

**JOINT BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)
&
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 6, 2014
Solano Transportation Authority, Conference Room 1
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585-2473**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>MEMBER/STAFF PERSON</u>
1. CALL TO ORDER/SELF INTRODUCTIONS	Mike Segala, BAC Chair/ Tamer Totah PAC Chair
2. CONFIRM QUORUMS	Mike Segala, BAC Chair/ Tamer Totah PAC Chair
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Mike Segala, BAC Chair/ Tamer Totah PAC Chair
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT	
5. PRESENTATIONS	
A. Automated Bike/Ped Counters	Chris Barney, SCTA
6. ACTION ITEMS	
A. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Allocation Request (6:10–6:45 p.m.) <u>Recommendation:</u> Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve, pending the BAC and PAC approval, the following:	Drew Hart

STA BAC MEMBERS

Ray Posey	Michael Segala (Chair)	Nancy Lund (Vice Chair)	Jim Fisk	David Pyle	Derek Nelson	Lori Wilson	Mick Weninger	Barbara Wood
City of Vacaville	County of Solano	City of Benicia	City of Dixon	City of Fairfield	City of Rio Vista	City of Suisun City	City of Vallejo	Member-At-Large

STA PAC MEMBERS

Pete Turner	Bil Paul (Vice Chair)	Tamer Totah (Chair)	Kevin McNamara	Mike Hudson	Shannon Lujan	Teresa Booth	Vacant
City of Benicia	City of Dixon	City of Fairfield	City of Rio Vista	City of Suisun City	City of Vacaville	City of Vallejo	County of Solano
		Kathy Hoffman Bay Area Ridge Trail Council	Vacant Solano Community College	Vacant Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group	Tim Choi	Member at Large	

1. \$90,000 of FY 2014-15 TDA Article 3 funds for bicycle and pedestrian improvements to be completed as part of the Dixon West B Street Undercrossing Project
2. \$10,000 of FY 2014-15 TDA Article 3 funds for the purchase of automated bike and pedestrian counters.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled PAC Meeting is Thursday, December 11, 2014, and the next regularly scheduled BAC Meeting is Thursday, November 6, 2014.

2014 BAC MEETING SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendars for these dates

May 1, 2014

July 10, 2014

September 11, 2014

November 6, 2014*

BAC Questions? Please contact STA staff, Drew Hart, (707) 399-3214, ahart@sta-snci.com

2014 PAC MEETING SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendars for these dates

April 17, 2014

June 19, 2014

August 21, 2014

December 11, 2014*

PAC Questions? Please contact STA staff, Sofia Recalde, (707) 399-3230, srecalde@sta-snci.com



DATE: September 17, 2014
TO: Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee
FROM: Drew Hart, Associate Planner
RE: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Allocation Request

Background:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) is a funding source generated by a 1/4 cent tax on retail sales collected in California's 58 counties. Two percent of the total TDA funds is dedicated for pedestrian and bicycle projects. This two-percent, referred to as TDA Article 3, is returned to each county to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers this funding for each of the nine Bay Area counties with assistance from each of the county Congestion Management Agencies (e.g. STA for Solano County). The STA works with the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and staff from the seven cities and the County to prioritize projects for potential TDA Article 3 funding.

Since TDA Article 3 funds are based on sales tax receipts, the funding varies from year to year; approximately \$300,000 available annually for Solano County. These funds carry over from the previous year if TDA Article 3 funds go unspent.

The Dixon West B Street Bicycle Pedestrian Undercrossing project is a priority for the STA's Bicycle, Pedestrian, Safe Routes to School Advisory Committees, as well as the City of Dixon. The total project cost was estimated to be \$6.775M, and the project sponsor, STA, on behalf of the City of Dixon, successfully secured funding from a combination of local, state and federal sources. The project previously had a funding shortfall of \$250,000 due to unanticipated costs. At the April 2, 2014 Joint BAC/PAC special meeting, both advisory committees approved the allocation of \$250,000 in TDA Article 3 to cover the funding shortfall.

The STA Board approved the following projects for TDA Article 3 funding in 2013 and 2014:

- Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade: \$450,000
 - *Status: Funding approved and obligated. Groundbreaking October 10, 2014*
- Suisun Train Station Improvements: \$35,000
 - *Status: Funding approved and scheduled to receive obligation in 2014-15, and projected to finish project April 2015*
- Dixon West B Street Undercrossing: \$250,000
 - *Status: Funding approved and obligated. Ribbon cutting August 18, 2014*

Discussion:

STA staff is making a recommendation for the use of TDA Article 3 Funds for the following projects:

- *Dixon West B Street Undercrossing / \$90,000*
The City of Dixon hosted the West B Street Undercrossing Ribbon Cutting ceremony on August 18, 2014. Late changes such as extending length and adding height to the retaining wall, adding additional hand railing, and other items have caused a cost overrun. TDA Article 3 funds are being requested to cover these final items in the amount of \$90,000.
- *Investment in automated bike and pedestrian counters / \$10,000*
Automated bicycle and pedestrian counters provide an efficient way to collect non-motorized travel data. These automated devices can collect data over much longer periods of time than manual counts, and can identify daily, weekly, and monthly variations in travel patterns. During the first round of ATP funding, STA staff paid close attention to successful application trends. Foremost was the ability to provide current bike and pedestrian counts, and then a plan for collecting counts after the project completion. Investing in automated bike and pedestrian counters that will be managed by STA staff and moved around the county to strategic locations will help partner agencies be more competitive for grants.

This item is being presented at this time to 1) prepare Solano County to be competitive for the next round of ATP funding, and 2) be included with Dixon’s undercrossing project as one coordinated countywide claim to MTC in order to streamline tracking efforts.

Typically TDA Article 3 recommendations first receive approval from the BAC and PAC, then is presented to the TAC which would send a recommendation to the STA Board. However, due to timing constraints, this item was approved by the TAC on September 24th contingent on the approval of the BAC and PAC. Therefore, if this recommendation is approved by the BAC and PAC, then the recommendation would proceed to the STA Board on October 8, 2014.

If these recommendations are approved, the remaining balance of TDA Article 3 funds in FY 14-15 for countywide bicycle and pedestrian projects is \$67,005. Solano County can anticipate receiving approximately \$300,000 in TDA Article 3 funds in the next fiscal year (FY 2015-16) for an estimated total of \$367,005.

TDA Article 3 Funding Summary

Available as of 1/31/2014	\$604,161
2014-15 TDA Article 3 Revenue Estimate (available July 2014)	\$297,844
Total Available for FY 2014-15	\$902,005
<i>Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade</i>	(\$450,000)
<i>Suisun Station Bike/Ped Improvements</i>	(\$35,000)
<i>Dixon West B Bike/Ped Undercrossing</i>	(\$250,000)
<i>Dixon West B Bike/Ped Undercrossing</i>	(\$90,000)
<i>Automated Bike/Ped Counters</i>	(\$10,000)
FY 2014-15 Balance after STA commitments	\$67,005

Fiscal Impact:

FY 2014-15 TDA Article 3 funds for \$90,000 will help complete construction of the Dixon West B Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Undercrossing Project. An additional \$10,000 for automated counters will improve data collection and grant competitiveness.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve, pending the BAC and PAC approval, the following:

1. \$90,000 of FY 2014-15 TDA Article 3 funds for bicycle and pedestrian improvements to be completed as part of the Dixon West B Street Undercrossing Project.
2. \$10,000 of FY 2014-15 TDA Article 3 funds for the purchase of automated bike and pedestrian counters.