

# Solano County's Priority Projects

fiscal year 2006 appropriations requests



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To Our Representatives in Washington:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is pleased to forward this report summarizing Solano County's FY 2006 Appropriations funding requests. Transportation congestion and improved mobility is the top concern for residents in Solano County, the San Francisco Bay Area's fastest growing county. Our two priority projects for the FY 2005 Transportation Appropriation Program are:

- Vallejo Intermodal Station
- Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station

This report features the history, an update on the funding and the status of both priority projects. With your support in funding these projects, the STA will ensure these critical transportation projects are completed.

We appreciate your interest and support of Solano County's transportation priorities. Should you have any questions about these projects, please contact Daryl Halls, Executive Director of the STA at 707.424.6075 or Mike Miller, The Ferguson Group, 707.254.8400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Ann Courville'.

Mary Ann Courville, Chair  
Solano Transportation Authority  
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# STA's Priority Projects

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# 1 Project: Vallejo Intermodal Station

## Request

STA requests a \$4.0 million earmark in the Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Bill under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Account for the Vallejo Intermodal Station.

## Background

The Vallejo Intermodal Station will be the primary intermodal transit terminal in the North Bay, and will support bus and ferry transit for 15,000 daily riders by 2010. The project will support both the Vallejo

Baylink ferry system and regional express bus networks by providing 1,200 off street parking spaces for passengers, a relocated and improved bus transfer facility, roadway access improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian connections between the Vallejo downtown and waterfront areas. The intermodal center will link a comprehensive network of local and regional buses to the Baylink ferry. Regional express buses will fan out from this location to Napa Valley, to key BART stations in Contra Costa County, and along I-80 to Fairfield, Vacaville, Davis and Sacramento.

The Vallejo Station project is key to the revitalization efforts in Vallejo. The project is located on an existing transit corridor and designed to support mixed-use development that will consist of office, retail and housing. Public investment in transportation improvements will act as a catalyst for revitalization of Vallejo's downtown and along the waterfront.

The project is regionally and nationally significant and will help to reduce congestion on Interstate 80, the primary corridor for goods movement between the Port of Oakland and the northern United States.



In 2005, the environmental review process for the Vallejo Intermodal Station will be complete and a fourth ferry will be placed into service (three operating ferries and one backup). The estimated total cost of the Vallejo Intermodal Station project is \$56 million. To date, the STA and the City of Vallejo have secured \$47.78 million in funding for the project.

STA and the City of Vallejo had previously secured \$6.38 million in federal earmarks including \$.89M, \$2.0M, \$1.0M, \$1.25M and \$1.24M in FY 2001, FY 2002, FY 2003, FY 2004 and FY 2005 respectively.

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**V Secured Funding**

<b>TOTAL SECURED FUNDING: \$47.78 MILLION</b>	
STIP (State)	\$7.4 million
Local	\$6.0 million
Federal	\$6.38 million
Regional (RM-2)	\$28 million

# 2 Project: Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station

## Request

STA and the Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville request a \$2.5 million earmark in the Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Bill under the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities account for the Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station.

## Background

The Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station is a transit-oriented development at the crossroads of Peabody and Vanden Roads, located one mile north of Travis

Air Force Base. The overall project will construct Phase 1 and a portion of Phase 2 of the project to provide the basic pedestrian improvements, platforms and rail improvements, parking, bus and vehicular access necessary to obtain service approval from the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board.

The Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station is a high priority for the Capitol Corridor Intercity Passenger Rail Service and the STA in order to accommodate the planned sixteen to eighteen daily round

trips by 2008-10. The project will help to improve ridership throughout the entire San Jose-Oakland/San Francisco-Sacramento-Auburn corridor. The proposed track improvements are included in the Capitol Corridor's Capital Improvement Program.

The project will have the following major benefits:

- Constructs the Tolenas siding project to provide improved access for freight trains staging adjacent to the main lines near the new train station;



- Provides an efficient alternative to driving to work on I-80, which helps reduce traffic congestion and air emissions;
- Provides a significant commuter rail service for employees traveling to Travis Air Force Base and employment centers in Fairfield and Vacaville; and
- Provides safe pedestrian, bus and bicycle access to all Capitol Corridor trains.

The Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station project is under preliminary design and environmental clearance is expected in 2005-06. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$35 million. STA and the City of Fairfield have previously secured \$1.8 million in federal earmarks including \$500,000, \$800,000 and \$500,000 in FY 2003, FY 2004 and FY 2005 respectively. Total secured funding to date is \$23.75 million.



**✓ Secured Funding**

<b>TOTAL SECURED FUNDING: \$23.75 MILLION</b>	
STIP (State)	\$2.3 million
Local	\$2.4 million
Federal	\$1.8 million
Regional (RM-2)	\$17.25 million

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# About Solano County

## Population

The Association of Bay Area Governments has projected Solano County to have the largest percentage of population and job growth of any county in the Bay Area over the next 25 years. Its location between Sacramento and the Bay Area gives it strategic economic development importance for the region. Solano County's current population of about 423,000 is projected to increase to 582,000 by 2030. By 2030, the total number of employed residents (about 269,000) will be substantially higher than the total number of jobs in the county (about 218,000).

## Employment

Solano County's growing economy represents a diverse mix of traditional and emerging industries. In recent years, many large biotech manufacturing, medical device, seed production and biotechnology research and development firms have relocated to Solano County. The Solano Business Park in Fairfield is home to a growing "Candy Cluster" with Herman Goelitz Candy Company (Jelly Belly) and Thompson Candy Company. Genentech, Inc., and Alza Corporation are among the nation's largest biotech companies and are now located in Vacaville.

Some other major employers who are located in Solano County include Valero Refining Company and West Coast Beauty Supply in Benicia; Dixon Canning Corporation, Kragen Auto Works and Gymboree in Dixon; NorthBay Medical, Westamerica Bancorporation and Anheuser Busch Brewery in Fairfield; UPCO, Inc., and Response Insurance in Suisun City; and Six Flags Marine World, Kaiser Permanente Call Center, Touro University and General Mills in Vallejo.

Travis Air Force Base, home to the 60th Air Mobility Wing, is the largest employer in Solano County.

## Solano County Traffic

Solano County is dissected by I-80 (connecting the Bay Area to Sacramento), I-680 (connecting Contra Costa County and the Silicon Valley to Solano) and State Route 12 (connecting San Joaquin County to the North Bay). A large number of Solano residents continue to travel to jobs in other counties, while many new major employers are making the move to Solano County—further clogging the already congested major arterials. Commute traffic on I-80, I-680, and State Route 12 is an increasingly critical transportation problem.



# About the STA

## Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality.

## The STA Commitment

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) was created under a Joint Powers Agreement to serve as the County's Congestion Management Agency to program federal, state and regional transportation funds.

The STA is responsible for transportation planning, coordination, and the financing of projects for its eight member jurisdictions. The STA also provides countywide planning for the development of roads, transit, rideshare, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and operates the Solano Napa Commuter Information program and two transit services.

## STA Board of Directors and Member Agencies

Board members and their alternates are appointed by their local jurisdictions to serve as representatives on the STA Board. Each jurisdiction also has staff representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee and the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium. These two committees serve in an advisory capacity to the STA Board of Directors.

Member agencies include the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo and Solano County.





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