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DATE: March 18, 2013  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager  
RE: Letters of Support for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)/  
New Freedom Funding

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**Background:**

Caltrans recently released a call for projects for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom projects in the state's small urbanized areas (UAs) and rural areas. The program purpose of JARC is to improve access to transportation services to employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals. The program purpose for New Freedom is to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with Disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society. Estimated available federal funding statewide is \$1.9 million for JARC and \$1.4 million for New Freedom. One of the eligible projects for both JARC and New Freedom include Mobility Management.

**Discussion:**

Two agencies are requesting support letters from the STA Board, Faith In Action (FIA) for FIA Volunteer Driver Program and STA for Solano County Mobility Management Program.

STA staff recommends STA providing a Letter of Support to Caltrans in Support of the Faith in Action (FIA) funding application for New Freedom for FIA Volunteer Driver Program for Seniors. Faith in Action provides non-acute, non-medical support services to homebound frail seniors, seniors with cancer and other chronic illnesses seniors with disabilities including mental illness, and their family caregivers. Transportation can be curb-to-curb, door-to-door, or door-through-door. All services are provided by volunteers.

STA staff recommends submitting a grant application to Caltrans for the Solano Mobility Management Program from JARC and New Freedom before the Solano Mobility Management Plan is finalized so as to not miss out on these potential funding opportunities. The estimated completion date for the Solano Mobility Management Plan is June 2013. However, applications are due to Caltrans on April 16, 2013. A letter of support for the Mobility Management Program and an Authorizing Resolution will be going to the STA Board for approval in April.

The projects that staff will be requesting funding for from the JARC and New Freedom for the Solano Mobility Management Plan include:

- Develop a partnership and network with all the transportation providers and other stakeholders in Solano County
- Call Center and website to coordinate transportation information
- Travel Training Programs

- Inventory Older Driver Safety Information
- Public Outreach
- Marketing

**Fiscal Impact:**

For this grant cycle, Transportation Development Credits (Toll Credits) will provide the minimum local share for eligible expenditures. Toll Credits may be used to fulfill a project's local share requirement. Since toll credits will be used as local match, there is not fiscal impact.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to ~~authorize the Chair to forward:~~

1. ~~A~~ **Submit** Letter of Support to Caltrans in Support of the Faith in Action funding applications for New Freedom for FIA Volunteer Driver Program for Seniors; and
2. ~~A Letter of Support to Caltrans in Support of the Solano Transportation funding applications for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom for Solano Mobility Management Program.~~ **Apply for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding for the Solano Mobility Management Program.**

