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Public Input Sought for East Fairfield Community Transportation Plan

Suisun City, CA - The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in coordination with Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST), is requesting residents of eastern Fairfield to provide their opinions on essential mobility needs as part of the development of a Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for eastern Fairfield.

Public input is critical to developing the CBTP which will identify transportation gaps and prioritize transportation improvements to provide low-income communities a 'lifeline' to accessing employment, services, and other activities that are considered essential to daily life. The plan will define transportation projects for all modes (autos, bus service, walking, biking, and paratransit), enabling local public and non-profit agencies to apply for Lifeline program funds to implement these projects.

The East Fairfield CBTP is part of a regional effort led by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to improve mobility in low income communities throughout the Bay Area. MTC has provided the funding for this study as well as for previously completed CBTPs in Solano County. This CBTP for east Fairfield will identify and set parameters for future Lifeline funds to be obtained by the STA.

Gathering comments and concerns from eastern Fairfield residents, particularly transit-dependent groups, is critical for understanding needs and designing solutions. During April and May, there will be multiple opportunities for the community to provide input to the East Fairfield CBTP. The STA has retained Nelson/Nygaard consultants to prepare the plan and obtain public input through presentations at local community meetings, holding focus groups, interviewing stakeholders and distributing surveys. Surveys will be distributed at community meetings; residents may also take the survey online from now through April 30, 2012 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/EastFairfieldCBTP.

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