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New Countywide In-Person ADA Eligibility Program Launches July 1st

Suisun City, CA – The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and the Solano County transit operators are launching a NEW Countywide In-Person Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Eligibility Program.

Starting July 1, 2013, the current paper-based application process will be replaced with a more personalized in-person process where a qualified professional will interview applicants and, if needed, assess an applicant’s physical and functional ability to use fixed route transit. Medical verification from a health care professional will no longer be required. ADA eligibility assessment centers will be located in each city throughout the County, and complimentary paratransit rides to and from the assessment center will be provided for the applicant upon request.

The primary goals of the NEW Countywide In-Person ADA Eligibility program are to:

- Make more accurate ADA eligibility determinations
- Ensure high quality paratransit service for passengers who truly need the service
- Promote alternative transportation modes for people who may be able to use fixed route and other transportation options

Through July 2013, STA and the transit operators will conduct extensive public outreach in each city to explain the new process and to answer questions. In addition, there will be an Open House at each assessment center, so the public can view the site and receive more information. Please see the table below for a list of Open Houses.

The Countywide In-Person ADA Eligibility Program is a component of the new Solano Mobility Management Program coordinated by the STA in partnership with the transit operators in Solano County. Mobility Management is “short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers.” More information about the Program can be found on the STA website at: <http://www.sta.ca.gov/Content/10144/preview.html>.

If you have questions about the Countywide In-Person ADA Eligibility Program or Open Houses, you may call STA’s Transit Mobility Coordinator Sofia Recalde at 707-399-3230 or email srecalde@sta-snci.com.

Monday, June 10	Tuesday, June 11	Wednesday, June 12
Suisun City City Hall 701 Civic Center Blvd, Suisun City <u>9:30-11am</u>	Rio Vista Senior Center 25 Main Street, Rio Vista <u>10-11:30am</u>	Fairfield Transportation Center 2000 Cadenasso Drive, Fairfield <u>1:30-3pm</u>
Vacaville City Hall Public Works Department 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville <u>Noon-1:30</u>	Dixon Transportation Center 220 N. Jefferson St, Dixon <u>1:30-3pm</u>	<i>Additional outreach opportunities may be available; please contact:</i> <u>Benicia/Vallejo</u> Ward Stewart – 707-648-4112 <u>Dixon/Rio Vista</u> Sofia Recalde – 707-399-3230 <u>Fairfield/Suisun City</u> Debbie Whitbeck – 707-434-3809 <u>Vacaville</u> Brian McLean – 707-469-6504
Vallejo Vallejo Transit Center 311 Sacramento Street, Vallejo <u>5-7pm</u>	Benicia Library 150 East L Street, Benicia <u>5:30-7pm</u>	

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