortium.

*Jan. 1999* Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates prepares and circulates 2,000 surveys to Vacaville residents attending Solano Community College requesting their input on a potential Route 85 Extension.

## **Work Program and Funding of the Consortium**

The MOU states that the funding may vary from year to year based on an annual work program to be prepared by the Consortium and submitted to the STA Executive Director each year. Attached is the 1998-99 Work Program.

The MOU states that the long term funding for the Consortium will be from State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF). The contribution of STAF distribution was established as follows:

North County Cities and Unincorporated Areas	68.95%
Vallejo	31.05%

STAF funds to pay for needed consultants to carry out the annual program are subject to final approval by the STA Board. In 1997-98, approximately \$163,000 of STAF funds from North County cities was used to implement the work program. In 1998-99, a total of \$80,825 of STAF from North County cities and unincorporated areas and \$40,000 of STAF from City of Vallejo funded the program.

## **1998-99 Consortium Work Program**

**Marketing** Based on further input from the Consortium and the STA Board, continue the SolanoLinks Marketing Program similar to the 1997-98 effort, including the following proposed products:

1. Design, print and distribute 20,000 full sized color maps and brochures reflecting all new and amended services.
2. Develop material and promote with SCI two special transit events (i.e. Back to Transit Week in the fall and Try Transit Week in the spring).
3. Buy additional cable time for 30 or 60-second spots from recent video with special voice oversee, radio spots, and block ads etc. to increase intercity transit ridership.
4. Provide necessary updates to the Integrated Schedule and work toward ways of automating schedule updates for use in the web site, kiosks and the printed version of the integrated schedule.
5. Provide additional, similarly designed summary transit schedules for the [www.SolanoLinks.com](http://www.SolanoLinks.com) web site with links to full schedules on transit operators pages or [www.transitinfo.org](http://www.transitinfo.org) pages.
6. Work with transit operators to design and print posters for use on transit shelters and cards/signs on buses to further promote SolanoLinks.
7. Provide flyers or other special promotions for any new routes and services.
8. Work with Consortium members and SCI to develop increased incentives such as additional SolanoLinks coupons for multiple services, year round special coupons, special fares, all day tickets etc. to get first time riders to try the services.
9. Conduct interviews with transit riders and prepare an evaluation report with the objective of determining the effects SolanoLinks had on increasing transit ridership during the first full year of the program.

**Planning** Follow-up activities as needed, to the 5-Year Intercity Transit Plan, could include:

1. Additional work with transit operators to ensure that route planning and scheduling is fully coordinated and timed including continued long range planning for local corridor services (i.e. Route 85 Extension and/or proposed Route 850). Consider adopting a single 5-year intercity transit plan by all Consortium members.

2. Develop a five-year capital and operating plan for intercity ADA paratransit services.
3. Assist in preparing application(s) for Regional Transportation for Clean Funds (TFCA) to the BAAQMD, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (CMAQ) to SACOG or other regional, state or federal funds to increase intercity services.
4. Coordinate joint purchasing of equipment.
5. Facilitate joint maintenance and joint fueling facilities, particularly for alternative fuels.
6. Provide quarterly Solano Paratransit reports.
7. Compile quarterly ridership data by intercity routes (particularly Routes 20, 30, 40, and 92) and conduct on-board surveys and market demand surveys, as needed.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. For information only.



DATE: March 1, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Chair Rischa Slade  
RE: Transportation Advisory Committee Formation

On March 2, Michelle Morris Brubaker and I will be meeting with representatives of the Solano Economic Development Corporation (SEDCORP) regarding establishing a Transportation Advisory Committee for Solano. At the STA Board meeting, I will discuss plans for developing this committee, which would build upon the success of Measure F.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. Information only.



DATE: March 3, 1999  
TO: STA Board  
FROM: Matt Todd  
RE: Award Ceremony Update

Staff proposes the following schedule of events to precede the Annual Awards Ceremony in November.

Draft Award Categories Presented to the STA Board	July 14
Award Categories Finalized	August 11
Award Nominee Solicitation Released	August 16
Nomination forms due to STA	September 29
Review Committee Selects Award Recipients	Early October
STA Annual Awards Ceremony	November 10