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Transit Concepts, Rio Vista Delta Breeze
Vacaville Checker Cab, Intercity Taxi
Scrip

**SOLANO SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2012

**Solano County Events Center
Conference Room B
601 Texas Street
Fairfield, CA 94533**

Purpose: To advocate and address transportation needs for seniors and people with disabilities, build community awareness and support, and locate funding sources to meet those needs.

ITEMS

STAFF/MEMBERS

I. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Jim Spering, Chair

II. Action Item

**A. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG)
Process for Projects for Solano
County. (Pg. 1)**

1. Summary of Subcommittee's Recommendations
2. List of Candidates

Robert Fuentes, Faith In Action

Robert Macaulay, STA

Recommendation:

Approval of OBAG Priorities as listed in Attachment A.

III. Informational Items

**A. Solano Mobility Management
Workshop/Discussion of Plan
Specifics**

Phil McGuire, Innovative Paradigms

1. Countywide ADA Eligibility
2. Call Center
3. Travel Training Programs
4. Older Driver Safety Programs and Mobility Workshops

B. Committee Comments

Group

C. Next Steps/Adjournment

Jim Spering, Chair

IV. Next Scheduled Meeting

January 24, 2012 (tentative)

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DATE: October 22, 2012
TO: Solano Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
SUBJECT: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Process for Projects for Solano County

The STA released a Call for Projects for the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) program in July of this year. The Call for Projects was to identify those projects and programs that may be eligible for funding with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds distributed as part of OBAG. STA staff subsequently made an OBAG CMAQ presentation to each of the STA advisory committees at the OBAG Public Input meeting held on September 12, 2012.

STA held a public input meeting on the afternoon of September 12. All of the STA advisory committees made presentations to the STA Board and comments from interested members of the public were also taken. Attached is a summary of the committee presentations and public comments. Father Fuentes, Faith in Action, represented this committee at the workshop.

The STA Board has adopted a schedule for selecting projects and programs to receive OBAG CMAQ Funds. That schedule is:

November 28, 2012	STA TAC and Consortium review project ranking methodology and sample projects
December 12, 2012	STA Board review project ranking methodology and sample projects
December 19, 2012	STA TAC and Consortium review and recommend OBAG CMAQ project list to STA Board
January 9, 2013	STA Board adopts OBAG CMAQ project list

Recommendation:

Approval of OBAG Priorities as listed in Attachment A.

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OneBayArea (OBAG) Grant



Solano Transportation Authority

Public Input Meeting

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Solano County Events Center

601 Texas Street, Fairfield

MEETING MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Jack Batchelor, Jr., STA Chair
- II. ONEBAYAREA GRANT (OBAG) OVERVIEW** Robert Macaulay, STA
- III. PRESENTATIONS FROM STA ADVISORY COMMITTEES**
- **Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**
Mike Segala, Vice Chair of the BAC, cited the priority project for the BAC is the completion of the Vaca-Dixon Bike Route, an 8 mile countywide regional bikeway project. He noted this is also an important component for cross-county connectivity; this is the final connection and the last 3 miles that can be built for \$1.8 million.
 - **Lifeline Committee**
Gina Merrell, Member of the Lifeline Committee, cited that the Committee's priority project is the development of rideshare program for low income and senior riders, but is not CMAQ eligible. Their second priority project is additional funding for a travel training (aka Transit Ambassador) program. A good example to follow is the Transit Ambassador Program, successfully implemented by Vacaville City Coach.
 - **Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC)**
Kyrre Helmersen, Committee Member of the PCC, focused on inventory of sidewalk and crossways at key destinations and employment centers, and the PCC also supports funding for the Transit Ambassador Program. He identified the Committee's priority projects that relate to the needs of seniors, low income families and persons with disabilities which are safety upgrade to transit centers and bicycle paths for seniors in wheelchairs using the paths that lead to those centers, as well as the transit ambassador training program.
 - **Pedestrian Advisory Committee**
Larry Mork, Vice Chair of the PAC, explained the PAC's process in determining the projects that are priority. He noted that the Committee requests and receives input from all the cities and the county on projects that affect bicycle and pedestrian paths. He cited that he would like to see other cities develop a bicycle and pedestrian path similar to the one in the City of Rio Vista, which includes not just a walkway but provide restrooms, picnic tables, etc.

- **Safe Routes to Schools Advisory Committee (SR2S)**
 Mel Jordan, Assistant Superintendent of HR Operations at the Vallejo Unified School District and Committee Member of the SR2S Advisory Committee, provided an overview of the three (3) STA Board adopted (SR2S) goals (increase health and safe alternatives to drive alone, reducing the number of driving alone/chauffeured trips, and reduce the number of students versus vehicle accidents along school routes). He noted that the SR2S Advisory Committee is requesting \$1.2 million for future SR2S engineering projects to be identified later at the community level by each advisory committee.
- **Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee**
 Father Fuentes, Faith in Action, cited that the Committee generally supports any projects that improve safety at transit centers, bicycle paths/facilities, and sidewalk and street crossing projects at key destinations. He also indicated that the Committee members also support the funding of the Transit Ambassador program.
- **Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium**
 Mona Babauta, SolTrans Executive Director and Consortium Member, cited that the Consortium has not met to discuss OBAG, but generally supports maintaining an adequate level of service for mass transit, replacement of transit vehicles with clean air/alternative fuel vehicles (and supporting infrastructure), transit and user training. A project involving Transportation System Management improvements on Military West in Benicia was handed out as a potential project for OBAG funding from SolTrans.
- **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**
 Dan Kasperson, TAC Member, noted that the TAC discussed ranking criteria rather than individual projects. He cited that the TAC recommends ratings be qualitative, not quantitative; that some consideration of funding equity be included and that the ability of projects to promote or retain permanent local jobs be ranked high. The TAC discussed but did not reach consensus on whether land use considerations should be included in the ranking criteria.

IV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Below is a compilation of comments from the public:

- George Gwynn commented that there is too much money and too few good projects. He added that much of the process is being driven by UN Agenda 21, and government is telling people what to do in areas it should not be involved in. He commented that the focus should be on maintaining roads. He added that big buses are usually empty and do lots of road damage and should not be funded; however he expressed his support to projects that help everyone, not special interests.
- F.D. Crutchfield noted that the public input is the theater of the absurd. He cited that public comments are taken in and then ignored. He continued by stating that we are broke and unelected bureaucrats are driving the process by creating grand, unrealistic plans. He added that bicyclists should be required to be licensed and registered before they get transportation funding.
- Shirlee Pierce commented that no funding should go to projects that support stack-and-pack housing, mass transit dependence or bicycle lanes. They cited that there is quite a bit of opposition to Plan Bay Area, and the media never reports on the opposition that comes up at public meetings.

- Gary Rannegoo cited that people don't want regional government, and will give up the regional funds and regional projects in order to avoid regional governments. OBAG is implementation of Agenda 21.
- Ginger Emerson commented that there is a lot of local opposition to the Dixon West B Street Undercrossing, and the administrative amendment of the TIP to add the project is an attempt to circumvent public scrutiny. Comments made to MTC by STA staff distorted the issues. She added that if the Dixon West B Street Undercrossing is a safety issue, the at-grade crossing should be fenced off now. Safety is a legitimate point, and criteria #3 should be used.
- Matt Tuggle commented on the pavement maintenance which requires advocacy. He stated that it is underfunded, and the Pavement Condition Index is getting lower. OBAG alone can't cure this – the solution also depends on Washington DC.
- Robin Cox noted that Safe Routes to Schools projects are a win for everyone, and the program can become self sustaining.
- Susan Rochy cited that paratransit is necessary for some, but is much more expensive than regular transit. An Ambassador program that shifts people from Paratransit to transit helps maintain mobility at lower cost.
- Shirley Humphrey cited that many in Dixon lack opportunity to comment on projects and process. If the Dixon West B Street crossing is not worth fencing at this time, then the undercrossing project is not worth doing.

V. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE STA BOARD

Board Member Sperring responded to the comments that the STA Board does not listen to the public. He cited that the Citizen-based Committee members who are presented here are members of the community who volunteer a lot of time attending meetings and making recommendations to the STA Board. He continued by saying that it is unfair for the public to say that the Board does not listen when the recommendations that go to the Board come from Committee comprised of members who represent each of the cities in our County. In addition, he commented on criticism about taxpayer's money. He identified Faith in Action as the perfect example of the limited funding they receive and the amount of people they serve. He also touched on other issues related rail crossings in Davis and Dixon and his strong support for the Travel Ambassador Program.

VI. SCHEDULE FOR OBAG IMPLEMENTATION

Robert Macaulay, STA

VII. ADJOURNMENT