

17th Annual STA Awards



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2014 STA Board



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Susan Rotchy

Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation
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- Susan Rotchy is the Executive Director at Independent Living Resource Center for Solano and Contra Costa Counties. The focus of her job is helping people with disabilities live normal, independent lives.
- Through education, empowerment and advocacy, Susan strives to fully incorporate those with disabilities into the community and eliminate institutional, social and attitudinal barriers that hinder progress. Since 2009, she has actively contributed to improving transportation options for people with disabilities by participating in two Senior and Disabled Transportation Summits and serving on the Senior and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Ms. Rotchy also provides sensitivity training to the Solano Mobility Call Center, partners with STA to provide travel training for persons with disabilities, and is a champion for Mobility Management.

Safe Routes to School

Kim Van Gundy
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District



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- Kim Van Gundy has been instrumental in promoting the various elements of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program to Fairfield-Suisun schools as a way to help build community within the schools and surrounding neighborhoods.
- She has encouraged principals to participate in the Walking School Bus program to help alleviate traffic problems around schools, and has encouraged the educational components of Safe Routes to School. She has been a great resource to SR2S staff, making herself available when needed.
- Ms. VanGundy was instrumental in mediating neighborhood concerns about traffic surrounding Laurel Creek Elementary School in Fairfield. With SR2S staff, she attended parent and community meetings to address questions about options to reduce traffic congestion around the school. She encouraged the principal to participate in and support the Walking School Bus program.

Safe Routes to School

B. Gale Wilson Walking School Bus, Fairfield



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- The B. Gale Wilson Walking School Bus (WSB) began as a pilot program which eventually led the way for STA obtaining a federal grant to roll out the WSB program in all Solano County elementary schools. To date, it has doubled in participation and is the flagship WSB in our program.
- In April 2014, the WSB became so successful that it was in danger of being disbanded because it did not have enough parent volunteers to keep a safe adult leader to child ratio as the children walked. Not wanting to end the WSB, the lead parent volunteer, Ann Blystra worked tirelessly to contact parents of participating students for help. Parents recognized the positive impact the WSB program had on their children and took turns volunteering so that it could continue.
- The B. Gale Wilson WSB is a prime example of the positive impact the program has on students and parents and has become part of the culture of B. Gale Wilson School.

Business of the Year

Genentech
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Vacaville

- Genentech competed for the 8th consecutive year in SNCI's Solano Commute Challenge campaign in which employees receive rewards for using alternative transportation. During each of the last 8 years, Genentech has ranked among the top 5 participating employers. They came in first place in this year's competition with 104 Commute Champions and a total of 184 employee participants.
- Working closely with Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI), Genentech launched a vanpool program for its employees last year, offering a commute alternative at no cost to Genentech employees living at least 20 miles away from the Vacaville Site. Currently there are 17 vanpools travelling to Genentech, with availability for 120 employees.
- Genentech encourages their employees to participate in the Bike to Work Day campaign and has 30 employees enrolled in the Solano County Emergency Ride Home Program.

Transportation for Sustainable Communities

City of Rio Vista Rural/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) Project



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- Rio Vision, a community based group of Rio Vista businesses and residents, was selected for the Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) program sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The R/UDAT brought together the expertise of nationally recognized professionals to create a new sustainable vision for Rio Vista.
- The Vision identified four focus areas: to create a more viable business environment; revitalize the waterfront area; connect the old and new housing stock; and adapt as Highway 12 changes over time.
- The R/UDAT created a collaborative relationship between the City of Rio Vista, Rio Vision, and local organizations, businesses and residents, as well as the STA and Solano EDC. More than 300 participants attended the two public meetings.
- The R/UDAT resulted in a 70 page report and endorsement by the Rio Vista City Council. In addition, several committees formed to focus on the implementation of recommended improvements.



Safety Project of the Year

City of Dixon

West B Street Undercrossing Project



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- The West B Street undercrossing is located in close proximity to Dixon's downtown, Anderson Elementary School and adjacent residential areas. The current at-grade crossing facilitates an estimated 300 pedestrian trips daily, the majority of which are children accessing schools on either side of the railroad tracks. Two fatalities have been reported at the project location since 1990.
- The City of Dixon partnered with STA to replace the existing at-grade pedestrian/bicycle crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad with an undercrossing to improve safety and to advance the site readiness for the proposed future Dixon passenger rail station service. This new underpass allows pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross the tracks to access other parts of the City or the proposed Intermodal Facility.
- The \$7 million project constructed decorative retaining walls, security fencing on both sides of the tracks, installation of security cameras, ADA-compliant ramps and a stairway on both sides of the tracks.
- This project is a critical component of the Solano Safe Routes to School program, enhancing opportunities for students to reach school safely while diminishing the need for vehicle traffic that contributes to air pollution and roadway congestion.



Project of the Year

Highway 12 Jameson Canyon Widening Caltrans



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Project of the Year

Highway 12 Jameson Canyon Widening Caltrans

- To safely accommodate the increasing number of motorists traveling between Napa and Solano Counties, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) widened a 5.8-mile stretch of State Route 12 through Jameson Canyon Road from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway with over 23,000 linear feet of retaining walls.
- The project extends on Highway 12 from the Highway 29 junction in Napa County to Red Top Road in Solano County. The Project included property acquisitions from 27 property owners, over 40 electrical and telephone pole relocations, and other major utility relocations such as a Department of Water Resources aqueduct, City of Vallejo water pipelines, and four private water and irrigation pipelines.
- The project constructed additional lanes, providing standard width shoulders, and installed a concrete median barrier along the entire length of the project with a special “U” turn design feature with an added acceleration lane for a safer merge.
- The project was also located in an environmentally sensitive area. Endangered red-legged frog species were present and appropriate mitigation needed to be performed in tandem with the construction. Large mammal crossings were an issue in this rural area and a safety concern for motorists. To address these environmental and safety concerns, the project constructed a box culvert under the roadway, provided openings in the median barrier throughout the length of the project, installed directional fences, and upsized storm drainage cross culverts to accommodate animal crossings.
- This project had challenges, but communications with property owners and utility providers assisted in the successful completion of the project.

Project Delivery



City of Vacaville



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City of Vacaville

- The City of Vacaville has consistently submitted documentation upon request and met project delivery milestones, obligating four federal-aid projects during FY 2013-14 totaling \$1.47M:
- Preliminary Engineering phases for three projects:
 - Ulatis Creek Bike/Ped Path,
 - Allison PDA Bike/Ped Improvements, and a
 - Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Improvements project at Vaca High School and Foxboro Elementary;
- Construction Phase for the 2014 Pavement Resurfacing project.
- The process for these obligations went smoothly, with all documentation being provided to STA and Caltrans before the stated deadlines. The City of Vacaville was prompt in their notification to Caltrans, MTC, and STA of any changes to projects.
- The City of Vacaville's staff went above and beyond by presenting topics and providing outside information from other groups to the Project Delivery Working Group.

Partner of the Year

Caltrans



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- During 2014, Caltrans made significant contributions to the completion of State Route 12 Jameson Canyon, the I-80 Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Vacaville and Dixon, completing Phase 1 of the I-80 Ramp Metering Implementation, and initiated the upgrade of the Curtola Park-n-Ride Hub Project.
- The 5.6-mile long SR 12 Jameson Canyon Project was completed in September 2014. This project was developed and implemented with the support and contributions of Caltrans. Caltrans led the environmental, right-of-way and construction phases, and the project was completed on time and within the budget.
- The I-80 Pavement Rehabilitation Project between the Vacaville and Dixon in 2014 completes the I-80 rehabilitation program that Caltrans began in 2009. With this project, I-80 through Solano County has been upgraded with improvements to last for 20 years.
- The I-80 Ramp Metering was initiated in 2013. The first phase through Fairfield completed its first year with operations going as planned. Caltrans and its partner agencies; MTC, the Cities along the I-80 corridor and STA are continuing to monitor the current phase while getting ready to implement Phase 2. This segment will extend through Vacaville and include both directions of I-80 from Fairfield through Vacaville. Caltrans is operating the system as requested by the STA member agencies, whereas the meters are activated when the freeway conditions congest to a level that demands the metering.
- The successful implementation of the Curtola Park & Ride Hub Project was facilitated by Caltrans' active participation in the Project Delivery Team. The facility is partially on Caltrans right-of-way and required approvals to allow the upgrade to move ahead. Further, Caltrans was supportive of the recently passed legislation (SB 1368, Wolk) that allows Caltrans park & ride lots to be relinquished to joint powers authorities like Solano County Transit (SolTrans). The upgrade began construction in June 2014 to add parking spaces, facilitate transit operations on the site, improve safety and security and enhance this gateway to the City of Vallejo.



Agency of the Year

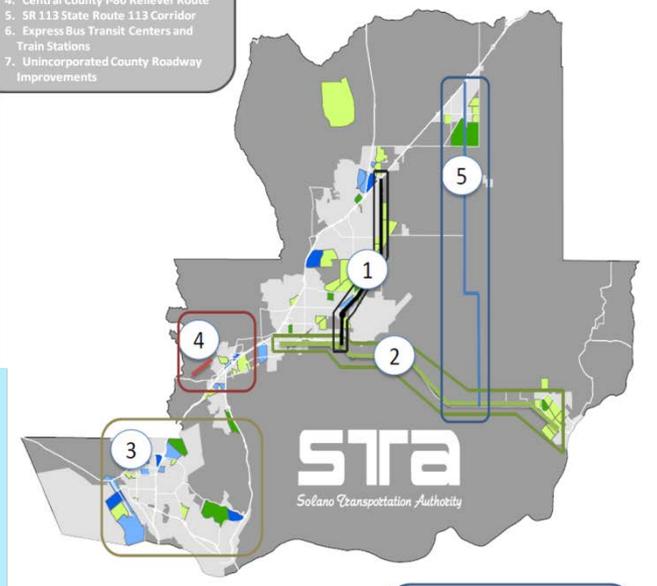
County of Solano
Supervisor Jim Spering



Regional Transportation Impact Fee Implementation Packages and Programs

7 RTIF Implementation Packages

1. Jepson Parkway
2. SR 12 Corridor
3. South County
4. Central County I-80 Reliever Route
5. SR 113 State Route 113 Corridor
6. Express Bus Transit Centers and Train Stations
7. Unincorporated County Roadway Improvements



For more information on Solano County's Regional Transportation Impact Fee contact:

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County of Solano

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- The Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) is a development fee collected to improve transportation facilities countywide to accommodate the growth impacts created by new development.
- The County of Solano assisted the STA and its member agencies in including the RTIF as part of their Public Facility Fee and has been collected by the County since February 3, 2014. The STA has collected just over \$382,000 since then.
- The RTIF is estimated to provide nearly \$10 million over the next 5 years as a local development contribution towards transportation infrastructure projects.
- The funding provided by the RTIF is locally generated and is an important financial resource for environmental and design phases of projects, in addition to constructing improvements. The RTIF is also an important financial resource for acquiring additional federal and state funds that require local match.



Special Award

Mayor Steve Hardy, City of Vacaville





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- Steve Hardy has successfully and effectively served as the City of Vacaville's representative on the STA Board. During his tenure, he served as Chair of the STA in 2013, was a member of the STA's Executive Committee, Jepson Parkway Subcommittee and RTIF Advisory Committee.
- Mayor Steve Hardy has served as a member of the STA Board for four years (2011 – 2014). During this timeframe, he has supported and/or advocated for the completion of the Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales, the SR 12 Jameson Canyon Widening Project, the funding of the Jepson Parkway segments in Vacaville and Fairfield, the Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station, improved mobility for seniors and people with disabilities, and funding for the Safe Routes to School program in Vacaville and throughout Solano County.
- As the Chair of the STA and a Board Member, he actively participated in and led the STA's efforts in Washington, DC and Sacramento. Thanks to his efforts, the STA has been able to obtain federal funding for the STA's Safe Routes to School and Mobility Management for Senior and People with Disabilities programs.
- During his tenure and with his support, STA was able to work to complete and initiate several priority projects along I-80 and SR 12. The STA was also able to form a partnership between the County and the seven cities to dedicate a portion of the County's Facility Fee to transportation through the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) program administered by the STA.
- Mayor Hardy regularly attended the events sponsored by other cities in an effort to demonstrate the team-work and partnership of the STA and its eight member agencies and he consistently and effectively conveyed that message during his visits to Washington, DC and Sacramento.
- The STA wishes to thank Mayor Steve Hardy for his work on transportation issues the last 4 years, and to acknowledge his valuable contributions that have benefitted and will continue to benefit all of Solano County.

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