



ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

Judy Nash - Senior & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee/Paratransit Coordinating Council

- Judy Nash serves on the Paratransit Coordinating Council and the Solano Senior and Disabled Transportation Committee.
- She participated in the Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit I and Summit II and in Summit I she volunteered to sit on the panel to discuss transit for Solano Community College students that have disabilities.
- Judy is dedicated to presenting a voice for the disabled students. When students were having difficulties with paratransit transportation, she looked for solutions and ways to educate herself on paratransit.
- Judy Nash worked directly with DART to work out paratransit issues and concerns on behalf of the disabled students including development of a complaint log. She worked with Fairfield and Suisun Transit to develop Tips to Plan your Paratransit Trip to assist students with their paratransit trip planning.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Fisk's Cyclery (Dixon) / Ray's Cycle (Vacaville & Fairfield)

- Independent bicycle shops are an integral part of Solano County communities. At these shops, bike safety is stressed and biking as a lifestyle activity is encouraged.
- Fisk's and Ray's have been outstanding in their support of cycling in general and are cornerstones for the success of Bike to Work Day in Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield. Their shops are gathering places for cyclists especially on that day.
- On Bike to Work Day this year, 51 cyclists visited the Energizer Station at Fisk's Cyclery, the most of any Solano County station. Ray's Cycle was a close second with 45 visitors.

PLANNING/TLC

City of Vacaville – Priority Development Areas Designation

- The City of Vacaville has worked with the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to designate two separate Priority Development Areas or PDAs: the Allison/Ulatis PDA next to I-80, and the Opportunity Hill PDA in the City's downtown redevelopment area. Vacaville has received approximately \$13 million in State and Federal grant funding to complete projects in both areas.
- The Allison/Ulatis PDA represents years of planning for livable communities before it was a commonly used industry term. Since the early 90's, the area has constructed food/retail, office/business, school, theater, library, community center, and high density residential units in a 290 acre area adjacent to Interstate 80. The missing element was a legitimate mass transportation facility.
- Grant funding helped to construct a 10 bus regional transportation center with 250 surface parking stalls facilitating park and ride, vanpool, bicycle facilities, and electric vehicle charging facilities right in the heart of this PDA.

SAFETY PROJECT OF THE YEAR

City of Benicia – Rose Drive Overcrossing

- The \$1.9M construction project built 1,000 ft. of separated pathway alongside Rose Drive including a bicycle/pedestrian bridge spanning Interstate 780.
- Prior to the facility being constructed, bicyclists and pedestrians on this route were forced to merge with automobile traffic merging onto I-780.
- The pathway links the residential neighborhood north of I-780 with the Benicia State Recreation Area to the south, eliminates a gap in the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and provides connectivity to the San Francisco Bay Trail.

City of Fairfield – McGary Road

- Originally conceived ten years ago, the City of Fairfield’s Solano Bikeway Extension and McGary Road Class II Bike Route Project is a regional project that allowed for the re-opening of McGary Road from Lynch Road to Red Top Road. It demonstrates the value of public engagement and cooperation among all agencies involved.
- The project provides a new and improved safe bicycle connection between Vallejo, the Lynch Canyon Preserve, and Fairfield, while also providing an alternative route for all traffic while I-80 is closed or heavily congested.
- The project helped stabilize the nearby hillside to protect both McGary Road and I-80 in the future.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

City of Fairfield – North Texas Interchange

- Conceived in the early 1980’s, through a partnership between CalTrans, STA and the City of Fairfield, the North Texas Interchange Project is the critical component of a plan to provide better connectivity to the freeway system, and the planned Fairfield/Vacaville Multi-modal Train Station for residents of northern Fairfield, southern Vacaville, and central Solano County.
- Major scope elements included widening of the bridge across the freeway; connecting Manuel Campos Parkway to the interchange; completing the segment of Manuel Campos Parkway between N. Texas St. and Dover Ave; and defining the interchange as a city gateway with bridge design elements, monumental pilasters, and upgraded landscaping.
- The project improves safety and connectivity around the interchange and reduces congestion.

PROJECT DELIVERY

City of Fairfield – Capital Improvement Program

- This year, the City of Fairfield awarded (9) transportation projects valued at \$5.9 million and will complete construction on an additional nine (9) transportation projects worth \$54.6 million. The long term annual delivery average for Fairfield’s entire Capital Improvement Program (including non-transportation projects) is 10 projects with an average total value of \$8 million.
- Operating with a small Capital Improvement Program staff, the City of Fairfield currently has 16 major projects in construction with a combined value of \$56 million, and 26 major projects in design with a combined value of approximately \$59 million.
- The City of Fairfield’s Capital Improvement Program advances transportation objectives, helps lay the foundation for strong economic growth, and supports smart land-use decisions.

PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Caltrans District 4 (Local Assistance)

- For years, local agencies have been pleading with Caltrans to “think outside of the box” and to streamline their process to deliver our federally funded projects under stricter deadlines. Over the last two years, the District 4 Division of Local Assistance has made significant changes to their process.
- During the first cycle of ARRA Stimulus funding, the Division organized field review meetings with local agencies that essentially “brought the field to Caltrans” saving time and resources which allowed them to move through projects quickly and efficiently. The overall process from time of request for authorization to actual authorization to proceed was dramatically reduced.
- As the second cycle of ARRA was being contemplated, the timelines were made even stricter than in the first cycle. In response, Caltrans District 4 Division of Local Assistance held field reviews with local agencies before projects were even listed in the Transportation Improvement Program.

AGENCY OF THE YEAR

City of Fairfield

- The City of Fairfield is being nominated for Agency of the Year for its delivery of record levels of significant regional and local transportation projects, its innovative development of funding and delivery mechanisms for various transportation projects, its active involvement in Transit Consortium efforts to improve and increase transportation options, and its dedication to coordinating transportation and land use planning.
- This year, the City of Fairfield advertised and awarded nine transportation projects valued at \$5.9 million and will complete construction on an additional nine transportation projects worth a total of \$54.6 million.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Brian McLean – Intercity Taxi Scrip Program

- The Intercity Taxi Scrip program was developed in response to a significant transportation gap identified at the first Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit in June of 2009. Under the leadership of the City of Vacaville’s Transit Manager, Brian McLean, all the county’s transit operators and the County came together to address the issue of intercity transportation. After weeks of meetings, an entirely new transportation program was developed, the Intercity Taxi Scrip program.
- The transit partners worked with each other and the various taxi cab companies across Solano County to create a Riders Guide, Taxi Scrip booklets, ADA approved sensitivity training for the taxi cab drivers, taxi cab comment cards, and acquire color photo ID card machines throughout the County, and develop the necessary policies and flyers to ensure a smooth start to the program launched February 1, 2010.
- The Intercity Taxi Scrip Program offers a new way to travel between the cities of Solano County. Based on a public-private partnership with the existing taxicab companies of Solano County, it offers 24 hour availability. The more flexible taxi transportation mode provides same day rides for qualified seniors and persons with disabilities. The subsidized rate makes the program both affordable for the individual as well as for partner transit agencies.
- Phase I of the Intercity Taxi Scrip Program has had an immediate positive impact in the lives of ambulatory disabled individuals that are participating in this program. The fact that this program was so quickly developed and initiated in response to a transportation

gap is a testament to the abilities of a group of dedicated professionals to accomplish what once was seen as an impossible challenge.

- Starting any new program takes patience, dedication and a sincere desire to help. Brian McLean excelled in his team building leadership skills by bringing the transit partners together and keeping them focused on developing and implementing phase 1 of a new transit service for the disabled.

Jeff Matheson – Chair, STA Transit Consortium / Dixon Read-Ride

- Jeff Matheson managed Dixon Read-Ride transit system for 10 years. During that time, the Dixon Read-Ride has been a consistent, reliable partner of the STA, and has overseen a major increase in passenger ridership while still providing a response time of under 10 minutes for a demand response curb to curb system.
- Jeff has focused on providing a quality service to his passengers, making sure the Dixon Read-Ride met the transit needs of the City of Dixon and is a model for provision of local transit service provided by a smaller community.
- Jeff was instrumental in helping to launch the new Countywide Intercity Taxi Scrip Program. This innovative approach provides transportation to the ADA disabled passengers that have travel needs outside of the city they live in. He secured funding to expand Dixon Read-Ride service to provide ADA service to passengers with travel needs to Davis and Vacaville. He played a lead role in helping to organize the establishment of the STA's new Senior and Disabled Advisory Committee. He was a strong supporter of expanding Route 30 service to Sacramento and the development of the Intercity Funding Agreement which funds the operation of seven commuter routes collectively known as Solano Express, which, provides transit service for an estimated 1 million riders per year.
- Jeff was active on several STA committees. He Chaired the SolanoExpress Consortium twice. He served on the Lifeline Committee, the Solano Senior and Disabled Transportation Committee, and participated in the Paratransit Coordinating Council.
- Jeff has been recognized for his contribution to the continued success in "improving the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects and programs to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality."
 - Jeff received an STA Award for Transit Employee of the Year in 2004.
 - He was also instrumental in the Award of Agency of the Year for the City of Dixon in 2004 and Project of the Year: Dixon Transportation Center in 2006.
- Jeff will be missed here in Solano County, and the STA congratulates him on his many achievements for the Dixon Read-Ride.

Chuck Lamoree – 14 Outstanding Years as STA Legal Counsel

- For fourteen years, Chuck Lamoree served as the legal counsel for the STA. During this time, he helped guide the STA during its separation from the County of Solano and establishment as a separate entity in 1996. He also developed the recent amendments to the STA Joint Powers Agreement that updated the STA's planning, project delivery and program responsibilities and was adopted by all seven cities and the County.
- Chuck worked closely with the Board and staff on the development of a number of multi-agency agreements that have and are assisting the delivery of critical mobility and safety projects that benefit the residents of all seven cities and the County.

These agreements include:

- The project delivery and funding agreement for the North Connector, which include first time policies related to land use and open space and agricultural easements for a project that was opened to traffic this month.
 - The development of the Intercity Transit Funding Agreement between STA, six cities and County for the funding of the seven intercity transit services called Solano Express.
 - Project delivery agreements for the I-80 HOV Lanes project, the design of SR 12 Jameson Canyon, and the Cordelia Truck Scales.
 - The development of the initial JPA for the new transit partnership between Benicia, Vallejo and STA, dubbed SolTrans. Under difficult circumstances, Chuck worked with STA, the City of Rio Vista, Caltrans and then Senator Lois Wolk, and testified with the State Legislature regarding the implementation of important state legislation to improve safety on SR 12, including legislation setting a statewide precedent for establishing double fine zones on critical travel corridor such as SR 12 and memorializing the roadway in honor of his son, Office David Frank Lamoree.
- During his 14 year tenure, Chuck was a valuable resource to the STA Board, STA staff, and the eight member agencies that comprise the STA. We wish him well on his retirement and thank him for his years of dedicated service and outstanding legal advice.

Len Augustine – 2006 STA Chair / Mayor, City of Vacaville

- Vacaville Mayor Len Augustine has represented the City of Vacaville on the STA Board since 2002. In 2006, he served as STA Chair and for the past four years he has served as chair of the Arterials, Highways and Freeways Subcommittee.
- Len has been a strong supporter of and active participant in STA efforts to seek federal funds for various priority projects and was a key player in the STA's success in being able to bring back an estimated \$47 million in federal earmark funds over the last 8 to 9 years. While Chair of the STA, he expanded the STA's partnership with the business community and was a strong early supporter of the Safe Routes to School program.
- While on the STA Board, the City of Vacaville has been the recipient of numerous STA awards, including twice for project of the year, three times for agency of the year and four times for project delivery of the year.
- He has been a supporter of transit facilities – such as the local transit transfer center opened in 2007 and the new Vacaville Transit Center that is currently under construction.
- On the highway and roadway side, he was a vocal advocate for the early delivery of rehabilitation improvements to I-80 and safety improvements on SR 12 and SR 113. This helped result in the funding and start of the Pave I-80 campaign 2 years early and additional state funds extending the improvements from Vallejo to Fairfield and up through Vacaville. It also resulted in the funding of the Leisure Town Interchange, the second completed segment of the Jepson Parkway.
- Len was an active supporter of projects to benefit the community, including bike, pedestrian, TLC and air quality funds to complete segments of the Downtown Ulatis Creek Bike/Pedestrian project, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and Opportunity Hill TLC master plan

The STA wishes to thank Mayor Len Augustine for his years of leadership, good humor and numerous hours of dedicated service.