

Get to Know Solano County Transit



Community-focused **Solano County Transit** (SolTrans) is a Joint Powers Authority that provides effective and sustainable public transportation to the southern Solano County cities of Vallejo and Benicia.

Increased Mobility

For Local and Regional Travel

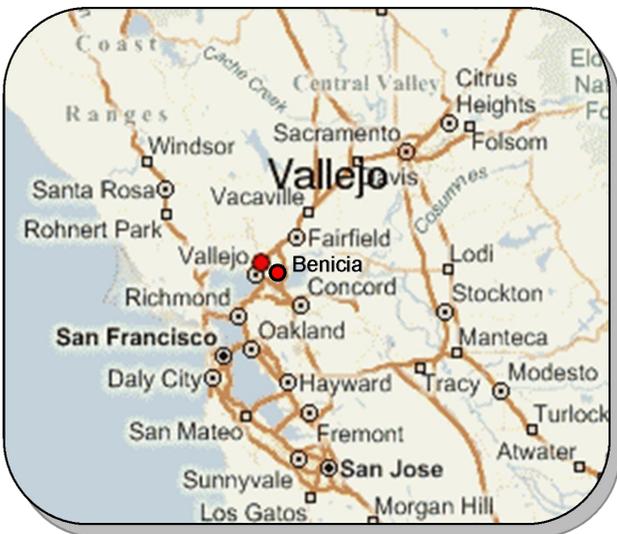
SolTrans provides local and express bus service to the Solano County cities of Vallejo, Benicia and Fairfield, with express bus service connecting to the Contra Costa County communities of El Cerrito, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, and regional connections to San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

For Seniors, Medicare Cardholders and Persons with Disabilities

SolTrans Paratransit is available to qualified, certified persons with disabilities unable to board SolTrans fixed-route buses or access SolTrans bus stops.

Overview

- City of Vallejo, City of Benicia and the Solano Transportation Authority forms SolTrans in December 2010.
- SolTrans assumes full responsibility for the operation of public transit programs previously managed by the cities in July 2011.
- The agency provides local fixed-route and regional commuter bus service, complementary paratransit service per the ADA, General Public Dial-a-Ride, and subsidized local and countywide taxi services.



Vallejo and Benicia

Gateway to the San Francisco Bay Area

Vallejo is the largest city in Solano County, California. The population was 115,942 at the 2010 census. It is the tenth most populous city in the San Francisco Bay Area. Benicia is a waterside city in Solano County and the population was 26,997 at the 2010 census.

Our Mission

SolTrans delivers safe, reliable, and efficient transportation services that effectively link people, jobs and our communities.

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SolTrans Outlook

As a relatively young agency, in the three years since its formation SolTrans has laid critical foundations and improved infrastructure to offer enhanced access to jobs, schools and local commerce and contributes to local congestion management. The agency has eliminated an operating deficit and increased operational efficiency.

SolTrans constantly strives to improve operating efficiencies, service reliability, passenger safety and to be good environmental stewards.

Recent Accomplishments

- Increase in ridership of over 6% year-over-year.
- Service expansion to Cal Maritime University, a California State University located in Vallejo.
- Approval of a seven-year service contract with National Express Transit.
- Completion of two regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) projects improving signage and inclusion of SolTrans in 511.org trip planning.
- Installation of video security systems on all SolTrans buses.
- Implementation of electronic fare collection systems on local fixed-route buses.

Significant Projects Underway

- Initiation of a study to explore compressed natural gas (CNG) buses to replace vehicles soon to be retired from service.
- Development of two major capital projects: SolTrans Curtola Park & Ride – a transportation hub for commuters to and from regional centers in San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties – and an operation and maintenance facility renovation project.
- Installing Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) technology on all SolTrans buses to allow customers to obtain real-time arrival and departure information.
- Initiation of a regional smartcard program, Clipper, which will allow seamless travel on neighboring Bay Area transit systems.
- Launch of a comprehensive transit system analysis and restructuring project to identify ways to improve SolTrans' operational efficiency and ridership.

SolTrans by the Numbers

- **1.3 Million** – number of unlinked fixed-route passenger trips
- **112,931** – average per month fixed-route ridership number (FY12-13)
- **27,775** – number of complementary paratransit trips
- **14,223** – number of General Public Dial-a-Ride paratransit trips
- **19,112** – number of SolTrans subsidized taxi trips
- **39%** – farebox recovery (as compared to Bay Area average of 25.4%)



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