



CTSA-AC Meeting
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Preparing for Solano County Growth in Numbers for Seniors

Solano County Older Adult Population Growth by Age

	2010	2040	% Change
Solano	46,847	105,912	126.1%

Source: 2010 Census SF1 Table P12; ABAG Forecasts

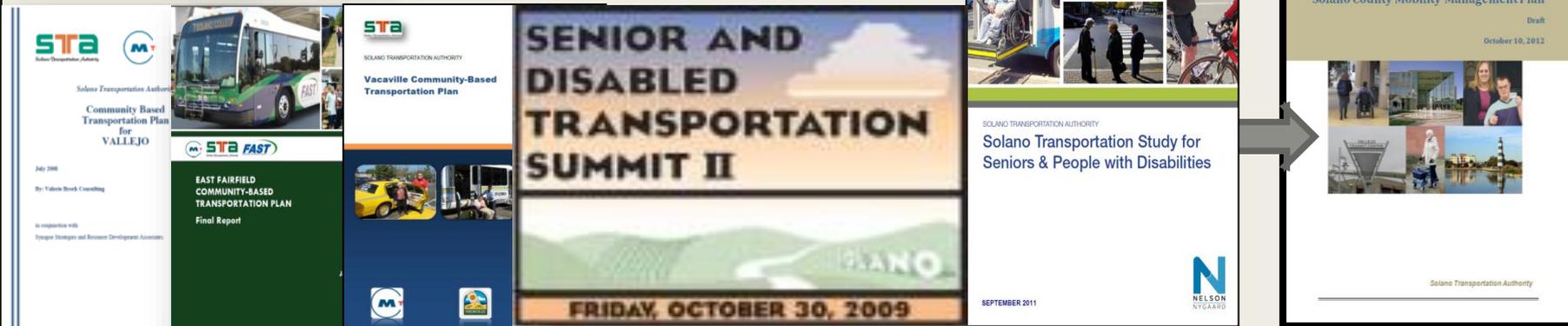
- 2010 - 7.3% of Solano County population are people who live with a disability
- 2010 - 11% of Solano County population are seniors 65 years or older
- 2040 - 21% of Solano County residence will be seniors 65 years or older



How Issues Were Identified

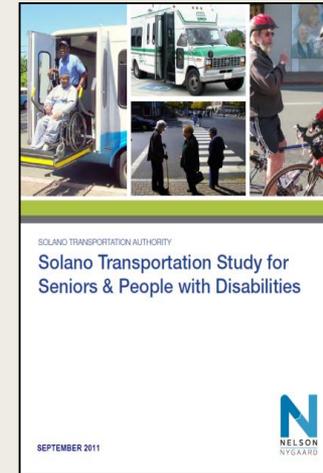
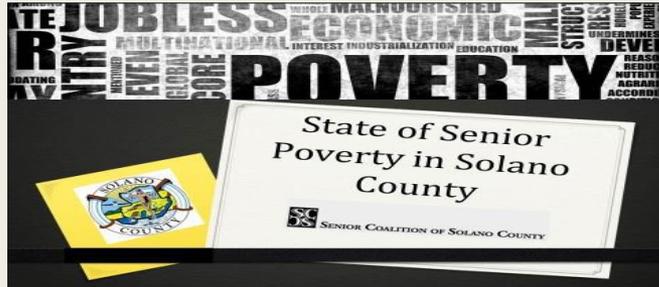
The development of mobility management programs for Solano County emerged as a countywide priority based on:

- Five (5) Community-Based Transportation Plans
- Two (2) Solano County Senior and Disabled Transportation Summits
- Solano Transportation Study for Seniors and People with Disabilities (2011)
- Four (4) Advisory Committees:
 - Solano Seniors and People with Disabilities Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)
 - Intercity Transit Consortium
 - Lifeline Committee



"None of us is as smart as all of us." ~ Ken Blanchard

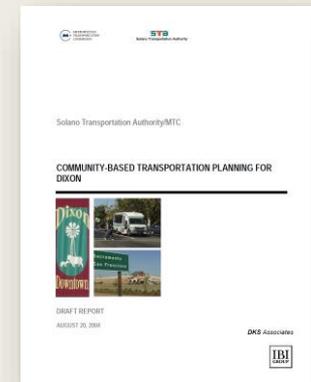
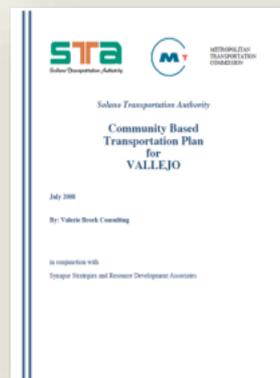
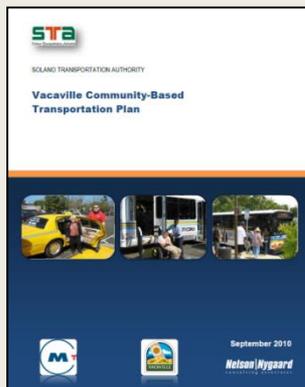
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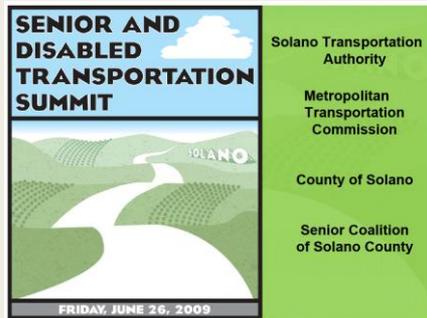
- Can't afford maintaining a vehicle
- Limited income restricts ability to buy bus passes
- Seniors are not aware of existing resources
- Trips to obtain health care are the biggest challenge for the county's senior and disabled residents.
- Transportation for urgent same-day medical trips is a high priority.

Providing Mobility is Cited as Significant Issue

- Vacaville CBTP -The most difficult destinations to reach are grocery stores, medical facilities, and jobs.
- Vallejo CBTP- Low-income seniors need transportation assistance beyond that which is provided by public transit agencies.
- Fairfield CBTP - The Fairfield/Suisun Senior Volunteer program only runs weekdays, from 8:30 to 2:30, so that seniors get “stranded”.
- Dixon CBTP – “Students with disabilities have few transportation options for their discretionary travel and students with learning disabilities do not have transportation options in seeking and maintaining employment.



Providing Mobility is Cited as Significant Issue



Key Issues: Friends/Relatives

- Door-to-door service
- Feel like they are imposing
- Competition with work schedules
- Access, wheelchair limitations

Availability ... Reliability ... Independence

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Listened

Solano Mobility Management Programs Priority for Implementation

1. Information clearinghouse (Call center/website)
2. Older Driver Safety Program (Information)
3. Travel Training/Transit Ambassador
4. Standardized ADA Paratransit Eligibility process (Countywide)
5. Solano Intercity Taxi Scrip



Solano County Intercity Taxi Program

PHASE I

- *Highly Popular Program*
- *Demand for trips exceeds program budget*
- *Most booklets/jurisdictions sell out each month (4 of 5 transit operators)*
- *Only addresses ADA certified ambulatory passengers*

PHASE 2

- Phase 2 is intended to expand to include non-ambulatory passengers (not yet implemented)
- Local funding source is needed to provide long term financial stability

Solano County
Intercity Taxi Scrip Program

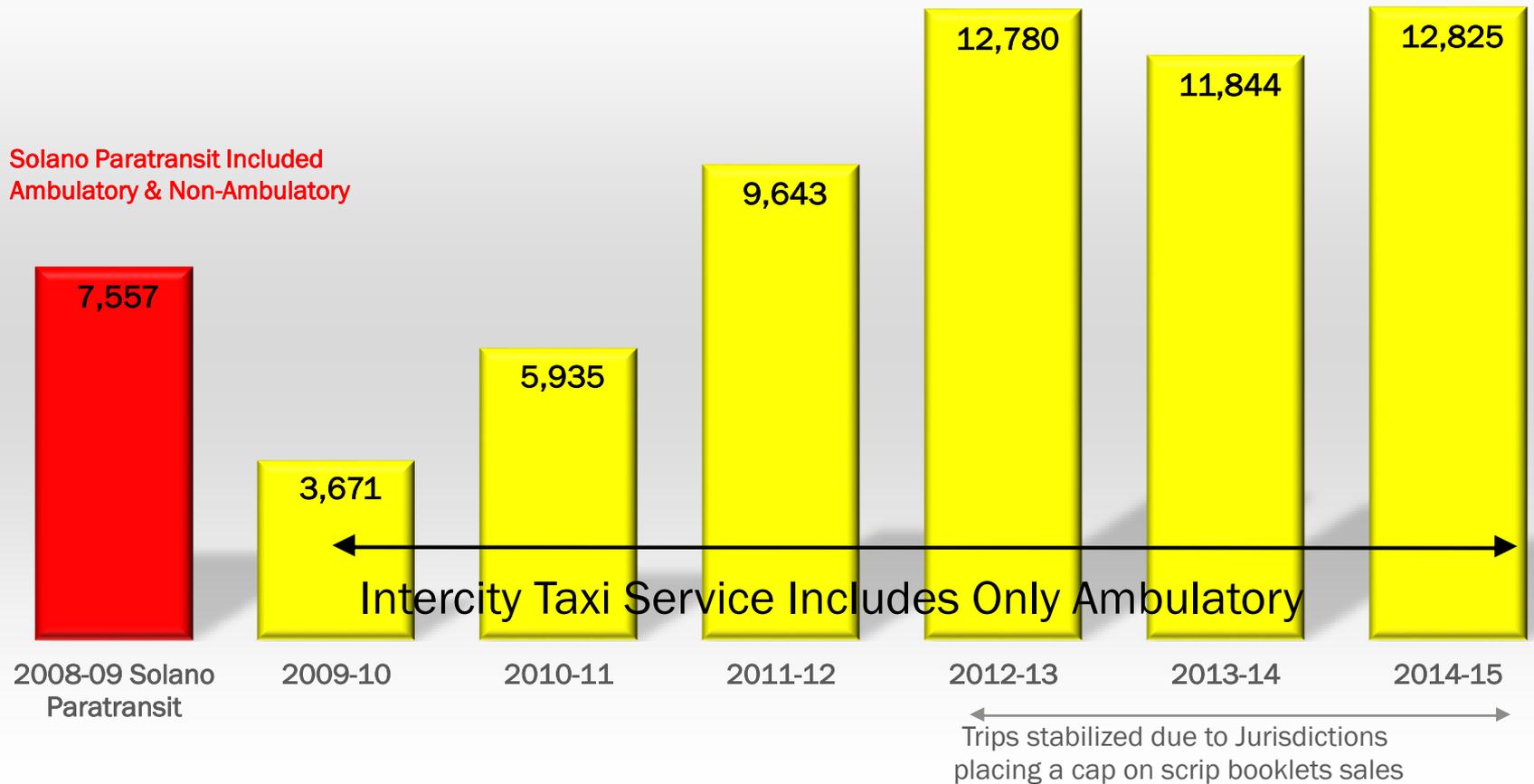


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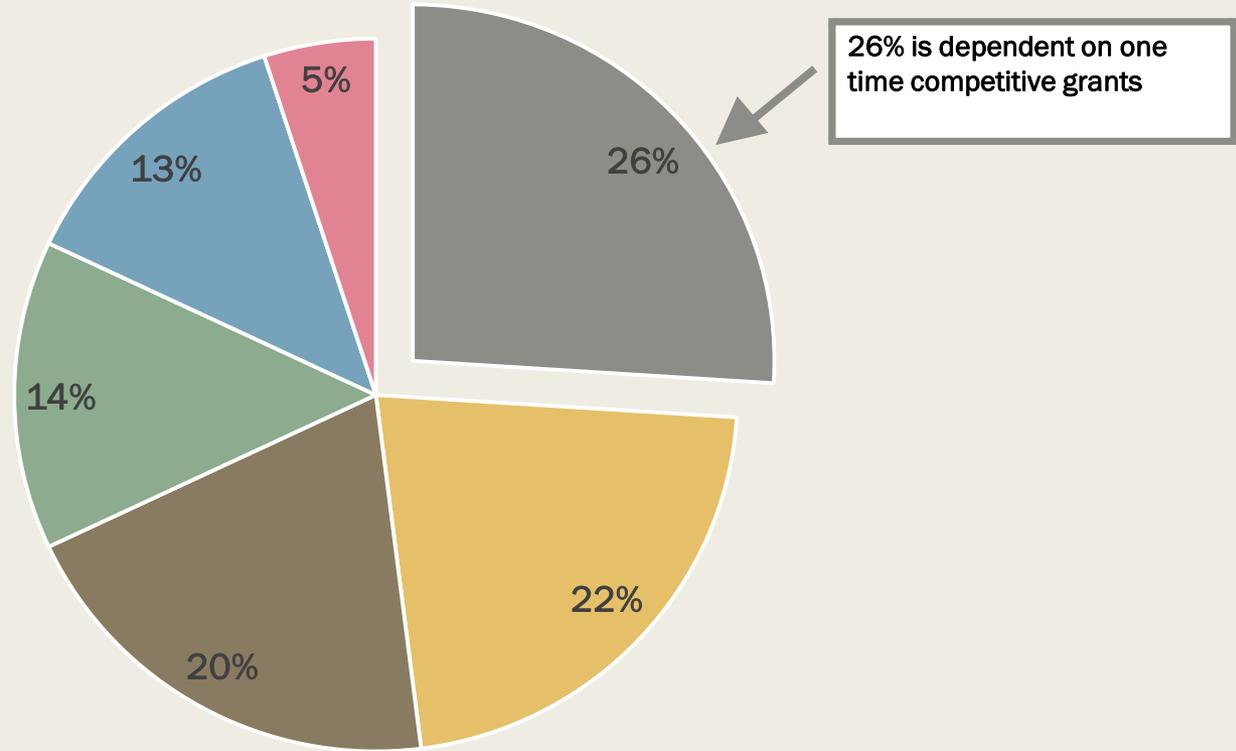
Ambulatory- capable of walking

Non-Ambulatory - not able to walk about

INTERCITY TAXI SCRIP PASSENGER TRIPS BY YEAR



FY 2015-16 Mobility Management Programs Revenues of \$1.8 Million



- GRANTS - 26%
- STAF Paratransit - 22%
- Solano County TDA - 20%
- STAF - 14%
- Transit Operators TDA - 13%
- Fare Revenue - 5%

Additional Mobility Issues Still Need to be Addressed

What are the next priorities?

1. Sustain Existing Programs

- *Solano Mobility Call Center*
- *Travel Training*
- *Countywide In-Person ADA Assessment*
- *Senior Driver Safety Information*
- *Faith in Action Ride with Pride*
- *Intercity Taxi Scrip – Phase 1*

2. Implement Priority New Programs

- *Implement Phase 2 of the Intercity Taxi Scrip/ Paratransit Service for Non-Ambulatory*
- *Expand Golden Pass Program for Seniors*
- *Shuttle Program for Seniors*
- *Shared Vehicles for Non-Profits*
- *Mileage Reimbursement Program*
- *Other*



Definition of Non-Ambulatory- Not able to walk

Senior/Disabled Mobility

Improve Mobility for Seniors and People with Disabilities

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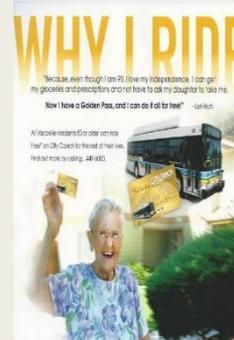


Program: Intercity Taxi Scrip Program (Phase 2)

Description: Expanding the program to include ADA non-ambulatory residents

Program: Shared Vehicles for Non-Profits

Description: The Program provides the vehicle, maintenance, and driver training. The Non-Profits provides the driver and gas.



Program: Golden Pass Program for Seniors

Description: Solano County seniors would ride free on all Solano County transit systems (excluding paratransit)

Program: Mileage Reimbursement Program

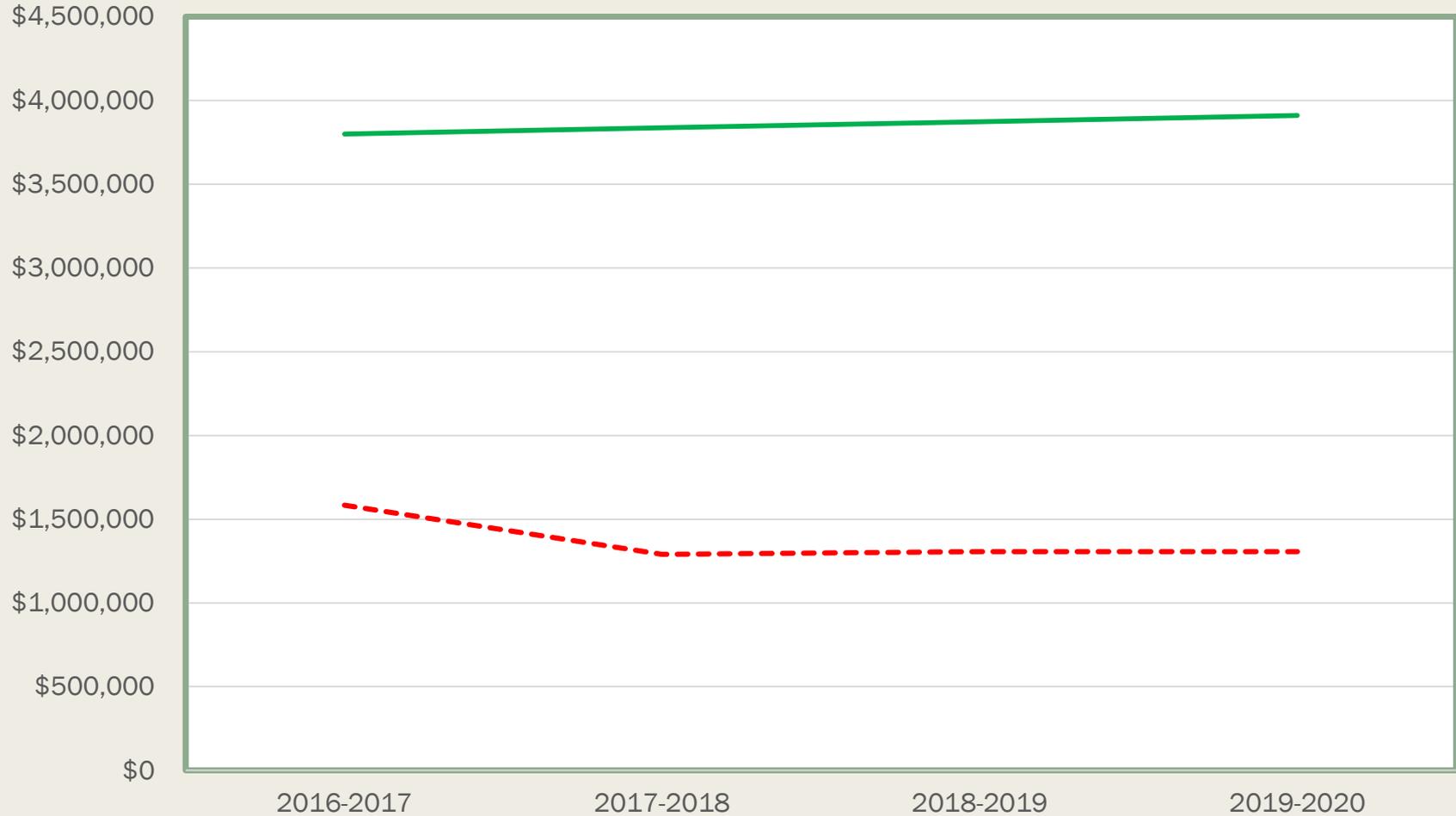
Description: Seniors and people with disabilities to find their own volunteer drivers for medical appointments and/or grocery trips. In exchange, they will reimburse the rider for the mileage of their trip.

Program: Senior Shuttle Program

Description: Develop a similar program as the discontinued AAoA Senior Escort Program in Vallejo



Current Funding Projection and Estimated Future Funding Needs



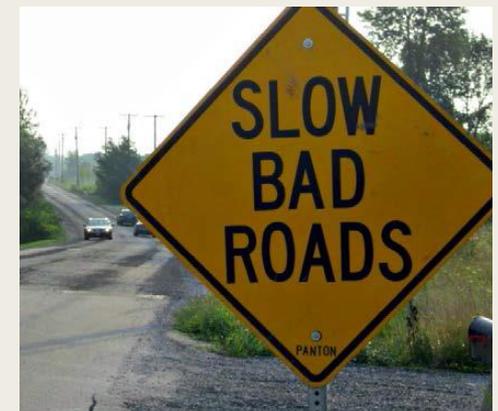
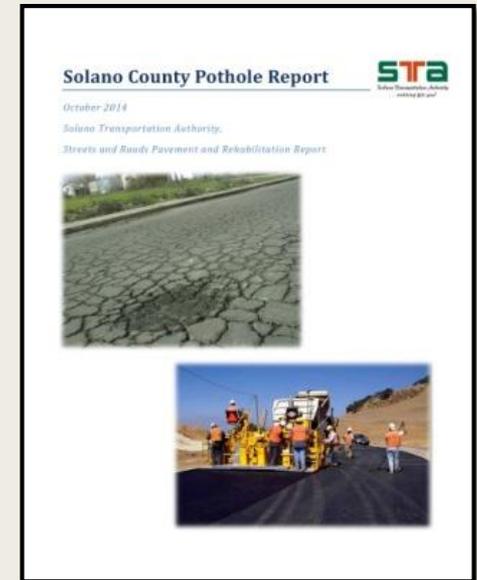
--- Current Mobility Funding Projections

— Current Senior/Disabled Mobility Programs Plus Intercity Taxi Scrip - Non-Ambulatory & New Senior/Disabled Mobility Programs

Status of Solano County Roads (Solano Pothole Report)

Based on FY 2013/14 funding levels, Local Streets and Roads (LS&R) in Solano County have a \$24M annual shortfall to maintain Pavement Condition Index of 60 (Barely Fair) through 2028

- In FY 2013/14, \$20.5M was collectively spent in Solano Countywide on roadway maintenance, less than half of \$44.5M per year needed to keep PCI at 60 (Barely Fair) through 2028.
- \$50M more per year needed to achieve PCI at Countywide Transportation Plan Goal of 75 (Good) through 2028.
- With FY 2013/14 levels of funding, roadways in Solano County will continue to degrade from its current average PCI of 65 (Fair) to an average PCI of 49 (Poor) by 2028.



A Few Facts About Older Drivers

- Older drivers, 75 and older, are more likely to be killed in a car accident (when controlled for miles driven) even though they account for only 3% of the crashes.*
- Older adults accounted for 15% of all traffic fatalities in 2005 and 20% of pedestrian fatalities nationally.*
- Over 20% of American age 65 and over do not drive.**
- More than 50% of non-drivers, age 65 and over, stay home on any given day due, partially, to a lack of transportation options.**
- Older non-drivers make 15% fewer visits to the doctor's office, 59% fewer shopping trips and 65% fewer trips for social, family and religious activities.**
- Older adults are more likely to receive traffic citations and get into accidents than younger drivers.
- Eighty-six percent of non-drivers state that they do not use public transportation.***



Source: Solano County Status Report of Seniors 2008

*Traffic Safety Facts, Older Population, National Center for Statistics and Analysis

** Aging Americans Stranded Without Options, Surface Transportation Policy Project, 2004

*** Straight A. (1997). Community Transportation Survey, Public Policy Institute, American Association of Retired Person, 1997

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board Recommendation to Solano County Board of Supervisors

Recommendation: Local Transportation Funding

Consider a recommendation from the STIA Board authorizing the STA Board Chair and Board Members to forward a letter to the Solano County Board of Supervisors requesting their consideration of a local funding source to address the following:

1. Maintenance and Repair of Local Streets and Roads and Road Safety Projects
2. Senior/Disabled Mobility (\$5 million proposed over 5 years)
3. Oversight and Accountability



Questions?

"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you" – **John Wooden**