



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Board Minutes for Meeting of**  
**February 13, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hardy called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**MEMBERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jack Batchelor, Chair	City of Dixon
	Steve Hardy, Vice-Chair	City of Vacaville
	Elizabeth Patterson	City of Benicia
	Harry Price	City of Fairfield
	Norman Richardson	City of Rio Vista
	Osby Davis	City of Vallejo
	Pete Sanchez	City of Suisun City
	Jim Spering	County of Solano

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Daryl K. Halls	Executive Director
	Bernadette Curry	Legal Counsel
	Janet Adams	Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
	Johanna Masiclat	Clerk of the Board/Office Manager
	Jayne Bauer	Legislative & Marketing Program Manager
	Susan Furtado	Accounting & Administrative Svc. Manager
	Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager
	Judy Leaks	Program Manager
	Robert Guerrero	Senior Planner
	Sofia Recalde	Mobility Management Program Coordinator
	Sam Shelton	Project Manager
	Sara Woo	Associate Planner
	Sheila Jones	Administrative Assistant
	Karla Valdez	SR2S Program Coordinator

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

**In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:**

Dane Besneatte	City of Dixon Councilmember and new STA Board Alternate Member
Constance Boulware	City of Rio Vista Vice Mayor and new STA Board Alternate Member
Robert Cattey	Property Owner, Highway 12 Industrial Park
Lisa Chavez	District Representative for Senator Lois Wolk
Amanda Dum	City of Suisun City
Bill Emlen	Solano County
Erin Hannigan	Solano County Supervisor District 1 and new STA Alternate Board Member
Dilenna Harris	City of Vacaville Vice Mayor and new STA Alternate Board Member
Mike Hudson	City of Suisun City Vice Mayor and new STA Alternate Board Member
Joe Leach	City of Dixon
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach
Doanh Nguyen	Caltrans
Mike Roberts	City of Benicia
Hermie Sunga	City of Vallejo Councilmember and new STA Board Alternate Member
Matt Tuggle	Solano County

**2. CONFIRM QUORUM/STATEMENT OF CONFLICT**

A quorum was confirmed by the Clerk of the Board. There was no Statement of Conflict declared at this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By consensus, the STA Board approved the agenda to include corrections and modifications to the Board Agenda and Packet as follows:

1. Item VIII.A, STA Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2013 – Under Adjournment, the next regular meeting of the STA Board should read as February 13, 2013 instead of January 9, 2013;
2. Item VIII.H, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized Area Program (FTA Section 5311) and Funding Opportunities, the recommendation should be corrected as shown below in *strikethrough-italics*:

Recommendation:

~~Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to~~ Approve the Federal Section 5311 Allocation for Solano County for FY 2012-13 as shown in Attachment B.

3. Item IX.A, Authorize Implementation of a Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Project Implementation and Funding Strategy with the City of Vallejo for Vallejo Station, Curtola Park and Ride, and I-80 Express Lanes Projects, table until a future meeting of the STA Board.

#### **4. SWEARING-IN OF NEW STA BOARD MEMBER/BOARD ALTERNATES**

- **Dane Besneatte**  
Alternate Board Member representing the City of Dixon
- **Constance Boulware**  
Alternate Board Member representing the City of Rio Vista
- **Erin Hannigan**  
Alternate Board Member representing the County of Solano
- **Dilenna Harris**  
Alternate Board Member representing the City of Vacaville
- **Hermie Sunga**  
Alternate Board Member representing the City of Vallejo

#### **5. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None presented.

#### **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- Five New STA Board Alternates \*
- STA Board Members Head to Sacramento to Discuss Prospects for State Funding for Transportation \*
- I-80/I-680/State Route (SR) 12 Interchange Project Update\*
- State Route 12 East Project Vote Delayed by California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- Revised OneBayAreaGrant (OBAG) Assessments for Project Selection \*
- Regional Measure (RM) 2 Fund Swap with Vallejo to Fully Fund Two Project and Initiate Express Lanes on I-80 in Vallejo \*
- Allocation of Funds for Three Solano Express Bus Purchases \*
- Dixon Pedestrian Underpass Project Prepares for Construction \*
- Discussion of STA Board Workshop Agenda Topics \*
- SNCI Forms Seven New Vanpool Starts in January
- STA Staff Update

#### **7. COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), CALTRANS, AND STAFF:**

##### **MTC Report:**

Board Member and MTC Commissioner Sperring reported that at an earlier meeting, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Oversight Committee approved MTC staff's recommendation to amend the composition of the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) governing board to include a Solano County representative and to authorize MTC and BAIFA to enter into an agreement through which MTC would allow BAIFA to assume MTC's responsibility for the development, operation and financing of the 270-mile Network addressed in the 2011 CTC action. He added that MTC staff will seek approval in March.

##### **Caltrans Report:**

None presented.

**STA Reports:**

**A. Presentation: I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project presented**

1. SR 12 Jameson Canyon
2. Cordelia Truck Scales
3. I-80/I-680/SR 12

Presented by Janet Adams

**B. Directors Report**

1. Planning  
Presented by Robert Guerrero
2. Projects
3. Transit/Rideshare

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Board Member Sanchez, the STA Board approved Consent Calendar Items A through H as amended.

**A. Minutes of the STA Board Meeting of January 9, 2013**

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2013.

**B. Minutes of the STA Board Special Meeting of January 30, 2013**

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2013.

**C. Draft Minutes of the TAC Meeting of January 30, 2013**

Recommendation:

Approve Draft TAC Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2013.

**D. Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Second Quarter Budget Report**

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

**E. Proposition 1B Allocation for Replacement of 3 SolanoExpress Buses**

Approve the following:

1. Allocation of \$2,360,202 of Prop. 1B-PTMISEA funds to SolTrans and allocation of \$581,467 of STAF as the local match to purchase three (3) intercity buses for SolanoExpress;
2. Designate two (2) SolanoExpress buses to Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST);
3. Designate one (1) SolanoExpress bus to Solano County Transit (SolTrans); and
4. Specify three (3) SolanoExpress buses for services on Routes, 30, 78, or 90 per agreement between STA and FAST and STA and SolTrans.

**F. Dixon West B Street Pedestrian Undercrossing Construction Advertisement**

Recommendation:

Approve the following authorizing the Executive Director to:

1. Advertise the project for construction, once the final funding authorization is obtained from Caltrans; and
2. Award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder contingent on the bids being within the authorized funding limit.

**G. Status of Marketing Plan for SolanoExpress and SNCI Program**

Recommendation:

Authorize the STA Board Chair to appoint a SolanoExpress Marketing Sub-Committee.

**H. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized Area Program Section**

Recommendation:

Approve the Federal Section 5311 Allocation for Solano County for FY 2012-13 as shown in Attachment B.

**9. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**A. This item was tabled at the request of STA staff until a future meeting of the STA Board.**

**Authorize Implementation of a Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Project Implementation and Funding Strategy with the City of Vallejo for Vallejo Station, Curtola Park and Ride, and I-80 Express Lanes Projects**

**10. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**A. Legislative Update**

Jayne Bauer provided an update on current legislation. She stated that STA staff met with staff members of our state legislators on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento and that STA is working with STA's state legislative advocate, Gus Khouri of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc., to schedule meetings in February between STA Board members and our legislators at the State Capitol. She noted that these bills (SCA 4 and SCA 8) are identical measures that are aimed at lowering the voter threshold from 66% to 55% for local transportation sales tax measures. She noted that currently 19 counties have a local sales tax approved by their voters dedicated to transportation. These local measures are now providing nearly 70% of available resources for transportation financing in California.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

Board Member Patterson conveyed her strong support for these bills and their ability to cover funding for all modes of transportation.

Recommendation:

Adopt the following positions on legislative bills:

1. SCA 4 (Liu) – Support
2. SCA 8 (Corbett) – Support

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Board Member Spring, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**B. Status of State Route (SR) 12 East Safety Project**

Janet Adams provided an overview of State Route (SR) 12 East Safety Project. She stated that the second SR 12 East SHOPP project is ready to proceed and Caltrans has completed its environmental and design process, and has acquired most of the right-of-way needed. She commented that one property remains to be acquired and Caltrans has requested that the CTC approve a Resolution of Necessity (RON) to allow Caltrans to

initiate the Eminent Domain process for this remaining right-of-way needed for the project. She highlighted the Caltrans staff report for the January 8, 2013 CTC hearing, (Attachment A) and the Highway 12 Association letter in support of the property owner (Attachment B).

**Board and Public Comments:**

Board Member Spering stated that Caltrans is responsible for establishing an applicable recommendation with the property owner. He suggested that if a solution cannot be made the STA should engage to prevent further delay of this project. He stated that the sequence should be to move forward with the project and wait for Caltrans to come back with a recommendation that the Board can respond to.

Board Member Richardson stated that a resolution was brought forth by the County whereas Cattey Lane would become a public road. . He stated that Robert Cattey would dedicate Cattey Lane and promised to maintain it and therefore allow Caltrans to establish a left turn pocket on a follow-up project.

Board Member Patterson expressed concerns on the drainage flood issues and that expediting this project may pose safety and future project construction problems.

Board Member Richardson responded that Caltrans had read the maps incorrectly. He stated that the wetland was not on Mr. Cattey's property and that they did not want water draining across State Route (SR) 12 onto another resident's property but that is the natural course of water flow supplying water to three surrounding wetlands in which cannot be blocked. He stated that Caltrans did not offer any solutions to the issue.

Daryl Halls provided background on the delays pertaining to this three phase corridor safety improvement approach. He stated that the delays were due to budget constraints and environmental challenges. He described the turn pocket option and its potential policy issues.

Mr. Robert Cattey, Rio Vista property owner, addressed the STA Board with ongoing concerns regarding Caltrans' final resolution and position on constructing a left turn pocket on SR 12 at Cattey Lane and potential flooding in the area. He described the congestion and camera footage of accidents occurring throughout this area. He stated that without a left turn pocket it is dangerous to his family and other employees. He proposed to Caltrans that closing the main entrance could be explored but has been unsuccessful with them. He stated that a meeting was held at his ranch last week with Mayor Richardson, County staff, and Caltrans to discuss options and he proposed construction of a culvert.

Board Member Patterson asked if the culvert will affect the feasibility of the project.

Board Member Richardson responded that it will not and noted that insertion of an intersection and changing Cattey Lane to a County Road is another option. He suggested to go with a larger culvert now and noted that closing the road could pose problems for emergency exits from Trilogy Golf Course.

Board Member Batchelor asked if based on the changes mentioned above would cause a revision of the CEQA for compliance.

Doanh Nguyen of Caltrans responded that any change in the work scope would require environmental clearance from associated agencies and would affect CEQA and require re-consulting from USFWS and the Water Board and noted that both sides of the highway in this area are flood zones. He recommended keeping the project as is to get the funding at the March CTC meeting and begin the project in 2014.

Board Member Patterson stated that the overall project needs to satisfy Caltrans, the property owner and the safety.

Board Member Richardson recommended that Caltrans re-examine the drainage issue.

Board Member Spring recommended sending a letter to CTC stating that this project needs to move forward with these improvements for the safety of daily drivers and ask the CTC to direct Caltrans to work with Solano County and the City of Rio Vista to find a solution to Mr. Cattey's concerns. He stated that the flooding issue also needs to be examined.

Board Member Patterson concurred and proposed to amend the recommendation to show that it is the direction of STA staff ask the CTC to direct Caltrans to work with the property owner and Solano County to resolve the issue raised by the property owner.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Authorize the Chair to forward a letter to the CTC supporting approval of the Caltrans Right of Necessity (RON) for the SR 12 East Safety Project *to move forward*; and
2. ~~Authorize the STA to work with Caltrans, the City of Rio Vista and the County of Solano to identify a viable solution to the access and safety issues that have been identified.~~ *Ask the CTC to direct Caltrans to work with the property owner and Solano County to resolve the issue raised by the property owner.*

On a motion by Board Member Spring, and a second by Board Member Richardson, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation as amended shown above in ~~strikethrough~~ *bold italics*.

**C. OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Candidate Projects Assessment and Funding Eligibility**

Sam Shelton presented the OBAG Candidate Projects Assessment and Funding Source Eligibility. He stated that at the January 9, 2013 Board meeting discussion of the OBAG Candidate Projects Assessment Matrix, the STA Board tabled their action until their next meeting to allow the TAC members who were absent during the January 2, 2013 TAC meeting more time and opportunity to review the assessment. He added that on January 9, 2013, the City of Benicia submitted a comment letter requesting several changes to the OBAG Selection Criteria (Attachment D) and that STA staff recommends adjusting the criteria regarding "proportional equity" to criteria that describes how many different jurisdictions benefit from a project (Attachment E). He concluded that STA staff will score a project with a "yes" if that project benefits residents from multiple jurisdictions.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

Board Member Patterson asked what metric system was used for the “number of residents” criteria that would benefit pedestrians in areas with high volumes of traffic?

Sam Shelton referred Board Member Patterson to the last criteria definition found on page 124 of the STA Board packet, which describes that projects will be ranked “yes” if that project is located in areas with high volumes of county traffic and if that project provides service to large populations. He noted that this methodology was reviewed by the STA Board at their December 2012 meeting. Board Member Patterson stated that it would be useful if the metric for this criteria was included in the report.

Recommendation:

Approve the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Candidate Projects Assessment results as shown in Attachment E.

On a motion by Board Member Sperring, and a second by Vice-Chair Davis, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**D. Discussion of Agenda Topics for STA Board Retreat/Workshop**

Daryl Halls provided an overview of the items to be discussed at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board workshop. He stated that Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the STA Technical Advisory Committee representatives will participate as guest speakers.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

Board Member Sperring supports the topics to be discussed.

Board Member Patterson suggested inviting other transportation agencies outside of Solano County such as TransForm to provide their input on Mobility Management.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Schedule a special STA Board Retreat for March 13, 2013 at 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.;  
and
2. Request STA staff develop a draft meeting agenda for consideration by the STA Board at the meeting of February 13, 2013.

On a motion by Board Member Sperring, and a second by Board Member Richardson, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendations.

**11. INFORMATIONAL – DISCUSSION NECESSARY**

**A. Senate Bill (SB) 1339 – Regional Commuter Benefit**

Judy Leaks reviewed the development of SB 1339 Regional Commuter Benefit which authorizes a four-year pilot program to enable the Bay Area Air Quality management District (BAAQMD) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to jointly adopt a regional commute benefit requirement for employers with 50 or more full-time employees.

**NO DISCUSSION NECESSARY**

**B Status of Priority Development Area (PDA) Assessments and Investment Strategy**

**C. Development of Solano County Priority Conservation Areas (PCA) Pilot and Investment Strategy**

**D. Solano County Annual Pothole Report Development Update**

**E. Proposed Solano Community College Transportation Fee Program**

**F. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Priority Projects Review**

**G. Funding Opportunities Summary**

**H. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013**

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

A **STA Board Workshop** from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. will be held at the Clubhouse, Rancho Solano Country Club, 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy. in Fairfield prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the STA Board at **6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2013, Suisun Council Chambers.**

**Attested by:**



**Johanna Masielat**  
**Clerk of the Board**

**/March 4, 2013**

**Date**