



Board Meeting
April 14, 1999

Special Closed Session
4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.



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MEETING NOTICE

April 14, 1999
STA Board Meeting
333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 230
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Special Closed Session Regarding Public Employment to Fill the
Position of Executive Director

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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**
- 6.1 Presentation by Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer for Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District – Page 17**
- 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 March 10, 1999 – Page 21**
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9.0 ACTION ITEMS: FINANCIAL

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- 9.2 **Approve STA Budget for FY 1999-00 (Dan Christians) – Page 55**
- 9.3 **Approve 1999-00 Priority Projects (Michelle Morris Brubaker) – Page 61**
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- 9.5 **Approve Travel Safety Program Reserve Projects for TEA-21 Funds (Matt Todd) – Page 67**

10.0 ACTION ITEMS: NON-FINANCIAL

- 10.1 **Approve Solano Transportation Enhancements Program Guidelines and Call for Projects (Dan Christians) – Page 69**

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- 11.3 **1999-00 BAAQMD Regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program (Dan Christians) – Page 87**
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12.0 INFORMATION ITEMS: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 12.1 **Information on Executive Director Search (Rischa Slade/Don Erickson) – Page 91**
- 12.2 **Board Members Comments**
- 12.3 **Adjournment (Next Meeting May 12, 1999)**



Solano Transportation Authority

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Agenda Item 5.0
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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: April 5, 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 proposed a 6% increase in the general operations budget for fiscal year 1999-00 to cover the increased salary for the Executive Director, a 4% increase in the PERS benefit for STA employees and increased cost of services, supplies and contingency in agenda item 9.2.

***Office lease:** Staff proposes a one-year extension of the current STA office lease with the Wiseman Company in agenda item 8.3.

Solano Transportation Plan: The California Transportation Foundation has selected the STA and the Solano Economic Development Corporation's (SEDCORP's) Solano Transportation Plan to receive its 1999 Transportation Management Tranny Award. Chair Rischa Slade will receive the award on behalf of the STA at the awards banquet in Sacramento on May 5.

***Federal TEA 21 Funds:** MTC has concluded its preliminary evaluation of the projects submitted for STP and CMAQ funds and Solano is expected to receive almost \$6.1 million for TEA 21 projects for rehabilitation/replacement adopted by the Board in February 1999. This list includes a set-aside of \$594,000 for safety projects, addressing many projects from the Solano Travel Safety Plan. A draft list of projects has been prepared for Board approval (see agenda item 9.5). Solano is also expected to receive about \$2.3 million from the discretionary TEA 21 "25% Program."

Partnership Board: Dan Christians and I attended the Partnership Board meeting, which focused on programming TEA 21 funds and the Bay Area Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century. As a result of the federal TEA 21 funds programmed (see above), the region has an excess of unprogrammed CMAQ funds. Currently, the Partnership is discussing how to restructure the TEA 21 programming to deal with this issue.

***Transportation Fund for Clean Air:** The STA Executive Committee has selected projects for the Solano 1999-00 Transportation Fund for Clean Air program totaling \$326,393 (see agenda item 9.4).

Capitol Corridor: To promote the use of the Capitol Corridor at the Suisun/Fairfield Station, SolanoLinks and the Capitol Corridor are having a drawing to win a round-trip for two on the Capitol Corridor trains. The drawing will take place at the Board meeting.

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Reliever Route: In March, I attended the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting in Sacramento to support a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment to revise the funding for the I-80 Reliever Route project and an action to allocate funds for this project, both of which passed. Also, staff will be conducting a bus tour on the Reliever Route to discuss the Corridor Concept Plan on April 14. A public workshop for Phase 2 of the Corridor Concept Plan will be held on May 10 from 7-9 p.m. in Vacaville.

Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridges: Dan Christians joined Board member Gizzi for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority/STA Subcommittee in Benicia on March 18. Groundbreaking for the Benicia-Martinez bridge project is scheduled for June 24, 1999.

Highway 12: Matt Todd met with a subcommittee of the CHP-sponsored Highway 12 Task Force, which is being funded by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), to review ideas for improving Highway 12. The Highway 12 Task Force will meet on April 8 in Lodi.

PVEA Funding: The STA has submitted a request for Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA) funds for the Dixon to Davis bike route to Assemblywoman Helen Thomson, who has forwarded that request to the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

Transportation Steering Committee: In March, the STA requested that SEDCORP and the City of Vallejo select representatives for a Transportation Steering Committee to build upon the success of Measure F. Mayor Gloria Exline has selected Pete Rey from the Vallejo City Council.

MTC's Capitol Hill Legislative Trip: I joined MTC's annual trip to Washington DC on March 14-17 for meetings with our legislative delegation.

Solano Economic Summit: Dan Christians joined Board Members Rischa Slade, Don Erickson and Dan Donahue at the Solano Economic Summit held on March 19 on Mare Island.

Upcoming events

April 16	SolanoLinks Consortium Workshop in Suisun City
April 28	Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting in Oakland
April 28	SolanoLinks Consortium in Suisun City
April 28	STA TAC meeting in Suisun City
May 5	California Transportation Foundation Tranny Awards in Sacramento
May 5-6	California Transportation Commission meeting in Sacramento
May 10	Public Meeting for Reliever Route Corridor Concept Plan in Vacaville
May 12	Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board meeting in Suisun City
May 12	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
Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridge Projects Benicia, Caltrans, STA, Vallejo	*	*	*	-Groundbreaking for grading at southern approach of Benicia Bridge Project scheduled for 6/24/99 -Redesigned interchange approved for Benicia Bridge -BCDC approved construction permit for Carquinez Bridge 11/98
Capitol Corridor CCJPB, STA	\$5,000	*	\$3,400	-6th roundtrip began 2/21/99 -Negotiations ongoing with landowner for parking improvements at Suisun/Fairfield
Electric Vehicles STA	\$5,000	*	\$0	-Electric vehicle infrastructure sites are being selected for a funding request to BAAQMD
Federal Lobbyist 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
Highway 12 Improvements Caltrans, Rio Vista, STA, Suisun City	*	*	*	-Highway 12 Study approved for funding -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
Highway 37 Project 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 (HIP) STIP funds.
I-80/680 Auxiliary Lanes Caltrans, STA	*	*	*	-CTC approved \$6.9 million to fully fund the project in the 98 STIP
I-80 Reliever Route - Corridor Concept Plan STA	\$15,000	\$35,000	\$0	-Community meeting scheduled for 5/10/99 -MTC approved \$30,000 for Phase 2 plan -Land Use community meeting held 10/98, Phase 1 complete
I-80 Reliever Route - Implementation *** STA	\$22,000	*	\$21,460	-EIS/R and basemapping contract authorized 11/98 -Leisure Town Road extension opened -Grandy and Associates providing support services for the project
Intercity Transit Plan - Implementation STA	*	*	*	-Spring marketing materials being review by the Consortium -Updated brochure and route ads have been completed
Mare Island Access Study Vallejo	\$10,000	*	\$0	-Contractor selected (Korve) in 3/99, scope of work and cost are under negotiation, contract expected in 5/99
Miscellaneous Project Development **	\$3,000	*	\$0	-For assistance in completing grant applications and leveraging funds for project development
Red Top Slide/McGary Road Fairfield, STA	*	*	*	-Assist Caltrans and Fairfield with funding requests for the necessary repairs to the area
Solano Bike Route Plan - Implementation **** STA	\$19,971	\$8,700	\$19,971	-2nd printing of BikeLinks map completed -Caltrans approved \$144,000 BLA funds and \$50,000 YSAQMD for Old Davis Road bike lanes
Solano Bikeway (along I-80 in Vallejo) Vallejo	\$10,000	*	\$9,539	-Final plans completed and submitted to Caltrans District 4 -Time ext. granted by BAAQMD for TFCA funds to 6/99
Solano Transportation Plan - Implementation STA	\$10,000	*	\$9,858	-Advisory Measure F passed overwhelmingly on 11/3/98 -Plan has been distributed
Traffic Safety Project Study STA	\$25,000	*	\$25,000	Safety Projects programmed with TEA-21 funds -Solano Travel Safety Plan approved 12/98
Vacaville CNG Facility Vacaville	*	*	*	-Design process initiated -Funds transferred to FTA and STA approved \$58,000 STAF local match
TOTAL	\$139,971	\$43,700	\$93,728	

* No funds allotted at this time

\$183,671

** 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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Rick Roach/The Reporter

Randy Woods of Vacaville rides his bike along a trail from Lagoon Valley Park to Butcher Road on Tuesday.

New maps document county's bike trails

Leaving your car behind and hopping on a bicycle is even easier now with the release of maps showing bicycle trails across Solano and Yolo counties.

"It's been something we have wanted to do for awhile now and we finally got the chance," said Dan Christians, deputy director for planning at the Solano

Transportation Authority.

What made the difference was \$8,000 in funds from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District and \$3,200 in funds from various other sponsors.

Christians said the maps are now available at city halls throughout Solano County, as well as chambers of

commerce and libraries.

"The maps are small and easy to carry on a bicycle," he said. And lest anyone worry about getting caught with them in the rain, they have a glossy finish, making them water resistant.

Call 1-800-53KMUTE for more information.

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State faces a massive, costly list of repairs

Roads, schools, prisons need aid

By Steven A. Capps
Bee Capitol Bureau

The backlog of repairs and improvements on the state's roads, schools, prisons, water systems, parks and other public facilities has become so staggering it would cost every person in California more than \$2,000 each to pay the bill, according to a new report.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, appointed by the governor to head a commission recommending which projects should be done first, said in an interview that Californians soon will be asked to pay that cost.

"We can't any longer be negligent as we have been the past 35 years," he said.

Not since the early 1960s, when former Gov. Pat Brown presented his grand plans for expansion of the state's university system and construction of the State Water Project, have Californians been asked to embark on such an ambitious public works campaign.

Leading the list of needs is the state's aging transportation system, besieged by congestion and riddled

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Projects: 'Infrastructure' leaves public confused, pollster says

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with cracks and potholes. The state Department of Transportation estimates it will cost \$27.2 billion over the decade to improve existing roads and expand the state's transportation network to keep pace with California's surging population.

Next are the state's three institutions of higher learning, which estimate construction needs - including development of a new campus in Merced - totaling \$15.4 billion over the next years.

Even elementary and high schools, which are due to receive the majority of money from last year's record \$9.2 billion voter-approved bond measure, will come up about \$8.7 billion short as their student bodies increase during the next decade, according to the report by the state Department of Finance.

In all, state officials from various departments list public facilities needs totaling \$82.2 billion over the next decade. With only \$8.7 billion in existing bond resources currently available, that leaves \$73.5 billion that is needed, they said.

Against that backdrop, the state is about to embark on a public education campaign to convince Californians of the need to invest in the state's future. Gov. Gray Davis has appointed Bustamante to head up a task force on the subject and has asked him to report back by May 1.

Bustamante's charge is to list the state's specific public facility needs by priority and suggest ways the work might be financed, both through publicly approved bond measures and pay-as-you-go through the use of a portion of existing state revenues.

Bustamante, 46, said it's high time his generation stepped up to the plate.

"The baby boomer generation finally has to live up to the fact that it has not done a good job in making sure the next generation is as well prepared in its infrastructure as the last generation has been," he said. "And you know what? It's

about damn time."

One of the first challenges is educating the public about just what it is that constitutes "infrastructure," according to Steven Kinney, a Republican consultant who has recently conducted public opinion surveys on the subject.

"People don't understand the word 'infrastructure,'" he said. "They understand potholes. They understand water systems. But nobody understands the word 'infrastructure.'"

While voters are beginning to focus on the subject, Kinney believes it will be another two years before Californians direct their full attention to the need to invest in public facilities. Health care issues will dominate next year's presidential campaign, Kinney believes.

"I think we'll talk about infrastructure this year and next year, but I don't think it's going to reach critical mass until 2001-2002," he said. But that's just a guess, Kinney acknowledged, and the political landscape can change very quickly.

"All this is predicated on the fact that we keep our economy," he said. "If the economy goes south, jobs, crime and tax cuts will come back to life and you can forget about infrastructure, forget about the environment, forget about health care."

Convincing politicians of the need for billions of dollars in public works projects isn't always easy, according to Bustamante, a former Assembly speaker.

"It's not very sexy," he said. "This is one of those areas that you do it because you're supposed to do it and not because you get votes."

But several Democrats already have introduced bond proposals in the Legislature, including four to provide money for state parks and environmental projects.

And Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco, is carrying an ambitious transportation measure, one that would place \$16 billion in transportation bond proposals before voters over

the next eight years.

The state currently spends about 4.5 percent of its general fund revenue paying off existing bonds, about average among the 50 states. New York has a debt rate of more than twice California's, about 9.4 percent.

While financial analysts in the past have recommended no more than a 6 percent debt level, many policy-makers say California may have to surpass that to deal with its current backlog.

"There's nothing magic about 6 percent," state Sen. Steve Peace, D-El Cajon, said at a news conference last week in which the California Business Roundtable proposed that the state begin directing a ¼-cent of its sales tax to infrastructure needs.

Senate Republicans seem to favor the concept, according to Sen. Jim Brulte, R-Rancho Cucamonga.

"I believe the Legislature will deal with the issue of infrastructure relative to roads and, hopefully, water this year," Brulte said. "I think we all agree on the need. The disagreement will be how to pay for it."

Assembly Republicans are pushing the pay-as-you-go method in which the state would pay for capital improvements with existing revenue.

"We need to do something because the further we delay, the further we get behind," said Assembly GOP leader Rod Pacheco of Riverside. "But we have to do it within the financial constraints of the state. We only have so many resources and so many revenues, and we have to be very careful how we spend those revenues."

"But I think Californians want us to fix the problem," Pacheco said. "And they leave it up to our expertise and our abilities to fix the problem."



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The costs ahead

A new report by the state Department of Finance estimates it will cost \$82.2 billion over the next 10 years to meet the state's infrastructure needs. Here are some of the major costs identified by the report:

HIGHER EDUCATION:

► \$15.4 billion

The state's community college system, the largest post-secondary education system in the world, now serves 1.5 million students. That number is expected to grow to 1.9 million by 2007.

The University of California, which now has about 147,000 students, is expected to have 45,000 new students by 2010.

And the California State University system, with current enrollment of about 268,000 students, is expected to have about 76,000 more students over the next decade.

YOUTH AND ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:

► \$9.5 billion

The population of California's prisons, which now stands at about 159,000 inmates, is expected to increase by about 87,000 by 2007. The California Youth Authority currently houses about 8,000 wards but expects its population to grow to 10,000 by 2007. About a third of the \$9.5 billion would be used for construction of local jails.

K-12 EDUCATION:

► \$8.7 billion

The K-12 student population is expected to increase from the 5.7 million pupils counted in the 1998 school year to about 6.2 million students in 2007, or an average increase of 50,000 students per year. At the same time, the state is decreasing the number of students in individual classrooms, further increasing the need for new school classrooms.

WATER:

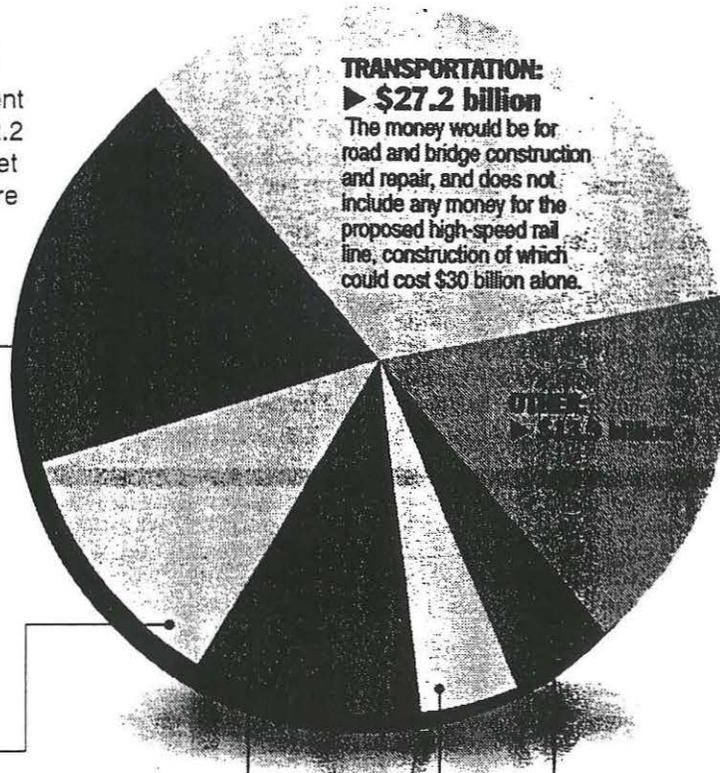
► \$3.6 billion

About \$2.8 billion of the money would be for state-funded local projects, such as wastewater treatment plants, water reclamation projects, estuary enhancements and storm water drainage systems. About \$800 million would be for state flood-control projects, including work on levees.

LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS:

► \$3.9 billion

Agencies like the Coastal Conservancy, Tahoe Conservancy and San Joaquin River Conservancy estimate they will need \$2 billion over the next 10 years to acquire and protect sensitive California lands. The state Department of Parks and Recreation estimates it needs \$1.9 billion over the next 10 years for both state park projects and state-funded local projects.



TRANSPORTATION:

► \$27.2 billion

The money would be for road and bridge construction and repair, and does not include any money for the proposed high-speed rail line, construction of which could cost \$30 billion alone.

OTHER:

► \$12.8 billion

New concerns raised for Interstate 80 route

By **DOROTHY VRIEND**
Times-Herald staff writer

A route to relieve congestion on Interstate 80 between Vacaville and Fairfield has been in the planning stages for most of this decade. But millions of dollars in new funds have prompted the Solano Transportation Authority to draft a new plan.

Though Solano County supervisors approved an agreement with Fairfield, Suisun and Vacaville in 1996, they balked Tuesday at a wholesale approval of new projects to improve the route.

Some feared that without land use limitations attached to the proposal it could open agricultural areas to massive development and increase local traffic.

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"We have learned you can't build your way out of congestion," said Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, Dist. 1-Vallejo.

The reliever route would start in Suisun City, following Walters Road from State Route 12 to Cement Hill Road and Vanden Road through Fairfield connecting with Leisure Town Road in Vacaville and ending at I-80.

Supervisor Duane Kromm, Dist. 3-Fairfield, suggested that a land use plan be linked to the reliever route, which runs through proposed growth areas by proponents of Fairfield's Greenbelt and Farmland Protection Initiative, proposed for the November ballot.

Critics of the initiative say that it promotes development under a guise of protecting open space unsuitable for development.

"If the route is built without land use considerations we could be opening up areas with no protection of Travis Air Force Base and agricultural lands," Kromm said.

According to a Feb. 9 report by the county's Department of Environmental Management, the initiative's proposed development north of Travis doesn't agree with the county's designation of the area for agricultural use. The county's general plan also calls for the protection of Travis Air Force Base from encroachment of incompatible uses due to potential noise and safety hazards.

Supervisors postponed a decision Tuesday, and asked Transportation Director John Gray about the possibility of limiting land use around the

route.

Gray said some ways of accomplishing that would be to buy open space next to the route or limit new access roads to connect with it.

"If when we buy the right of way we also bought access control, somebody couldn't build a subdivision and tie in, because we would have bought access rights," Gray said.

The Solano Transportation Authority is expected to complete its own land use study by the end of the year.

"The idea of the study is to relieve some of the concerns about the reliever route being growth inducing," Gray said.

The new available funds totaling close to \$30 million came from a federal highway bill and state transportation improvement plan approved last year. While federal funds are not usually available for local roads, they have been allocated to this project to ease interstate traffic, Gray said.

More than \$2.5 million in state funds have already been spent on intersection improvements along the route.

Last October, Vacaville celebrated construction of a one-half mile extension of Leisure Town Road to connect with Vanden Road, completing a critical link in the chain.

Proposed projects include extension of Walters Road in Fairfield to connect to Cement Hill Road, intersection improvements at Peabody Road, and expansion of Vanden Road into a divided four lane road through Fairfield. Improvements to the I-80 Leisure Town Road interchange in Vacaville were also proposed.

County stalls reliever route

By John Scheibe
Staff Writer

Solano County will not support future improvements to the Interstate 80 reliever route until a number of issues are addressed.

Chief among them is developing a land-use plan so that the 10.5-mile route linking Leisure Town Road in Vacaville to Suisun City can take traffic off Interstate 80 without encouraging more development along the route.

"To do this without a land-use plan is to invite more development," said county Supervisor Duane Kromm on Tuesday, after supervisors declined to give the county's support for future improvements along Vanden Road — a key part of the route.

The Solano Transportation Authority has been working for some time now to improve the route. The project is expected to cost about \$74 million. Transportation authorities say an improved route is key to removing local traffic from the often clogged I-80 corridor.

Transportation officials say without a reliever route the county risks more traffic jams, which will not only bring traffic to a halt but economic growth as well, as companies decide to relocate in less congested counties.

But Kromm and other supervisors, including Barbara Kondylis, worry that the reliever route itself will soon become choked with traffic as it attracts more development to the area.

"The taxpayers are going to end up spending millions of dollars for something that in the end will benefit a few wealthy land owners,"

said Kondylis, adding she has been against the reliever route from the beginning.

Critics also say an improved reliever route could hurt economic growth by bringing development closer to Travis Air Force Base. They say such development would put the base, which is a key part of the county's economy, at risk.

Supervisor Skip Thomson said he will not support the route until a plan is made to install traffic lights along some of the intersections between the retirement community of Leisure Town and Leisure Town Road. These include the Sequoia Drive/Leisure Town Road intersection.

"Leisure Town Road already is busy enough as it is," Thomson said, adding that turning it into a four-lane road will only worsen the situation.

"If we don't have some traffic signals there we're just inviting disaster," he said.

The supervisors' failure to support the reliever route project could endanger \$8.2 million in federal and state funding earmarked for the improvement of Vanden Road. The improvements call for the expansion of Vanden Road into a four-lane road with a center median and paved bicycle lanes.

Supervisors said on Tuesday they may eventually support the Vanden Road project once their other concerns are addressed.

County transportation Director John Gray is expected to come back before supervisors with a detailed plan addressing their concerns sometime in the near future.

Local tax initiatives prove to be a hard sell

• Next effort might aid Solano transit

By John Scheibe/Staff Writer

Rep 3/25/99
Getting Solano County voters to agree to use new revenues for a variety of local transportation improvement projects is one thing. But getting them to tax themselves for such improvements could be quite another.

Last November a majority of Solano County voters said they backed using new monies for everything from making

Highway 12 safer to improving rail service to BART, to expanding bicycle routes and increasing ferry and bus commute services.

Absent from Measure F, which was approved by 77 percent of voters, was any mention of the dreaded "T" word — taxes.

No wonder:

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ment Corp. polled 400 county residents in August 1997 — a little more than a year before Measure F went before voters — most said they would rather be taxed to cut crime and improve education and libraries than to better the county's transportation system.

Now SED Corp. members, together with those from the Solano Transportation Authority, are forming an advisory committee whose duties could include drafting another ballot measure. And unlike Measure F, this new one could be a tax measure, possibly a sales-tax proposal.

Dixon Mayor and STA member Don Erickson said the odds of Solano County getting badly needed federal and state transportation funds will greatly increase if the county can come up with some matching funds.

And local funds have to be raised somehow.

"Other counties (in the Bay Area) have a sales tax" earmarked for transportation, said Erickson.

Vacaville City Councilwoman and STA Chairwoman Rische Slade acknowledged the yet-to-be-formed committee likely will consider drafting a transportation measure that includes a sales tax.

But Slade added a variety of other funding mechanisms also could be explored. They might include everything from higher developer fees to a regional gas tax.

"At this point we really don't know what they will come up with. Things are still in a very early stage," Slade said.

While transportation and economic development officials may be a little skittish about talking about new taxes, they readily say the county is on the verge of major traffic gridlock. And unless more investments are made into the area's transportation system, not only traffic but also the region's economy could grind to a halt.

Traffic gridlock or not, some

area merchants and residents say the county's sales taxes already are high enough.

The situation is made even worse in this era of Internet commerce, when more and more people are shopping tax-free on the World Wide Web.

Vacaville merchant and county Supervisor Bill Carroll said he was astounded to learn recently how many people are buying merchandise over the web.

"It makes you wonder what would happen if the (sales) tax were pushed even higher," Carroll said. Solano County's sales tax rate is 7.375 percent.

Several area residents, including Roy Stripe, president of the Central Solano Taxpayer Group, asked voters last November to vote against Measure F.

Stripe predicted that if passed, Measure F would lead to a true tax initiative.

Fairfield resident Minna Gross, whose late husband — Phil Gross — was president of the Solano County Taxpayers Association, said she would have a tough time voting for a transportation tax measure.

"I feel we need to have a moratorium to stop all this building," Gross said. "We don't have enough fire and police protection as it is. Our downtown streets are a mess. Traffic is horrific. And to tax myself simply for the benefit of developers to build more houses ... No, I would not vote for such a thing. We have enough houses."

While there may not be much support for new taxes, a one-eighth-cent library sales tax measure garnered the support of more than two-thirds of voters last year.

And unlike the library measure, a transportation sales-tax measure likely would only need the support of a simple majority of voters thanks to a court ruling involving a Santa Clara tax.



March 21, 1999

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Carolyn Peirce Ewing
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Mary T. McCarthy
Solano Economic Development Corporation

Dear Mary,

Congratulations, the Solano Transportation Plan has been selected by the Foundation to receive its 1999 Transportation Management TRANNY Award. Thank you for its nomination.

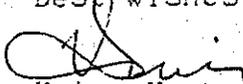
The awards will be presented at the May 5th TRANNY Banquet. Banquet details are included on the enclosed invitation.

We will need the following for presentation purposes: 1. Two 35mm slides of the project (At least two weeks in advance), 2. The name of the person who will accept the Award, and 3. Approval of the proposed plaque inscription:

"SOLANO TRANSPORTATION PLAN
SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
SOLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION"

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Banquet.

Best wishes.


Heinz Heckeroth
Executive Officer

1999 TRANNY AWARD WINNERS

PROJECT AWARDS

PROJECT OF THE YEAR: I-880 Cypress Freeway Replacement; Caltrans, District 4.

CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY: Archibald Avenue Grade Separation; City of Ontario.

FREEWAY: Eastern Transportation Corridor; Transportation Corridor Agencies.

INTERCHANGE: SR50 Prairie City Interchange; Caltrans, District 3.

PORT: Grade Separation Program; Port of Long Beach.

TRANSIT: Burbank Regional Transportation Center; City of Burbank.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SR 49 Loyaltown Downtown Rehabilitation;
Caltrans, District 3 and Sierra County.

PERSON AWARDS

PERSON OF THE YEAR: M. Mehdi Morshed; Exec. Director, High Speed Rail Commission.

CITIZEN: Gary W. Parker; Citizens Advisory Committee; Stanislaus Area Assoc. of Governments.

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Robert Cabral; Supervisor, San Joaquin County.

EMPLOYEES: Gloria Weems; Manager, Glenn Rides; Glenn County Transportation Committee.

Rick Hill; Assistant Regional Manager; Caltrans, District 8.

MANAGER: Tim Merwin; Aviation Program Manager; Southern California Assoc. of Governments.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: William "Bill" Hein; Deputy Exec. Director, Metropolitan
Transportation Commission; (retired).

Phil Dow; Rural Counties Task Force Member.

Dan Landon; Rural Counties Task Force Member.

PROGRAM AWARDS

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR: To Be Announced

COMMUNITY AWARENESS: SR 41 Community Participation Landscaping; Caltrans, District 6.
SR 99 Safety Improvements Campaign; Caltrans, District 3.

ENVIRONS ENHANCEMENT: I-80 Emeryville Crescent Shoreline Mitigation; Caltrans, District 4.

HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT: I-5 Grapevine Emergency Truck Escape Ramp; Caltrans, District 6.

TRANSIT MANAGEMENT: Altamont Commuter Express, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: Solano Transportation Plan;

Solano Transportation Authority and

Solano Economic Development Corporation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Welfare Reform Mobility Study;

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

Century Community Children's Center; Caltrans, District 7.



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March 19, 1999

Members:

Benicia	Helen M. Thomson
Dixon	Assemblywoman, 8 th District
Fairfield	555 Mason Street, Suite 275
Rio Vista	Vacaville, CA 95688
Solano County	
Suisun City	
Vacaville	
Vallejo	

Dear Assemblywoman Thomson:

We are pleased to submit this request for PVEA funds for the **Dixon- Davis Bike Route**.

As shown on our BikeLinks maps (see enclosure), the STA and its members are actively implementing key segments of our bicycle plan. The **Dixon-Davis Bike Route** is a top priority of that plan. Solano County would manage the construction contract for this project that will link to the 0.6 mile Old Davis Road bike lanes (about to be constructed with Bicycle Lane Account funds) and the 1.7 mile Vaughn Road bike lanes to be built next year. The Old Davis Road Bridge, the first phase of the bike route, was built over Putah Creek in 1997.

We appreciate your support of bike lane improvements to serve Solano and Yolo counties and look forward to further completion of this significant project.

If you have any questions, please call me at (707) 438-0654.

Sincerely,

Dan Christians
Deputy Director for Planning

Enclosure

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SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCE

March 18, 1999

Honorable Tom Torlakson
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation
1020 N Street, Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814.

RE: Request for PVEA funding – Dixon-Davis Bike Route

Dear Assemblyman Torlakson,

The purpose of this letter is to request, on behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority, \$1,000,000 in funding from the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA) to expand the Dixon-Davis Bike Route. This commuter project, eventually connecting the Sacramento and San Francisco regions, is an essential part of Solano County's regional transportation plan.

The Solano Transportation Authority has already secured some grant money from other sources. The money, if used in conjunction with a PVEA grant, would be enough to get this needed commuter trail built.

Thank you for your work on securing PVEA funds for worthy projects. If you have any questions on my proposal, please feel free to contact me or my staff person, Chris Tapio.

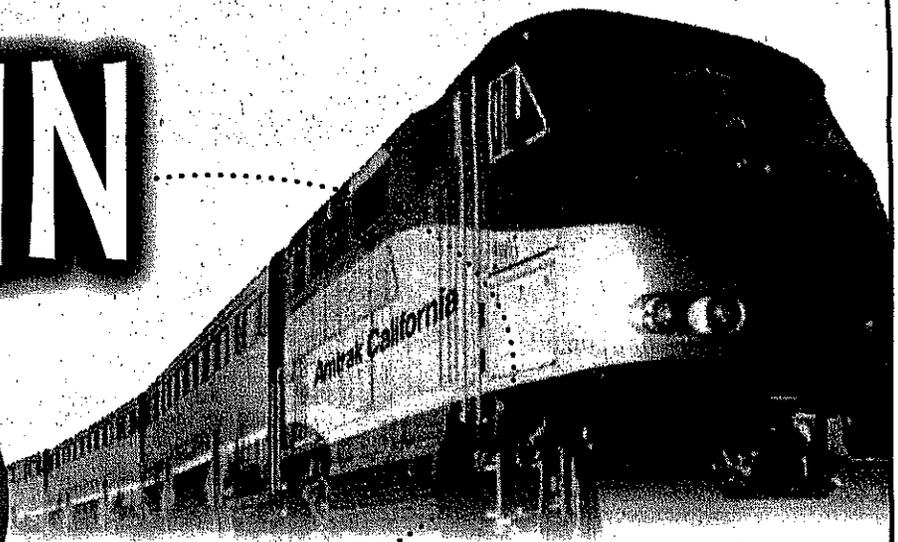
Sincerely,



HELEN M. THOMSON
Assemblywoman, 8th District

HMT:gct

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Suisun City, CA 94585
or fax 707/438-0656

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- Pacifica Pizza (across from the Suisun City Train Station)
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- Suisun City Hall (701 Civic Center Blvd.)

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March 25, 1999

Rischa Slade, Chair
Transportation Steering Committee
Solano Transportation Authority
333 Sunset Avenue - Suite 200
Suisun, California 94585

Dear Rischa,

Please be advised that I have appointed Councilmember Pete Rey to represent the City of Vallejo on the *Transportation Steering Committee* of the Solano Transportation Authority.

Wishing your committee much success.

Sincerely,

GLORIA EXLINE
Mayor

CC: COUNCILMEMBER PETE REY (W/ENCLOSURES)

Agenda Item 6.1
April 14, 1999



DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
RE: Presentation by Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer for Yolo-Solano Air
Quality Management District

Larry Greene of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District will give the STA Board a brief presentation. The District has jurisdiction over all of Yolo County and the northeast portion of Solano County, including Vacaville, Dixon and Rio Vista.



DATE: April 7, 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 approve the following attached consent items:

- 8.1 Minutes of Meeting of March 10, 1999
- 8.2 Draft Minutes of March 31, 1999 TAC Meeting
- 8.3 Office Lease Agreement
- 8.4 Authorize Executive Director to Sign Program Supplements
- 8.5 Solano Paratransit Contract
- 8.6 Funding to attend Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce Washington D.C. Meetings
- 8.7 State Transit Assistance Program for 1999-00
- 8.8 Letter Requesting Solano County Fair and Six Flags Marine World to Participate in Maintenance of Solano Bikeway
- 8.9 Welfare to Work Update



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Minutes of Meeting of
March 10, 1999**

1.0 Call to Order - Confirm Quorum

Chair Slade called the special closed session meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

2.0 Closed Session Regarding Public Employment to Fill the Position of Executive Director

3.0 Reconvene for Regular Meeting

Chair Slade called the regular meeting of the STA Board to order at 6:08 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jerry Hayes Don Erickson Marci 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
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ALSO PRESENT:	Jim Weddell Alan Nadritch Kevin Daughton Michael Segala Paul Hom Gary Leach Bernice Kaylin Robert H. Ashford Avangeline F. Walker Michelle Morris Brubaker Dan Christians Matt Todd Stacy Medley	CHP-Solano City of Benicia City of Fairfield City of Suisun City (Alternate) City of Vacaville City of Vallejo League of Women Voters Solano Co. Grand Jury Solano Co. Grand Jury STA STA STA STA
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4.0 Approval of Agenda

Chair Slade moved item 8.8 (5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims) to "Action Item: Financial," following item 9.1. Marci Coglianese requested that item 8.10 (Process to Notify Potential Applicants about Transportation Funding Programs) be a discussion item following the consent agenda. There was discussion on what items should be included under "Information Items" and it was the consensus of the Board that the Executive Committee would decide what would be included when the agenda is set. On a motion by Member Spering with a second by Member Hayes, the STA Board unanimously approved the revised agenda.

5.0 Interim Executive Director's Report

Michelle Morris Brubaker updated the Board on the following items:

- A STA/SEDCORP meeting to develop Transportation Steering Committee as a follow-up to Measure F
- Letters requesting federal bus earmarks to legislative staff
- Bay Bridge Task Force meeting
- Reliever Route allocation scheduled for March CTC meeting
- State transportation initiatives sponsored by Senator Burton

Jerry Hayes said that the Transportation Steering Committee should be formed as soon as possible. He also said that the STA should monitor the California High-Speed Rail study.

6.0 Comments/Update from Staff, Caltrans and MTC

Matt Todd noted that the new Highway 12 safety program posters were available and a copy was posted on the wall. Jim Weddell said that there will be a special highway enforcement day held in June as part of that program. Also, the Highway 12 safety committee recently met to discuss various safety issues and plans to apply for another OTS grant. Stacy Medley reminded the Board members that the Conflict of Interest Form 700 is due April 1. Dan Christians said that the new BikeLinks maps will be distributed soon to all city halls. He also noted that staff was unable to execute a lobbying contract with the Ferguson Group, the consultant the STA used last year, because they were not available on short notice.

Jim Spering said that he is the new Chair of MTC's Work Program Committee and a member of the Regional Airport Planning Committee.

7.0 Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8.0 Consent Agenda

On a motion by Member Spering with a second by Member Hayes, the STA Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda.

- 8.1 Approve Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 1999
- 8.2 Review Draft Minutes of February 24, 1999, TAC meeting
- 8.3 Approve Appointment to Bicycle Advisory Committee
- 8.4 Approve Appointment to Paratransit Coordinating Council
- 8.5 Approve FY 1998-99 STA Budget Revisions
- 8.6 Approve STA Annual Report for 1998
- 8.7 Approve Resolution Supporting Travel Safety Projects for TEA-21 "75% Funds" Program
- 8.9 Approve Sole Source Justification for Contract with Grandy and Associates for I-80 Reliever Route Management Services
- 8.11 Welfare to Work Update

8.10 Process to Notify Potential Applicants About Transportation Funding Programs

Marci Coglianesse expressed her appreciation for staff's work to develop this process. She said that because information on funding programs often gets buried with other documents, she would like a rolling calendar of funding opportunities and deadlines. Member Spering agreed. Chair Slade suggested that funding opportunity sheets be faxed out to Board members and certain key staff. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that staff had been proactive in alerting cities about funding opportunities. She said they would include a funding opportunity section in future STA Board agendas and send out one page fax alerts.

On a motion by Steve Lessler with a second by Member Spering, the STA Board unanimously approved the proposed process to alert members about funding programs.

9.1 Authorize Amendment to the Contract with Shannon Associates for Additional Services for the Executive Director Search

Chair Rischa Slade described this request for up to an additional \$6,500 for the Shannon Associates contract to continue to assist in the Executive Director search.

On a motion by Member Kondylis with a second by Member Hayes, the STA Board unanimously approved the amendment to the Shannon Associates contract.

8.8 Approve 5-Year Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan and 1999-00 TDA Article 3 Claims

Dan Christians presented this report and said that a resolution was needed for this action and copies of it were included in the STA Board's file folders. Member Kondylis asked if funds were available to improve bicycle access on Lopes Road. Dan Christians said that she should talk to her staff member and ask him to nominate a project to the Bicycle Advisory Committee for inclusion in the 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

On a motion by Member Hayes with a second by Member Spering, the STA Board unanimously approved the resolution approving the 5-Year Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for 1999-04 and the 1999-00 TDA Article 3 claims.

10.1 Approve STA Goals/Objectives for 1999

Chair Slade presented the proposed goals/objectives for 1999. She said that the draft goals/objectives had been reviewed at the prior STA Board meeting and asked if there was any further discussion. Dan Donahue asked if the SEDCORP/STA Transportation Action Team will continue or will a new committee be formed. Chair Slade said that this matter would be discussed further under item 11.3.

On a motion by Marci Coglianese with a second by Member Hayes the STA Board unanimously approved goals/objectives for 1999.

10.2 Approve Resolution Supporting Requests for Federal Earmarks for Acquisition of Buses for SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium

Matt Todd presented this report. He said that the resolution supports a \$2.7 million federal earmark request to purchase additional buses for the SolanoLinks Consortium. He said that STA staff is working with the various legislative staffs to expedite this matter. On a motion by Member Hayes with a second by Member Erickson, the STA Board unanimously approved the resolution.

10.3 Approve Resolution of Support for 1999-00 YSAQMD Clean Air Fund Applications

Matt Todd presented this item and described the various applications submitted for 1999-00 YSAQMD Clean Air Funds. On a motion by Member Kondylis with a second by Member Spering, the STA Board unanimously approved the resolution.

11.1 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Call for Projects for 1999-00 BAAQMD Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

Dan Christians briefly described this program for BAAQMD area members and said the application deadline was March 15.

11.2 SolanoLinks Consortium and Marketing Program Update

Dan Christians summarized the significant progress the SolanoLinks Consortium had made during its first year and a half of operation. He said they had completed various planning documents and conducted numerous marketing programs. Various examples of these programs were available for STA Board review. Jim Spering said he was very impressed with the results of the Consortium and said that MTC had used Solano as an example on how to develop better transit coordination. Member Lessler said the Consortium had come a long way since the STA Transit Steering Committee first met in 1997. Member Hayes said that the Consortium needs to monitor the ridership figures as a result of the marketing program.

11.3 Transportation Advisory Committee Formation

Chair Slade described the recent meeting with Steve Spencer, Michelle Morris Brubaker and herself to discuss ways to build on the successes of Measure F. She said that they are planning to

form a new Transportation Steering Committee and noted that a handout on the purpose and composition of the committee was in the STA Board member file folders. Chair Slade said that they will probably need to have a new poll done. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that she had drafted a letter requesting SEDCORP's assistance. Alternate Member Segala asked if the poll would be more focused than the previous one and asked if alternates can be part of the committee. Chair Slade said the new poll would be more focused and detailed and that an alternate could be appointed as the Member-at-Large.

Member Lessler said he would like to serve on the committee for continuity. Chair Slade agreed and said she would like to re-appoint Member Lessler and Member Spering to serve on the new committee. Member Spering accepted his re-appointment and said there should be a joint press release of SEDCORP and the STA to announce the formation of the new committee. Member Hayes asked why there would be a member designated from the Vallejo City Council. Chair Slade said it was the consensus that Vallejo should be represented since they are the largest city in Solano. Member Spering said he felt very strongly that Vallejo be directly represented because it has the largest transit system in Solano.

11.4 Award Ceremony Update

Matt Todd presented this report and said the 1999 awards ceremony would be held on November 10. He also described the nomination process and schedule leading up to the ceremony. Jim Spering said that the last awards ceremony was held in Suisun City and he would like to see a different location each year. Barbara Kondylis agreed that a different member should host it each year.

11.5 Board Members Comments

Barbara Kondylis expressed her concerns about the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge. She also said that John Silva will be the Solano County Board of Supervisor's new STA Board member starting at the April meeting, but that she will continue to be the alternate. Jim Spering said that MTC recently released a new publication called "Moving Costs" and that it has an excellent description of various transportation funding sources. Member Spering also said he would like the STA to establish a reserve fund of approximately 3-5%. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that staff could include a primary e-mail address on the next printing of the STA letterhead. Dan Donahue asked about a design matter related to Highway 37 and Sacramento Street.

11.6 Adjournment

On a motion by Member Hayes with a second by Member Donahue the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 1999.



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting of
March 31, 1999

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Michelle Morris Brubaker called the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 1:35 P.M. at the STA conference room.

PRESENT:	Gian Aggarwal	City of Vacaville
	Morrie Barr	City of Fairfield
	Michelle Morris Brubaker	STA
	Hilmer (Ace) Forsen	Caltrans
	John Gray	Solano County
	Ed Huestis	City of Vacaville
	Doug Kimsey	MTC
	Janet Koster	City of Dixon
	Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
	Marci Malaster	City of Vallejo
	Rich Monroe	Caltrans
	Julie Pappa	City of Suisun City
	Elizabeth Richards	Solano Commuter Info.
	Moe Shakernia	Caltrans
	Michael Throne	City of Benicia
	Matt Todd	STA
	Paul Wiese	Solano County

ITEM 2. Approval of Agenda

On motion of John Gray with a second by Gary Leach, the agenda was approved as presented.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes of January 27, 1999

The minutes were revised to reflect the correct spelling of Paul Wiese. The minutes were approved as amended on motion of Michael Throne with a second by Paul Wiese.

ITEM 4. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 5. Comments from Staff, Caltrans, MTC

None

ITEM 7. Proposed Travel Safety Program for TEA-21 Funds

Matt Todd presented this report and said that this program involves the \$594,000 of STP/CMAQ funds that were taken off the top of the TEA-21 75% program for Solano. A meeting was recently held with the project sponsors and the attached list of projects was developed. All projects need to be obligated by September 30, 2001. Gary Leach requested a spreadsheet showing all the various programs and their obligation dates. Matt asked for the required resolutions as soon as possible.

On a motion by Gian Aggarwal with a second by John Gray, the TAC approved the selection of \$594,000 of travel safety projects and forwarded the list on to the STA Board for final approval.

ITEM 8. STA Budget for FY 1999-00

Dan Christians presented the STA FY 1999-00 budget for TAC review. He said the budget includes an approximately four percent increase in TDA and gas tax contributions over the prior-year budget. The project development program is again proposed to include a \$100,000 budget for priority projects. The rest of the programs will be funded with amounts similar to last year. Gian Aggarwal asked if the Consortium was satisfied with proposed budget for the SolanoLinks program. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that the Consortium had talked about it and will discuss their next year work plan and related costs at their workshop scheduled for April 16. However, it was the consensus to leave the \$128,825 of State Transit Assistance funds in the budget, but not claim that amount until there has been further discussion at the Consortium.

On a motion by John Gray with a second by Janet Koster, the budget was approved by the TAC and forwarded on the STA Board for final approval.

ITEM 9. 1999-00 Priority Projects

Michelle Morris Brubaker presented this report and said that a proposed list of 1999-00 STA priority projects were included in the packet. Morrie Barr asked what the bike route implementation funds were used for last year. Dan Christians said the Bicycle Advisory Committee prepared the BikeLinks maps, updated the south county portion of the Countywide Bicycle Plan, updated the Dixon- Davis Bike Route PSR and prepared various grant applications with consultant assistance. It was requested that a column be added to show what was spent this year. John Gray asked about the lobbying effort. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that the STA had used a lobbyist last year to help secure federal earmarks for transit buses and the I-80 Reliever Route. Janet Koster asked about the purpose of the Solano Transportation Plan - Implementation. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that it would be a placeholder for the ongoing follow-up program for Measure F.

On a motion by Janet Koster with a second by John Gray, the 1999-00 Priority Projects were approved by the TAC and forwarded on the STA Board for final approval.

ITEM 10. Proposed Schedule for Transportation Enhancements Program

Dan Christians presented this report and said that program guidelines and a call for projects was scheduled for the STA Board meeting on April 14. The program would follow the MTC TLC/TEA guidelines, but would have more flexibility and a greater emphasis on bike routes. A selection committee consisting of members from the TAC, BAC and Transit Consortium was proposed. Gary Leach asked when the money would be available. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that the projects would first have to be amended into the TIP. Janet Koster asked what the funding range would be. It was agreed that the range should be \$50,000-\$250,000. Morrie Barr asked if the TAC could have two members on the committee. Michelle Morris Brubaker said that one member from each of the three committees had been requested by the STA Chair. Paul Wiese was selected to be the representative of the TAC, and Farhad Iranitalab was designated the second member, if possible. Michelle said that the proposed projects would also be submitted to the TAC for a recommendation to the STA Board.

ITEM 11. Resolutions Requested for TEA-21 Programs, STIP and Eastern Solano CMAQ Funds

Matt Todd discussed the status of each of these project resolutions. He encouraged each member to submit the resolutions as soon as possible. Matt passed around the current list of projects recommended by MTC for the TEA-21 25% program. He said because of an appeal by City of Fairfield, a \$1.6 million park-n-ride lot on I-680/Gold Hill Road was added to the list of projects recommended for funding. The Sereno Transit Center in Vallejo just missed the funding cut-off line.

Michelle Morris Brubaker also updated the TAC on revisions to the 1998 STIP Interim Guidelines. She said that the TIP process was delayed until May. She said that since regionwide there are too many STP projects (and not enough CMAQ projects), some of the STP projects needed to be moved into the fourth year (i.e. 2000-01). The City of Vacaville has agreed to move their \$1.45 million Cycle 3 project (three bridges on Leisure Town Road) to the fourth year and the City of Benicia agreed to move their three bus replacements to the fourth year. Michelle said that MTC and the Partnership recently agreed to revisit the future fund programming for these programs.

ITEM 12 Update on 1999-00 BAAQMD Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

Dan Christians passed around a list of projects recommended by the STA Executive Committee for the 1999-00 Transportation Fund for Clean Air. On a motion by Morrie Barr with a second by John Gray, the TAC supported the recommended projects.

ITEM 13. Blueprint for the 21st Century

Doug Kimsey of MTC described the purpose and presented the schedule for the "Blueprint for the 21st Century." He said that the Blueprint will pull together various potential funding measures under one umbrella. In contrast to the Regional Transportation Plan, the Blueprint does not have to be financially constrained. MTC will consider projects such as new rail starts, high-speed rail, an expanded ferry system, and shortfalls for maintenance. Funding sources such as county sales tax measures, regional gas taxes, and proposed statewide funding measures will be included. Currently,

Senator Burton is proposing a \$16 billion transportation bond issue over four years. Doug said the process will include the development of the Blueprint context, information gathering, evaluation criteria, public outreach and consensus building.

John Gray asked why only a one-cent regional gas tax was proposed. Doug Kimsey said that was illustrative only and that no decision on a regional tax amount has been made yet. Dan Christians asked how the Blueprint relates to the Regional Transportation Plan. Doug Kimsey said that the Track 2 of the RTP will be a starting point for the blueprint. Elizabeth Richards asked if ridesharing programs will be included in the blueprint. Doug said that they will probably have a lump sum amount for TDM programs like ridesharing. Gary Leach asked if they will only include currently proposed corridor projects or if new corridor projects can be added. Doug said that no new corridor projects will be added. Ace Forsen asked if there are any plans to include the "Southern Crossing" bridge over the Bay. Doug Kimsey said he didn't think it would be included. Doug said that there will be public meetings in a few months to get further public input.

ITEM 14. Caltrans Local Program Assistance Program Procedures for Obligating STIP Funds

Moe Shakernia and Rich Monroe from Caltrans District 4 described the procedures for obligating STIP funds. They described the process for projects under \$750,000 and how to get funds allocated and obligated. The difference between state and federal funds was discussed and which projects will have to go to the CTC. Moe said that the STIP process for state-only funding is simpler because there isn't any right of way certification and the PS& E process is simpler. Moe said that the new STIP fund allocation request forms will be coming out soon. Gary Leach asked if requests for design and construction of the same project can be submitted at the same time. Rich Monroe said they have to be submitted separately. He said that because of the "timely use of funds" clause of SB 45, sponsors shouldn't obligate funds for the construction phase until they are ready. Projects have to be obligated during the same year they are programmed. A new Master Agreement will be required for state funded projects. Sponsors will have 12 months to award a contract and a total of three years to build the project.

ITEM 15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m. Next meeting will be held April 28, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.



DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
RE: Office Lease Agreement

Our current lease for office space expires on April 30. We have negotiated with our landlord, the Wiseman Company, to extend the lease for an additional year on the basis of a 4% increase (\$2,905 per month to \$3,021 per month, including utilities and janitorial). The funding for office space at this level can be absorbed in the current year budget and is proposed in the 1999-00 budget (agenda item 9.1).

Fiscal Impact

Cost is \$36,252 for a one-year lease, which is included in the FY 1998-99 and proposed FY 1999-00 budgets.

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to sign the lease agreement as outlined in the attached agreement.

Attachment



THE WISEMAN COMPANY LLC

BROKERAGE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

04-02-99P03:10 RCVD

Corporate Plaza
1261 Travis Boulevard
Fairfield, California 94533-4800
(707) 427-1212 Fax (707) 427-1857
www.WisemanCo.com

April 1, 1999

Ms. Michelle Brubaker
Solano Transportation Authority
333 Sunset Avenue, Suite 200
Suisun City, California 94585

Dear Michelle:

Thank you for your help in putting together this Lease Extension.

Please have the appropriate person execute the document and then send to me for final execution by the Landlord.

Call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kirk Hull

KH/clr

333 SUNSET AVENUE

LEASE EXTENSION

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 1st day of April, 1999, by and between 333 Sunset, Inc., c/o The Wiseman Company LLC, as manager and agent for owner, hereinafter known as Lessor, and Solano Transportation Authority, hereinafter known as Lessee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee herein have heretofore entered into an Agreement of Lease dated February 6, 1996 and subsequent Lease Extension dated April 1, 1997, and April 18th, 1998 for an original term of thirteen (13) months and a twelve (12) month extension for the premises commonly known as 333 Sunset.

WHEREAS, Lessor is desirous of extending the term of said Lease for a further period and amending said Lease as hereinafter set forth:

1. The term of said lease is hereby extended for a period of twelve (12) months commencing May 1, 1999, and ending April 30, 2000.
2. The new Monthly Base Rent shall be increased 4% to \$3,021.00 per month.
3. Except as hereby expressly extended and amended, all of the terms, covenants and conditions of said Lease are hereby ratified, approved, confirmed, and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

THIS AGREEMENT shall be binding upon and inure to the legal benefit of the parties hereto and to their respective legal representatives, successors and or assigns.

LESSEE:

Solano Transportation Authority

Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority

Date

LESSOR:

The Wiseman Company, LLC

Doyle Wiseman as Manager and
Agent for Owner

Date



DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
RE: Authorize Executive Director to Execute Program Supplements with Caltrans for Federal Aid Projects

The Solano Transportation Authority has a Master Agreement between the STA and Caltrans, which is required for the STA to receive federal transportation funds. The STA expects to obligate state and federal funds in the next month for the I-80 Reliever Route project.

For each segment of federally funded projects, Caltrans also requires a Program Supplement in order to disburse federal funds.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign Program Supplements to receive payment of federal funds.

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 99 –

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS WITH THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) entered into a Master Agreement for Federal aid on February 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Disbursement of Federal funds requires a Program Supplement for each project; and

WHEREAS, the Board approves each project and allocates funding with the STA's budget each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director be authorized to execute Program Supplements with the State of California to receive payment of Federal funds.

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 14th day of April 1999.

Michelle Morris Brubaker
Interim Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Matt Todd
RE: Approve Solano Paratransit Contract

The STA has entered into a contract with the City of Fairfield to provide the Solano Paratransit service from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1999. The contract was for a one-year period with two one-year options for renewal. Both options have been exercised.

Staff proposes that the STA continue to contract with the city of Fairfield to provide the Solano Paratransit service. The service is operated in conjunction with the Fairfield/Suisun Transit Dial-a-Ride Transit service (DART, the Fairfield/Suisun Transit ADA service) and relies on their existing high level of service and RFP process for contractor selection. Fairfield/Suisun Transit closely monitors and maintains their local paratransit service, and STA would benefit from economies of scale by using Fairfield's existing contract.

Fairfield has provided an operating cost of \$44.04 per revenue vehicle hour for next year. This price was calculated based on last year's cost plus an inflation rate of 3% for 1998. The total contract cost for FY 99-00 will not exceed \$259,130 in TDA funds plus fare revenues.

Staff has worked with Fairfield to create an extension of the contract based upon the above information. The Consortium recommended approval of the attached contract at their March meeting.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of this contract is included in the proposed budget in item 9.2.

Recommendation

Approve the Solano Paratransit contract extension for FY 1999-00 not to exceed \$259,130 and authorize the Interim Executive Director to sign the contract.

Attachment

**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AND CITY OF FAIRFIELD CONCERNING
OPERATION OF SOLANO PARATRANSIT
SERVICES**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) hereby extends the Agreement between the STA and the City of Fairfield for Solano Paratransit Operations through fiscal year 1999-2000. STA and the City of Fairfield mutually agree to the modifications to Exhibit G, attached, of the Agreement including a price per revenue hour for FY 1999-00.

by: _____
Michelle Morris Brubaker
Interim Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority

Date: _____

by: _____
George Pettygrove
Mayor
City of Fairfield

Date: _____

EXHIBIT G

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Description: Operate SOLANO PARATRANSIT service as described in Contract and accompanying attachments. Total payments shall be as follows, per Fiscal Year:

FY 1996/97

Level of Service: Not to Exceed 6,400 Revenue Vehicle Hours

Cost Per Revenue Vehicle Hour \$ 40.00

TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE \$ 234,000 + Fare Revenues

FY 1997/98

Level of Service: Not to Exceed 6,700 Revenue Vehicle Hours

Cost Per Revenue Vehicle Hour \$ 41.08

TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE \$ 250,680 + Fare Revenues

FY 1998/99

Level of Service: Not to Exceed 6,750 Revenue Vehicle Hours

Cost Per Revenue Vehicle Hour \$ 42.76

TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE \$ 259,130 + Fare Revenues

FY 1999/00

Level of Service: Not to Exceed 6,550 Revenue Vehicle Hours

Cost Per Revenue Vehicle Hour \$ 44.04

TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE \$ 259,130 + Fare Revenues

Fare revenue generated by the Solano Paratransit service shall be credited to the total Solano Paratransit cost. The resultant net cost will be recovered through contributions by all the jurisdictions of the STA participating in the SERVICE with the jurisdictions percentage of the net total cost as agreed upon in the final STA approved budget.

Payment. During the term of Contract, STA shall obtain and pay or cause to be paid, to CONTRACTOR, a Payment. CONTRACTOR shall be paid quarterly in arrears based upon the revenue vehicle hours provided, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing.

A Revenue Hour will be calculated by the time between a first pick up and last drop off minus the lunch period. If a vehicle is shared between services with no shared rides occurring, the revenue hours will be split between the two services to the closest 15-minute interval. If a vehicle that is being used for Solano Paratransit inter-city trips is shared between services with shared rides occurring, the revenue hours of Solano Paratransit will be deducted by twenty (20) minutes and those deducted minutes will be charged to the intra-city trip service the trip is provided for. Cost of the service shall consist of the actual revenue vehicle hours operated minus shared intra-city trip taken on a bus with Solano Paratransit inter-city trips, multiplied by the cost per revenue vehicle hour minus any penalties assessed for the period. If this Contract is terminated before the expiration of the full contract term, CONTRACTOR's final cost shall consist of the number of revenue vehicle hours operated, minus deductions for shared trips, multiplied by the cost per revenue vehicle hour minus any penalties assessed.

The amount of the Subsidy during each year of the term shall be as set forth above herein for FY 99-00 and will be determined at later dates for any future years. In the event STA fails to obtain any payment in full, as provided herein above, in addition to whatever rights CONTRACTOR may have at law or in equity, CONTRACTOR has the right to declare Contract terminated upon five (5) days written notice, and to take such other steps as it may deem appropriate. CONTRACTOR agrees to work with STA to have an hourly cost and yearly budget cost by the February preceding a fiscal year in question for the STA budget process. CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate fully with STA's efforts to obtain and maintain a Subsidy for the Paratransit Service. STA agrees that it will pay the CONTRACTOR subject to the terms of this Contract. CONTRACTOR's cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of applicable paratransit service revenue and cost information, passenger counts, and other information needed to meet any regional, state, and federal requirement or herein required for planning and reporting purposes.

CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that any costs, expenses or amounts due under or in any way related to this Contract are solely to be paid from any funds obtained from MTC or other entities providing a Subsidy for this paratransit service, together with all monies collected through the fare box or other ticket sales, and in no event shall this Contract obligate other STA sources of money.

Revenues/Fares. All fare and related transportation revenues will be credited to the Solano Paratransit system. CONTRACTOR shall collect all farebox receipts in sealed fare boxes, and credit Solano Paratransit in the amount of monthly passes, prepaid tickets, cash, etc. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all account records and reports as required. CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence satisfactory to STA that the fare and related transportation revenues collected by CONTRACTOR and reported to STA are the amounts actually collected.

Fare Levels. CONTRACTOR shall operate this service pursuant to the fare structure set forth by the STA, as set forth in Exhibit B.

Submission of Invoices. Invoices are to be submitted to STA on a quarterly basis, and in a format specified by STA. Upon verification of the accuracy and completeness of the invoice by STA, the claim shall be processed for payment.

PENALTIES

Reporting Requirements CONTRACTOR will be assessed a \$50/day penalty for each late report not completed in a STA approved format. The reports this will apply to include:

1. Quarterly Invoice to the STA by 30 days after the end of the quarter.
2. Annual Financial reports to the STA by September 30 following the fiscal year.
3. Section 16b-vehicle report by 30 days after the end of the quarter.
4. Next fiscal years revenue hours and revenue hour cost by February 15 preceding fiscal year included in the contract.

These penalties will be assessed to the total cost of the service at the end of the fiscal year.

April 14, 1999



DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
RE: Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce Washington DC meetings

The Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce has requested a representative of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to join them on their annual trip to Washington DC in May to help promote local transportation projects, including funding earmarks for the intercity bus purchase grant. Vice-Chair Dan Donahue has agreed to represent the STA.

The current year's budget for travel will need to be augmented to cover this proposed expense. Staff recommends the Board authorize the transfer of \$2,000 from equipment funds (current balance is \$8,150) to cover the Vice-Chair's air fare and lodging expenses (up to \$1,400) and any remaining traveling expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

None. Transfer funds in the current budget between equipment to travel.

Recommendation

Designate Vice-Chair Donahue as the STA's representative on the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce's May trip to Washington DC and authorize the transfer of \$2,000 from equipment funds to the travel budget to reimburse him for travel expenses (up to \$1,400) and any remaining STA travel expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year.



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Matt Todd
RE: Approve State Transit Assistance Program for 1999-00

State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) are derived from a portion of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) sales tax revenue generated in Solano County. These funds have primarily been used in Solano for one-time capital expenditures, as STAF has not been a consistent revenue source due to yearly fluctuations.

Many projects programmed from TEA 21 funds and earmarks over the last few months have specified TDA/STAF as the source of the local match necessary to secure the federal funds. The Consortium has discussed this issue over the last two months and prioritized the projects in need of STAF local match for the 1999-00 fiscal year. There is estimated to be approximately \$964,728 available through FY 1999-00.

These STAF funds are allotted to all the jurisdictions in Solano County except for Vallejo, which receives its portion of these funds directly. The SolanoLinks Consortium has proposed to fund the local match for six Vallejo projects totaling \$97,800 considering the regional nature of the services that will benefit from the improvements.

Included in the attachments to this item is a spreadsheet detailing the use of \$808,825 of STAF funds for FY 1999-00 (the remaining balance of \$156,203 will be programmed at a later date). A comprehensive spreadsheet detailing all recently programmed transit projects is also included.

The SolanoLinks Consortium approved this proposed program at their March meeting.

Fiscal Impact

The STA Budget (item 9.2) includes \$128,825 in STAF to fund the SolanoLinks Consortium workplan for FY 1999-00, this includes \$88,825 from the northern cities plus \$40,000 from Vallejo's STAF. Approval of this item will ensure that the \$88,825 in STAF will be available for this program. A detailed workplan for this line item budget will be brought back to this Board for approval.

Recommendation

Approve the program of projects for \$808,825 STAF funds for FY 1999-00.

Attachment

**State Transit Assistance Fund
1999-00 Program**

Proposed Revenues	
Remaining Balance, 7/1/99	\$ 549,948
FY 99-00 Est. Revenue	\$ 414,780
TOTALS	\$ 964,728

Proposed Expenditures					
Sponsoring Agency	Project	Total Project Cost	STAF Use	STAF Funds	Primary Fund Source
Consortium Rio Vista	SolanoLinks Workplan 99-00	\$ 128,825	Planning/Marketing	\$ 88,825	STAF Section 5311 Grant
	Bus Purchase, Rio Vista Transit	\$ 52,000	Local Match	\$ 11,400	
FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap, 680 Cor.)	\$ 400,000	Local Match	\$ 122,100	98-9 TEA-21 Earmark
FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap, 680 Cor.)	\$ 400,000	Local Match	\$ 122,100	98-9 TEA-21 Earmark
FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap, 680 Cor.)	\$ 400,000	Local Match	\$ 122,100	98-9 TEA-21 Earmark
FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap, 680 Cor.)	\$ 400,000	Local Match	\$ 122,100	98-9 TEA-21 Earmark
FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap, 680 Cor.)	\$ 400,000	Local Match	\$ 122,100	98-9 TEA-21 Earmark
Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	\$ 120,000	Local Match	\$ 13,800	TEA 21 "75% Funds"
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Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	\$ 120,000	Local Match	\$ 13,800	TEA 21 "75% Funds"
Vallejo Transit	Rehab existing bus maint. Facility	\$ 250,000	Local Match	\$ 28,800	TEA 21 "75% Funds"
		\$ 3,030,825		\$ 808,525	

Remaining STAF Balance \$ 156,203

Solano Universe of Transit Projects

Status	Agency	Project	Ref #	Source					Total Cost	Other Information	
				STP/CMAQ	FTA	STAF		Prop 116			Bridge Toll or Other
						North County	Vallejo				
Funds Expended	FF/Suisun Transit	Assist in bus purchase	5		\$ 248,200	\$ 101,800			\$ 350,000	Total Cost Estimated	
Funds Expended	FF/Suisun Transit	Assist in bus purchase	10		\$ 248,200	\$ 101,800			\$ 350,000	Total Cost Estimated	
Funds Expended	FF/Suisun Transit	Assist in bus purchase	15		\$ 248,200	\$ 101,800			\$ 350,000	Total Cost Estimated	
Funds Expended	FF/Suisun Transit	Assist in bus purchase	20		\$ 248,200	\$ 101,800			\$ 350,000	Total Cost Estimated	
Funds Expended	FF/Suisun Transit	Assist in bus purchase	25		\$ 248,200	\$ 101,800			\$ 350,000	Total Cost Estimated	
Funds Expended	Solano County	Courage Drive Shuttle Service	30		\$ 65,000				\$ 65,000	Unmet need at the time	
Funds Expended	STA	CNG Paratransit Bus Purchase	35		\$ 5,000				\$ 145,000	BAAQMD fund match	
Funds Expended	Consortium	SolanoLinks Implementation 97-98	40		\$ 162,908				\$ 162,908	-	
Funds Expended	Vallejo Transit	96-97 Costs	300			\$ 160,412			\$ 160,412	-	
Funds Expended	Vallejo Transit	97-98 Costs	305			\$ 156,004			\$ 156,004	-	
Funds Claimed	Consortium	SolanoLinks Workplan 98-99	45			\$ 88,825	\$ 40,000		\$ 128,825	-	
Funds Claimed	Citylink/Consortium	Bus Purchase, 97-8 FTA Earmark	50		\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000			\$ 500,000	97-98 FTA Earmark, \$1.2 million	
Funds Claimed	Vallejo Transit	98-99 Costs	310			\$ 179,123			\$ 179,123	-	
Funds Claimed	Benicia Transit	Replacement Bus	780		\$ 251,097			\$ 53,903	\$ 305,000	Section 5307 Grant	
99/00 Claim	Vacaville CityCoach	CNG Facility	55		\$ 445,000	\$ 58,000			\$ 503,000	-	
99/00 Claim	Benicia Transit	1 new bus	60	\$ 198,000		\$ 67,000			\$ 265,000	ISTEA Cycle 2 STP-D	
Proposed for 99-00	Consortium	SolanoLinks Workplan 99-00	140			\$ 88,825	\$ 40,000		\$ 128,825	-	
Proposed for 99-00	Rio Vista	Bus Purchase, Rio Vista Transit	143		\$ 40,600	\$ 11,400			\$ 52,000	Section 5311 Grant	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	99-00 Costs	335			\$ 142,775			\$ 142,775	-	
Proposed for 99-00	FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap. 680 Cor.)	145		\$ 277,900	\$ 122,100			\$ 400,000	98-9 Earmark, \$1.3895 million total	
Proposed for 99-00	FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap. 680 Cor.)	150		\$ 277,900	\$ 122,100			\$ 400,000	98-9 Earmark, \$1.3895 million total	
Proposed for 99-00	FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap. 680 Cor.)	155		\$ 277,900	\$ 122,100			\$ 400,000	98-9 Earmark, \$1.3895 million total	
Proposed for 99-00	FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap. 680 Cor.)	160		\$ 277,900	\$ 122,100			\$ 400,000	98-9 Earmark, \$1.3895 million total	
Proposed for 99-00	FF/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase (high cap. 680 Cor.)	165		\$ 277,900	\$ 122,100			\$ 400,000	98-9 Earmark, \$1.3895 million total	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	175	\$ 106,200		\$ 13,800			\$ 120,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	180	\$ 106,200		\$ 13,800			\$ 120,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	185	\$ 106,200		\$ 13,800			\$ 120,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	190	\$ 106,200		\$ 13,800			\$ 120,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab 1984 Bus	195	\$ 106,200		\$ 13,800			\$ 120,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed for 99-00	Vallejo Transit	Rehab existing bus maint. Facility	200	\$ 221,200		\$ 28,800			\$ 250,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	Benicia Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	100	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	Benicia Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	105	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	Benicia Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	110	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	115	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	120	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	125	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	130	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	Replace 1985 Bus	135	\$ 243,400		\$ 31,600			\$ 275,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	Bus Purchase	730	\$ 300,000				\$ 75,000	\$ 375,000	97-98 FTA Earmark, \$1.2 million	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	Bus Purchase	735	\$ 300,000				\$ 75,000	\$ 375,000	97-98 FTA Earmark, \$1.2 million	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	Bus Purchase	740	\$ 300,000				\$ 75,000	\$ 375,000	97-98 FTA Earmark, \$1.2 million	
Proposed	FF/Suisun Transit	AVL System	745	\$ 2,000,000				\$ 500,000	\$ 2,500,000	97-8, 98-9 Earmark, \$2.0 million	
Proposed	STA	Bus Purchase	750	\$ 333,333				\$ 83,333	\$ 416,667	98-9 Earmark, \$1 million total	
Proposed	STA	Bus Purchase	755	\$ 333,333				\$ 83,333	\$ 416,667	98-9 Earmark, \$1 million total	
Proposed	STA	Bus Purchase	760	\$ 333,333				\$ 83,333	\$ 416,667	98-9 Earmark, \$1 million total	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	Ferry Maintenance rehab (fuel tanks)	765	\$ 177,000			\$ 23,000		\$ 200,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Proposed	Vallejo Transit	Rehab ferry maint. Dock	775	\$ 71,200			\$ 178,800		\$ 250,000	TEA 21 "75% Funds"	
Projects proposed for 99-00 STAF funding are shaded											
TOTALS					\$ 3,145,600	\$ 7,567,197	\$ 2,217,058	\$ 718,314	\$ 201,800	\$ 1,028,903	\$ 15,018,872

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DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Dan Christians
RE: Approve Letter Requesting Solano County Fair and Six Flags Marine World
to Participate in Maintenance of Solano Bikeway

The Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) has been concerned about the ability of the City of Vallejo to maintain the new 1.8 mile Solano Bikeway, expected to be constructed later this year between Columbus Parkway and Hiddenbrooke Parkway on the east side of I-80.

The BAC and cities such as Vallejo believe that a countywide maintenance program may need to be established to help maintain intercity bike routes, particularly Class 1 routes in more rural areas, including where the Solano Bikeway will be located. An "Adopt a Bikeway" program is proposed with participation from bike clubs and major employers in the area to assist with this effort. The Benicia Bike Club has already agreed to provide two days of litter removal each year on the route.

On April 1, the BAC approved the attached letter requesting that the Solano County Fair and Six Flags Marine World participate in the maintenance of the Solano Bikeway either with a cash contribution to the City of Vallejo, or by providing direct maintenance services. The committee felt that the bike route will directly benefit both facilities by providing high quality bike route access from the Hiddenbrooke subdivision (about to commence construction in north Vallejo), Solano Community College, and other areas in Vallejo and Fairfield.

Fiscal Impact

None to STA and its member agencies.

Recommendation

Approve the attached letter requesting Solano County Fair and Six Flags Marine World to participate in the maintenance of the Solano Bikeway in Vallejo.

Attachment

April 14, 1999

Robert A. Batista
Chief Executive Officer
Solano County Fair Association
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Vallejo, CA 94589

Tom Mehrman
General Manager
Six Flags Marine World
2001 Marine World Parkway
Vallejo, CA 94589

Dear Mr. Batista and Mr. Mehrman:

The Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to invite you to participate in an "Adopt-a-Bikeway" maintenance program. Any contribution you make would complement the efforts of the Solano Transportation Authority, City of Vallejo, Benicia Bike Club, and Monticello Bike Club to promote bicycling in Solano County.

Alternative transportation is a major need in our county and is a primary mission of the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee. Currently, our area of interest for the "Adopt-a-Bikeway" program is the Solano Bikeway link in north Vallejo. This bikeway will consist of a 1.8 mile paved bikepath running between Columbus Parkway and Hiddenbrook Parkway on the east side of Interstate 80. This segment is in final design stages, and is expected to be constructed later this year. Future segments will connect it to McGary Road in Solano County and Fairfield, Lynch Canyon Regional Park, Solano Community College and the Fairfield Linear Park.

The City of Vallejo is looking for assistance in providing the on-going maintenance. We are asking for support in the form of money or actual staff and equipment needed for the necessary maintenance for the Bikeway. In exchange for your sponsorship, we can offer you recognition through signage on the bikeway and other means of publicity through the Bicycle Advisory Committee's involvement in your community and the county.

Please feel free to contact Dan Christians, STA's Deputy Director for Planning, at (707) 438-0654 or Taner Aksu, Vallejo Public Works Department at (707) 648-4300 with any questions. Thank you in advance for any assistance you may offer. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Rischa Slade, Chair
Solano Transportation Authority

Cc: Bicycle Advisory Committee

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DATE: April 7, 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 April 20.

Ongoing projects include:

- 1) County H & SS staff has worked directly with MTC on a GIS mapping project. The MTC consultant has compiled location information for all the Welfare to Work recipients in Solano as well as transit routes and major employer locations.
- 2) A survey form has been completed and distributed to all the Welfare to Work clients through a mailing. The surveys have been returned and are being compiled. The survey will provide further information on what mode people use for transportation, and where they need to travel.
- 3) The planning group has researched welfare to work car-sharing models from throughout the country.
- 4) A Transportation Resource Guide will be created with assistance from MTC for Solano. The finished handbook will have step by step procedures to get around in Solano and address multiple modes of transportation.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. This is an information item only.



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Dan Christians
RE: Approve Policy on STA Budget Reserve

At the last STA Board meeting, Boardmember Jim Spering requested that a policy be prepared to establish a budget reserve of about 3 to 5%. Staff is proposing to gradually develop a three month reserve fund based on the STA's annual general operations budget or a 5% reserve based on STA's total annual budget, whichever is greater. Based on our current proposed 1999-00 budget, the reserve would be approximately \$180,000.

Starting this fall, as part of the audit review of our fund balances, staff proposes setting aside about \$30,000 from our audited fund balance each year until this reserve fund is achieved. In fiscal year 1998-99, a fund balance of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 is expected to be available after the mid-year audit. In subsequent years, gas tax contributions may eventually need to be increased or the project development program may need to be reduced below the \$100,000.

This reserve fund will need to be from gas taxes, which are the most flexible funds the STA receives. Other funds are received either on a reimbursement basis or must be returned at the end of each year if they are not spent (i.e. TDA).

Fiscal Impact

The 1998-99 STA fund balance would be used to establish this reserve fund beginning with \$30,000. In subsequent years, member jurisdictions may be required to increase their gas tax contributions to fully fund the reserve account.

Recommendation

Approve a policy to establish a three month reserve fund based on STA's general operations budget or a 5% reserve based on the STA's total annual budget, whichever is greater. The STA would set aside about \$30,000 each year to build this fund. The reserve fund would be initiated after the 1998-99 STA audit is completed.



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Dan Christians
RE: Approve STA Budget for FY 1999-00

Attached is the proposed 1999-00 STA budget. It includes an approximately four percent increase of TDA and gas tax contributions over the FY 1998-99 budget to cover increases in general operations. Attached are TDA and gas tax cost distributions proposed for next year. The attached supplement to the 1999-00 budget is included for information purposes.

The budget includes a salary of up to \$92,500 for the new Executive Director. In lieu of a COLA for current employees, the budget included an increase in the STA-paid employee contribution for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) from 3% to approximately 7%. It includes a COLA of 3% for the Deputy Director for Projects (who already has an STA paid employee PERS contribution of 7%).

The Project Development program is again proposed to have an initial \$100,000 budget, mainly from fund balances remaining from 1997-98. Priority Projects will be funded from that program under Agenda Item 9.3. If there is an additional fund balance identified after the 1998-99 audit is completed this fall, additional budget authority may be included in a mid-year budget amendment (if not needed for budget reserves).

Most of the other program costs are proposed to be similar to last year and in some cases the fund balances will be carried forward into next year (i.e. STIP funds for the Reliever Route and TCI funds for the Suisun-Fairfield parking improvements).

Staff has proposed that the SolanoLinks Consortium budget again include \$128,825 of State Transit Assistance funds, the same amount budgeted for the current year. This amount would maintain the same level of marketing and planning activities that have been accomplished in the past two years. However, the Consortium recently discussed this budget amount. While it was agreed to initially include this amount in the budget, it was the consensus that the STA not make a claim for it to MTC until the Consortium develops a detailed Work Plan for next year. A workshop is scheduled for April 16 to develop the work plan, and staff will report on the results at the May STA Board meeting.

Fiscal Impact

The gas tax contributions, Transportation Development Act (TDA), and State Transit Assistance fund (STAF) contributions from STA members are included in the attachments.

Recommendation

Approve the attached STA budget for FY 1999-00, including proposed cost distributions for TDA and gas tax subventions.

Attachments

Draft STA 1999-00 BUDGET			
Expenditures		Amended 1998-99 Budget	Proposed 1999-00 Budget
Operations			
	Salaries & Benefits	\$410,744	\$420,000
	Stipends	\$6,600	\$6,600
	Services/Supplies	\$205,486	\$205,000
	Contingency	\$500	\$30,000
Subtotal		\$623,330	\$661,600
Project Development			
	Bike Route Implementation	\$19,971	
	Capitol Corridor	\$5,000	
	Federal Lobbyist	\$15,000	
	Travel Safety Study	\$25,000	
	Solano Bikeway Environmental	\$10,000	
	I-80 Reliever Route	\$37,000	
	Electric Vehicles	\$5,000	
	Solano Transportation Plan	\$10,000	
	Mare Island Access Study	\$10,000	
	Miscellaneous Project Development	\$3,000	
Subtotal		\$139,971	\$100,000
Programs			
	I-80 Reliever Route	\$630,000	\$821,000 *
	Fairfield/Suisun Rail Station	\$591,000	\$591,000 *
	SolanoLinks (Transit Marketing/Planning)	\$128,825	\$128,825 *
	Local Match for Bus Purchases (TFCA/STAF Grants)	\$200,000	\$200,000 *
	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Grants	\$305,000	\$305,000
	TFCA Air Quality Program Manager Grants (BAAQMD)	\$394,975	\$326,393
	Solano Paratransit Operations	\$290,075	\$288,630
	City Link	\$115,000	\$115,000
	BikeLinks Maps	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Dixon-Davis Bike Route (Old Davis Road)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Subtotal		\$2,712,875	\$2,833,848
TOTAL		\$3,476,176	\$3,595,448

Revenues		Amended 1998-99 Budget	Proposed 1999-00 Budget
Current Year Revenues			
	TDA Planning & Admin.	\$252,374	\$262,470
	STP Planning	\$140,000	\$140,000
	Gas Tax Contributions	\$252,374	\$262,470
	TDA Solano Paratransit Operations	\$283,630	\$283,630
	BAAQMD-TFCA Program/Grant/Interest	\$344,472	\$342,001
	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	\$295,000	\$295,000
	YSAQMD CityLink Grant/Fares	\$110,000	\$110,000
	YSAQMD BikeLinks	\$8,000	\$8,000
	YSAQMD Dixon - Davis Bike Route	\$50,000	\$50,000
	BAAQMD Citylink	\$5,000	\$5,000
	TCI Grant	\$591,000	\$591,000 *
	STIP Funds	\$630,000	\$821,000 *
	State Transit Assistance (SolanoLinks)	\$128,825	\$128,825
	Local Match for Section 3 Grant (STAF)	\$200,000	\$200,000 *
Subtotal		\$3,290,675	\$3,499,396
Use of Fund Balance			
	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement	\$15,000	\$15,000
	BAAQMD-TFCA Program	\$67,726	\$0
	Gen Op & Proj Dev Fund Balance for Proj Dev	\$96,331	\$76,052 **
	Gen Op Fund Balance for Solano Paratransit	\$6,445	\$5,000
Subtotal		\$185,502	\$96,052
TOTAL		\$3,476,176	\$3,595,448

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* Carried over from 1998/99

** Includes fund balance of \$41,580 from Project Development and \$34,472 from General Operations

**Solano Transportation Authority
1999-00 Budget - DRAFT
Supplemental Information**

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Operating Expenditures:

Salaries and Benefits	\$420,000
Stipends	\$6,600
Services and Supplies	\$205,000
Contingency	\$30,000
Less Administrative paid from AVAA	(\$5,000)
Less Administrative paid from Air Quality	(\$15,608)
Less Administrative paid from TDA Paratransit	(\$7,500)
<i>Net Operating Expenditures</i>	<u>\$633,492</u>

Source of Funding

TDA Planning and Administration	\$254,970
STP Planning	\$140,000
Gas Tax Contributions	<u>\$238,522</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<u>\$633,492</u>

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Operating Expenditures:

Project Development	\$100,000
<i>Net Operating Expenditures</i>	<u>\$100,000</u>

Source of Funding

Gas Tax Contributions	\$23,948
General Operations use of Fund Balance	\$34,472
Project Development use of Fund Balance	<u>\$41,580</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<u>\$100,000</u>

ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT

Operating Expenditures:

Allocation to Cities and County	\$305,000
Administrative	<u>\$5,000</u>
<i>Net Operating Expenditures</i>	<u>\$310,000</u>

Source of Funding

AVA	\$295,000
Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$15,000</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<u>\$310,000</u>

AIR QUALITY

Operating Expenditures:

Allocation to Cities and County	\$326,393
Administrative	<u>\$15,608</u>
<i>Net Operating Expenditures</i>	<u>\$342,001</u>

Source of Funding

BAAQMD TFCA Program	<u>\$342,001</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<u>\$342,001</u>

SOLANO PARATRANSITOperating Expenses

Contract and Insurance	\$288,630
Administrative	<u>\$7,500</u>
<i>Net Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$296,130</i>

Source of Funding

TDA funds - Operations	\$259,130
TDA funds - Administrative	\$7,500
Fares	\$24,500
General Operations Fund Balance	<u>\$5,000</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<i>\$296,130</i>

CITYLINKOperating Expenses

Contract and Insurance	<u>\$115,000</u>
<i>Net Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>

Source of Funding

YSAQMD Grants	\$90,000
Fares	\$20,000
BAAQMD Grant	<u>\$5,000</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>

OTHER PROGRAMSOperating Expenses

I-80 Reliever Route	\$821,000
Fairfield Suisun Rail Station	\$591,000
YSAQMD BikeLinks	\$8,000
YSAQMD Old Davis Road	\$50,000
SolanoLinks (Transit/Marketing/Planning)	\$128,825
Local Match for Bus Purchases	<u>\$200,000</u>
<i>Net Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$1,798,825</i>

Source of Funding

STIP Funds	\$821,000
TCI Grant	\$591,000
YSAQMD BikeLinks	\$8,000
YSAQMD Old Davis Road	\$50,000
State Transit Assistance	\$128,825
Local Match for Section 3 Grant	<u>\$200,000</u>
<i>Total Sources of Funding</i>	<i>\$1,798,825</i>

PROPOSED 1999-00 COST DISTRIBUTIONS

Proposed Distribution of TDA Contributions for Planning and Administration

	POP *	PERCENT	POP COST
BENICIA	27,850	7.26%	\$19,055
DIXON	14,450	3.77%	\$9,887
FAIRFIELD	91,600	23.88%	\$62,672
RIO VISTA	3,920	1.02%	\$2,682
SUISUN CITY	26,300	6.86%	\$17,994
VACAVILLE	87,700	22.86%	\$60,004
VALLEJO	111,400	29.04%	\$76,219
UNINCORPORATED	20,400	5.32%	\$13,958
TOTALS	383,620	100.00%	\$262,470

Proposed Gas Tax Subvention Funds

	POP	PERCENT	POP COST
BENICIA	27,850	7.26%	\$19,055
DIXON	14,450	3.77%	\$9,887
FAIRFIELD	91,600	23.88%	\$62,672
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TOTALS	383,620	100.00%	\$262,470

Historic Combined Contributions of TDA Planning and Administration and Gas Tax

	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98
BENICIA	\$38,110	\$36,783	\$35,049
DIXON	\$19,773	\$18,358	\$16,880
FAIRFIELD	\$125,344	\$119,695	\$111,976
RIO VISTA	\$5,364	\$4,990	\$4,716
SUISUN CITY	\$35,989	\$34,698	\$32,858
VACAVILLE	\$120,007	\$114,450	\$108,497
VALLEJO	\$152,438	\$148,610	\$144,706
UNINCORPORATED	\$27,915	\$27,167	\$26,029
TOTALS	\$524,940	\$504,751	\$480,711

Proposed TDA Operations Contributions for Solano Paratransit

	POP	PERCENT	SHARE	TRIPS **	PERCENT	SHARE	TOTAL COST
DIXON	14,450	5.91%	\$3,831	389	4.88%	\$9,479	\$13,309
FAIRFIELD	91,600	37.48%	\$24,283	2835	35.54%	\$69,079	\$93,362
RIO VISTA	3,920	1.60%	\$1,039	0	0.00%	\$0	\$1,039
SUISUN CITY	26,300	10.76%	\$6,972	912	11.43%	\$22,222	\$29,194
VACAVILLE	87,700	35.89%	\$23,249	3459	43.37%	\$84,284	\$107,533
UNINCORPORATED	20,400	8.35%	\$5,408	381	4.78%	\$9,284	\$14,692
TOTALS	244,370	100.00%	\$64,783	7976	100%	\$194,348	\$259,130

* Based on State Dept. of Finance population projections for Jan. 1, 1998.

** Based on actual number of trips provided on Solano Paratransit through February 99, and projected out to the end of the year.

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April 14, 1999



DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
RE: STA Priority Projects for 1999-2000

To maximize the effectiveness of the Board, staff and agency partners, it is important for the STA to define a list of STA priority projects. As in the past, no project will be eligible for STA Project Development funds unless it is included on the priority list. However, the STA Board can modify the list at any time to include a future project. There is \$100,000 in the draft 1999-2000 STA budget for project development.

A STA Priority Project must:

1. Meet the needs of STA's mission statement, i.e. delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Solano.
2. Impact the riding public from more than one jurisdiction, i.e. county or regional significance.
3. Having realistic funding opportunities and be implemented entirely or in "stand alone" phases advanced in current fiscal year.
4. Have the strong support of the implementing agency's policy board(s)

This is the fourth year that STA has developed a list of priority projects. Most of the key Solano projects have already been identified and are still ongoing. The Travel Safety Study will move into the implementation phase in 1999-00, and should continue to build upon the cooperative work already completed. Phase 2 of the Reliever Route Corridor Concept Plan is currently underway.

The STA staff recommends that the balance (\$25,000) of the Project Development funding be set aside for miscellaneous Project Development, and that other projects on the list be monitored to determine if Project Development funds might be needed later this year. Additional funding for these projects would require STA Board approval. Additional Project Development funding may be available mid-year after the STA audit determines the amount of carry-over funding from the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

None. The 1999-00 STA budget includes \$100,000 for Project Development.

Recommendation

Approve the attached list of STA priority projects and allocations of Project Development funds.

Attachments

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STA Project Development Fund Proposed 1999-2000 STA Priority Projects (listed in alphabetical order)

Project	1998-1999 PD Funds (Budgeted)	Proposed 1999-2000 PD Funds
Benicia-Martinez and Carquinez Bridge Projects		
Capitol Corridor	\$5,000	\$5,000
Electric Vehicles and Recharging Facilities Program	\$5,000	\$5,000
Federal Lobbyist	\$15,000	\$25,000
Highway 12 Improvements		
Highway 37 Project		
I-80/680 Auxiliary Lanes		
I-80 Reliever Route - Corridor Concept Plan and Implementation	\$37,000	\$15,000
Intercity Transit Plan – Implementation		
Mare Island Access Study	\$10,000	
Miscellaneous Project Development	\$3,000	\$25,000
Red Top Slide/McGary Road		
Solano Bike Route Plan – Implementation	\$19,971	\$15,000
Solano Transportation Plan – Implementation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Travel Safety Study – Implementation	\$25,000	
Vacaville CNG Facility		
PROJECT NOT INCLUDED IN 1999-00 LIST:		
Solano Bikeway (along I-80 in Valley)	\$10,000	Not included
TOTAL	\$139,971	\$100,000



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Dan Christians
RE: Approve 1999-00 Solano Projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

On March 26, the STA Executive Committee reviewed eleven applications requesting \$611,924 from the Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) program. The committee reduced the recommended funding to \$326,992, the preliminary amount expected to be available for projects next year. This amount is now expected to be \$326,393 and an adjustment has been made to the Solano Bikeway Project to accommodate this reduced amount.

This 1999-00 estimated amount of \$326,393 includes \$29,849 to be reprogrammed from unexpended funds originally awarded to Solano Commuter Information (SCI) in the 1996-97 program year and \$24,324 in interest that the STA received for the program during calendar year 1998. This amount also includes adjustments of \$10,590 for funds not received in the 1998-99-program year and \$15,608 (or 5% of the gross revenues) of \$341,000 to administer the program. The administration amount has been budgeted into the STA 1999-00 general operations as allowed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The BAAQMD requires the STA to submit the approved Program Manager applications by April 30 for final review and approval by the Air District.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Approve a Resolution authorizing submittal of the 1999-00 Solano Projects for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program by the Executive Director to the BAAQMD.

Attachment

RESOLUTION 99-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR
TO THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR FY 1999-00**

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has requested applications for the FY 1999-00 funding cycle for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program; and

WHEREAS, various Solano jurisdictions within the BAAQMD have submitted proposals for projects under this Program; and

WHEREAS, all of the proposals promote air quality including local feeder bus/shuttle services to rail stations and the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, electric police bicycles and bicycle routes, and transit information and ridesharing trip reduction programs, and have been reviewed for compliance with acceptable cost effectiveness calculations in accordance with BAAQMD guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the STA Board's Executive Committee reviewed the applications and recommend the attached proposed projects to the STA Board; and

WHEREAS, the budgeted revenues for 1998-99 are based on estimated \$298,418 of new revenue expected from the BAAQMD, \$24,324 of interest, reprogramming of \$29,849 of unexpended funds originally approved for Solano Commuter Information in 1996-97; and expenditures of \$326,393 for project grants, \$15,608 for administration of the program by the STA and a \$10,590 adjustment made between the estimate and actual funds received in 1998-99.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano Transportation Authority hereby submits the attached list of recommended proposals to BAAQMD for \$326,393 for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program for FY 1999-00.

Rischa, 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 14th day of April, 1999.

Michelle Morris Brubaker
Interim Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority

1999-00 Solano Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

		TFCA \$	TFCA \$
Sponsor	Project	Apps.	Recom.
City of Benicia	Southampton Feeder Bus	\$50,000	\$40,000
Solano Community College	Electric Police Bikes	\$20,378	\$17,000
Solano County (SCI)	Enhanced Vanpool Services	\$50,000	\$40,000
Solano County (SCI)	Integrated Transit Service	\$48,000	\$35,000
Solano County (Trans.)	Green Valley Bike Route	\$95,000	\$42,000
STA	Citylink Route 30	\$5,000	\$5,000
STA	Solano Electric Vehicle Infra.	\$60,000	\$30,000
City of Vallejo	Police Bikes	\$11,546	\$11,500
City of Vallejo (Public Works)	Solano Bikeway	\$190,000	\$23,893
City of Vallejo (Vallejo Transit)	Electric Chargers- Infrastruc.	\$ 62,000	\$62,000
City of Vallejo (Vallejo Transit)	Mare Isl. Employee Shuttle	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$611,924	\$326,393
AVAILABLE		\$326,393	\$326,393
DIFFERENCE		(\$285,531)	\$0

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DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Matt Todd
RE: Approve Travel Safety Program Reserve Projects for TEA-21 Funds

In January, the Board approved the projects programmed with the TEA-21 "75% Program" funds for Solano County. A portion of these funds were held in reserve, (\$594,000) which was 10% of the Solano funds, to fund low cost safety projects. The plan was to program the funds at a later date after local and regional programs had been determined.

The draft list of the TEA-21 program of projects has been released, which contains several low cost safety/operational projects in Solano.

In February, the TAC scheduled a meeting of the Travel Safety Study Working Group, which assisted in the compilation of the Solano Travel Safety Study, on March 10 to discuss the allocation of the \$594,000 of reserve funds. The Travel Safety Study Working Group met and proposed the program of projects on the attached spreadsheet.

All the proposed projects were either referenced in the recently completed Solano Travel Safety Plan and/or one of the unfunded categories of the "25% Program" Corridor Plans.

The TAC approved the attached program of projects at their March meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Approve selection of projects for Solano County for \$594,000 in TEA-21 "75% Program" safety reserve funds.

Attachment

**Solano Travel Safety Projects for 75% Fund Program Safety Reserve
(All dollar amounts are in thousands of dollars)**

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Project Type	Description	Project Sponsor	Total Cost	STP/CMAQ Cost (88.53%)	Local Match Cost (11.47%)
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Military West	Benicia	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Pitt School Road	Dixon	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Ped. Imp.	Crosswalk signage replacement - various	Dixon	\$ 15.0	\$ 13.0	\$ 2.0
Ped. Imp.	Disabled access ramps in downtown Dixon - various	Dixon	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Waterman	Fairfield	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Hillside/Highway 12	Rio Vista	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Right turn lane	Highway 12 and Church Road - right turn lane	Rio Vista	\$ 40.0	\$ 35.0	\$ 5.0
Right turn lane	Highway 12 and Amerada Road - right turn lane	Rio Vista	\$ 40.0	\$ 35.0	\$ 5.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Main St./Amtrak	Suisun City	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Median Imp.	Highway 12 median improvements at 4 intersections between Marina and Walters Road	Suisun City	\$ 20.0	\$ 17.0	\$ 3.0
Bike Imp.	Striping and centerline work for bike lanes -- several locations	Suisun City	\$ 40.0	\$ 35.0	\$ 5.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk, Eubanks	Vacaville	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Traffic Signal	I-80 Reliever Route at Elmira and Leisure Town Road - new traffic signal	Vacaville	\$ 150.0	\$ 133.0	\$ 17.0
Ped. Imp.	School cross walk sign	Vacaville	\$ 10.0	\$ 8.0	\$ 2.0
Ped. Imp.	Lighted Crosswalk at Sereno	Vallejo	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
Traffic Signal	New traffic signal at Sonoma and Carolina	Vallejo	\$ 148.0	\$ 84.0	\$ 64.0
Ped. Imp.	Disabled access ramps in Vallejo - various	Solano Co.	\$ 30.0	\$ 26.0	\$ 4.0
		TOTALS	\$ 628.0	\$ 594.0	\$ 125.0
		TARGET		\$ 594.0	



DATE: April 7, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Dan Christians
RE: Approve Solano Transportation Enhancements Program Guidelines and Call for Projects

Now that project selection for MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities/Transportation Enhancements Program is underway, the STA would like to establish guidelines and a schedule for the Solano guaranteed Transportation Enhancements (TEA) Program. Solano will program \$500,000 at this time (two years of funding).

Staff proposes to generally follow the MTC TLC/TEA guidelines and application, but allow for more flexibility, including a greater emphasis on bike routes that implement our Countywide Bicycle Plan. The STA also encourages the broad participation of any public or non-profit agencies in Solano responsible for the implementation of eligible activities. Staff will send a "Call for Projects" and application to various interested agencies throughout the county.

A selection committee is proposed to include representatives from the TAC, Consortium, Bicycle Advisory Committee and STA staff. The Technical Advisory Committee recently discussed the program and recommends that projects be funded in the range of \$50,000 to \$250,000.

The proposed schedule for the program is as follows:

Call for Projects	April 14
Application submittal deadline	May 14
Selection Committee meets	May 20-26
STA Board approves projects	June 9

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Approve the attached Solano Transportation Enhancements Program Guidelines and schedule and issue a call for projects.

Attachment



DATE: April 5, 1999
 TO: STA Board
 FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker
 RE: Funding Opportunities

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.

To aid project sponsors in applying for transportation-related funds, the STA is instituting a regular item on the agenda, which contains a funding calendar and information sheets on each funding source. Staff is available to assist jurisdictions with regional processes and discuss proposal for various funding programs so that each jurisdiction can compete well.

FUNDING CALENDAR

Fund Source	Applications Available From	Applications Due
1999-00 BAAQMD Bay Area Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network Grant Program	Tom Adams City of San Francisco (415) 554-6074	05/14/99
Solano Transportation Enhancements Program	STA Dan Christians (707) 438-0654	05/14/99
1999-00 BAAQMD Regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program	BAAQMD Andrea Gordon (415) 749-4940	06/30/99
1999-00 BAAQMD Clean Air Vehicle Incentive Program (VIP)	BAAQMD David Burch (415) 749-4641	08/01/99

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

**Bay Area Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network Grant
Program**

Applications Due: May 14, 1999

TO: STA Members

FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker, Interim Executive Director

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, County of Solano (BAAQMD portion), and Private Sector Entities

Program Description: Grants up to \$7,000 per site for two electric charging stations.

Funding Available: \$350,000 available for the nine-county Bay Area. These funds will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Eligible Projects: Purchase and installation of inductive and conductive charging stations.

Further Details: Stations must meet published selection criteria, be publicly accessible, located on major corridors on highly visible sites, and have high anticipated usage. STA will be proposing a coordinated application for interested agencies. Applications can be obtained from the BAAQMD.

Program Contact Person: City of San Francisco, Tom Adams, (415) 554-6074

STA Contact Person: Dan Christians, (707) 438-0654

April 5, 1999

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

Solano Transportation Enhancements Program

Applications Due: May 14, 1999

TO: STA Members

FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker, Interim Executive Director

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Local jurisdictions, transportation agencies and non-profit organizations certified by Caltrans District 4 Office of Local Assistance.

Program Description: Grants for transportation enhancements.

Funding Available: \$500,000 available for Solano jurisdictions representing the first two years of TEA-21 funds.

Eligible Projects: Bike routes, pedestrian walkways, transit amenities, landscaping, and historic preservation

Further Details: Obtain guidelines and application form from the STA.

STA Contact Person: Dan Christians, (707) 438-0654

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

**BAAQMD Regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air
Program**

Applications Due: June 30, 1999

TO: STA Members

FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker, Interim Executive Director

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, County of Solano (BAAQMD portion), and School Districts

Program Description: Activities that reduce vehicular emissions and promote alternative transportation modes.

Funding Available: Approximately \$10 million a year for the nine-county Bay Area

Eligible Projects: Shuttle buses, bike routes, synchronizing traffic signals, and zero emission vehicles

Further Details: This program is very competitive. Projects in urban areas with high ridership, low TFCA costs, and very low vehicular emissions score best. Applications can be obtained from the BAAQMD.

Program Contact Person: BAAQMD, Andrea Gordon, (415) 749-4940

STA Contact Person: Dan Christians, (707) 438-0654

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:

BAAQMD Clean Air Vehicle Incentive Program

Applications Due: August 1, 1999

TO: STA Members

FROM: Michelle Morris Brubaker, Interim Executive Director

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo, and County of Solano (BAAQMD portion)

Program Description: Grants up to \$8,000 to assist in the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.

Funding Available: \$1.2 million available for the nine-county Bay Area. These funds will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Eligible Projects: Natural gas, electric and hybrid electric fleet vehicles

Further Details: Maximum of \$400,000 will be awarded for electric vehicles. The remaining \$800,000 will be available for natural gas and hybrid vehicles. Vehicles must be 10,000 lbs. or less. Applications can be obtained from the BAAQMD.

Program Contact Person: BAAQMD, David Burch, (415) 749-4940

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DATE: April 5, 1999
TO: STA Board
FROM: Chair Rischa Slade/Don Erickson
RE: Executive Director Recruitment

Chair Slade will provide an update on the Executive Director recruitment at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

None. Information only.