

**19th Annual Awards
Solano Transportation Authority**



**November 9, 2016
Veteran's Hall, Rio Vista
Host: Mayor Norman Richardson**



Advisory Committee Member
Paratransit Coordinating Council / CTSA
Ernest Rogers





Ernest Rogers

- As a person with disabilities that uses local fixed route transit and paratransit service, Ernest encourages members of his community to utilize these same services.
- He has served as a PCC Member since June 2014, and serves on STA's Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Advisory Committee.
- Ernest was selected and trained as Travel Ambassador for SolTrans, and takes great pride in helping others.



Safe Routes to School

Shauna Manina

Vacaville Reporter – Around Town Magazine



International Walk to School Day

Safe Routes to School Program Invites all Solano County Schools to Participate

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of International Walk to School Day, a global event where thousands of children across the United States and in more than 40 countries worldwide celebrate walking to school on the same day. The event will take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Last year, a record number 45 Solano County schools and more than 9,000 students participated and we're anticipating even more this year!

International Walk to School Day is brought to you by the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program of the Solano Transportation Authority. The event brings together students, family, neighbors and community members walking in unison to promote the importance of walking and being active.

"Studies have shown that youth who start their day with exercise tend to do

better in school," said Lloyd Nadal, SR2S Program Administrator. "We want to encourage families and youth to continue to walk to school even after the event and make walking and physical activity a part of their daily routine," he also added.

What do schools receive for participating and how do I get my school involved?

- All participating schools will receive FREE incentive items to give to those who walk.

- Register by email at: solanosr2sinfo@sta.ca.gov on or before Wednesday, September 28th to ensure timely delivery of the incentive items.

The goal of the Solano Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) is to encourage



children to walk or bike to school regularly as a healthy, safe, and car-free alternative. Find out more about International

Walk to School Day or the SR2S Program at www.solanosr2s.ca.gov or call (707) 399-3222.



Shauna Manina



- As editor of the Around Town magazine, Shauna Manina has generously donated advertising space the last two years to the Safe Routes to School program to help promote International Walk to School Day in October and National Bike to School Day in May. In addition, she donated advertising space this year to promote the Solano-Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Bike to Work Day, as well.
- Shauna is quick to reply, pleasant to work with, and generous of her time and resources. She is very accommodating in making sure the articles and accompanying photos we submit about our events are presented in an eye-catching manner.
- Promoting and publicizing SR2S events is crucial in getting the word out to the community to encourage schools, parents and students to participate. Having Shauna Manina as a partner by providing free advertising space greatly helps our outreach efforts that makes a difference in the health and well-being of the community.



Transit Employee of the Year

Virginia Agcaoili

Fairfield & Suisun Transit





Virginia Agcaoili



- This year Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) operator Virginia Agcaoili received second place in the nationally recognized Driver of the Year award by DriveCam. DriveCam is a safety monitoring system used by FAST and transit systems across the country, including San Francisco's Muni, Dallas Area Transit, and Washington DC Metro to name just a few.
- Virginia beat out all of the operators from these systems and was second only to an operator in North Carolina with over 30 years of transit driving experience.
- Virginia Agcaoili is noted for her exceptional safety record for FAST and has demonstrated the best in customer service for our community, all while maintaining a humble attitude.

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Transportation for Sustainable Communities

Solano County South Gate TAFB Entrance





Solano County South Gate TAFB Entrance



- The South Gate project on Petersen Rd reached outside conventional roadway design to safely accommodate all users of this roadway.
- The new design provides a queuing lane for truck traffic waiting to enter the South Gate without impeding the flow of non-truck traffic. Cars can flow freely, independent of the amount of truck traffic at that time of day. Bicyclists are now provided a bi-directional path on the north side of the roadway, visually separated by stamped and colored asphalt which look like pavers. There is also improved access to Lambrecht Sports Complex.
- Now, users of the roadway have a safe and functional area in which to operate. Given the context of this road, it should be viewed as a good example of a Complete Street.



Safety Project of the Year

City of Vacaville
Safe Routes to School Project
Foxboro Elementary, Vacaville Christian School
And Vacaville High School





City of Vacaville Safe Routes to School Project



- The Vacaville Safe Routes to Schools project was funded through OBAG and YSAQMD funds, and was supplemented with \$30,000 of local funds. This project consisted of significant pedestrian infrastructure improvements at Vaca High School, including sidewalk widening, adding sidewalk to close pedestrian gaps, constructing new ADA accessible curb ramps, crosswalk shortening, and the addition of Class II bike lanes.
- The project also closed a pedestrian gap with new sidewalk adjacent to Vacaville Christian School, and installed new crosswalks, ADA accessible curb ramps, Rapid Flashing Pedestrian Beacons, and advance pedestrian crossing signing at Foxboro Elementary School.
- The Vaca High portion of this project is of the most significance for several reasons: the magnitude of the improvements, the pedestrian related accident history at the school, and the coordination and cooperation with the VUSD and their major improvement project at the high school.
- Finally, this project coincided perfectly with the major parking and circulation improvements that the VUSD was managing at the high school. There was a lot of coordination between the VUSD staff and Vacaville PW staff to insure a smooth completion, and final products are evidence of the success of that coordination.

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Project of the Year

Caltrans I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange





Caltrans

I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange



- The Interstate-80/Interstate-680/State Route-12 Interchange (I-80/I-680/SR-12) is of interregional significance. The growth in interregional travel and population has resulted in extreme congestion throughout the area.
- The \$50 million interchange construction project is the first of seven for the entire Interchange Phase One project. It was developed in partnership with the STA, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the California Transportation Commission, the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans. This project will reduce congestion, eliminate weaving movements, and enhance safety.
- The major work for this project included:
 - Replacing the Green Valley Road Overcrossing.
 - Realigning westbound I-80 freeway lanes to the north
 - Constructing a new connector from westbound I-80 to westbound SR-12.
 - Reconstructing the Green Valley on-ramp to westbound I-80.
 - Constructing a bike path from Business Center Drive to Highway 12
- This project has significantly reduced the traffic backup and improved safety since vehicles are no longer trying to merge in and out of the usual backup in this section of westbound I-80. Queuing of traffic onto local streets from the back-up on the freeway has been eliminated. The new Green Valley Overcrossing now provides safe access across the bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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Project Delivery City of Vacaville





City of Vacaville



- The City of Vacaville has delivered a segment of the County's largest single local roadway improvement project in recent history, the Jepson Parkway, a critical element in regional transportation through Solano County. This was a significant undertaking in light of the state funding crisis that thwarted the completion of the project.
- Additionally, the Vacaville Safe Routes to Schools project (funded through OBAG and YSAQMD) consisted of significant pedestrian infrastructure improvements at Vaca High School, Vacaville Christian School, and Foxboro Elementary School.
- The coordination and cooperation with the VUSD and their major improvement project at the high school adds to the depth of capabilities of the City of Vacaville for project delivery.

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Project Delivery Solano County





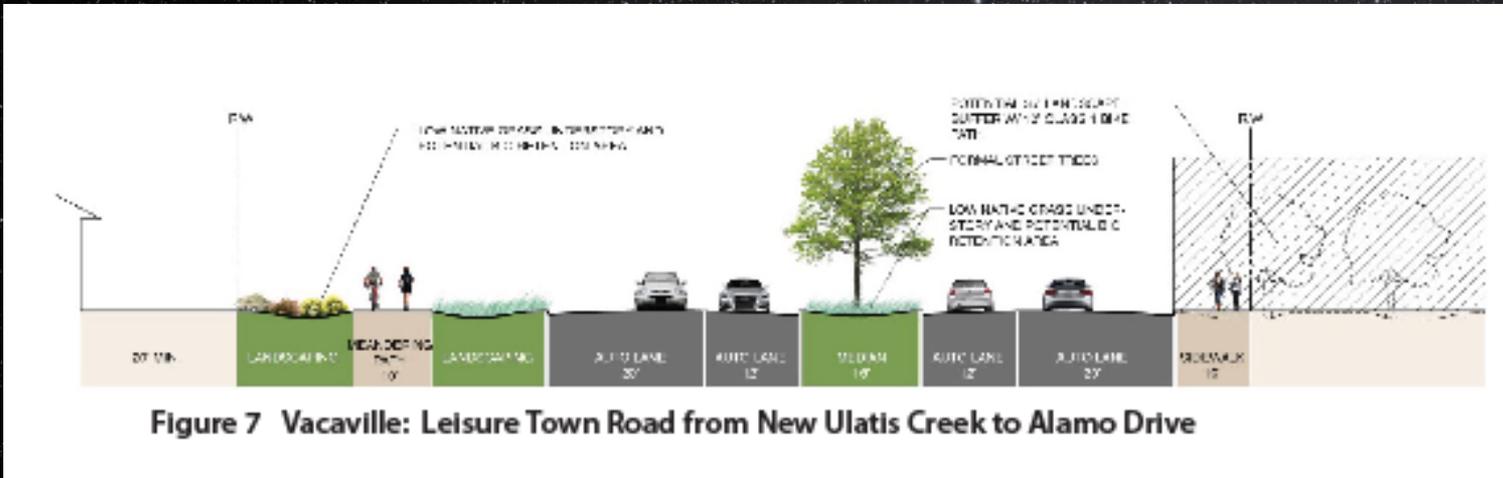
Solano County



- Solano County just completed a record year for project delivery. A total of 6 major projects totaling more than \$16 million were delivered, providing maintenance treatments, safety enhancements, as well as a bridge replacement. The projects are:
 - Midway-Sievers Roadway Widening Project
 - Paving Project 2015
 - Roadway Preservation Project 2015
 - Asphalt Rubber Chipseal Project 2015
 - Vaca Valley Road Curve Improvement Project
 - Winters Bridge Replacement Project
- Public Works staff delivered these projects using innovative engineering, remaining steadfast in federal fund delivery timelines, and even working after-hours and weekends.



Partner of the Year California Transportation Commission (CTC)





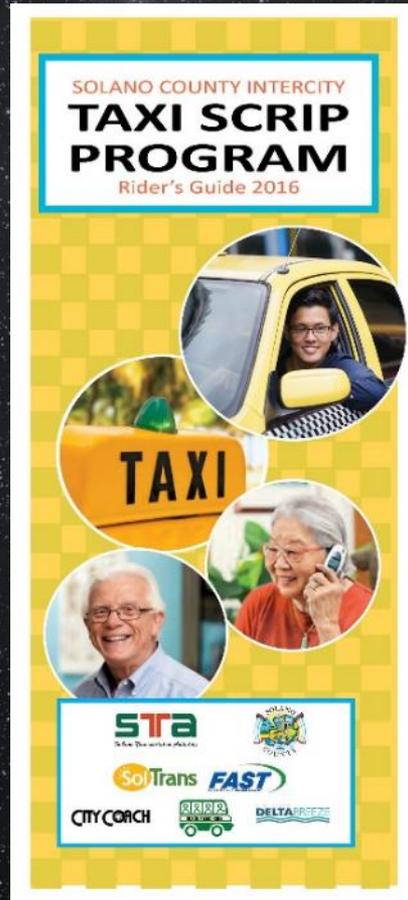
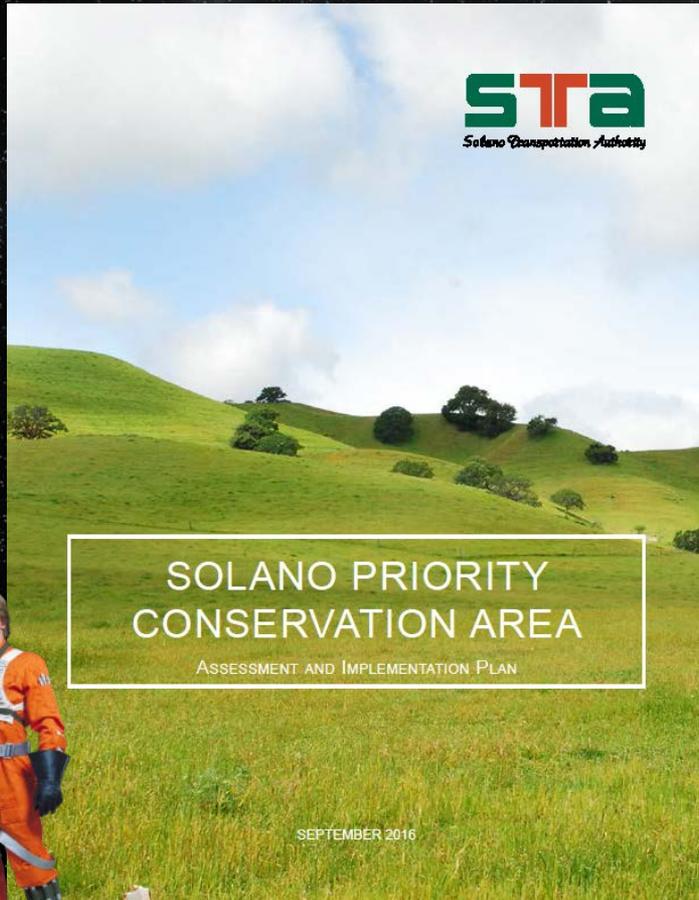
California Transportation Commission (CTC)



- The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$33.2 million State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to the Jepson Parkway Projects in Fairfield and Vacaville.
- The CTC had to cut \$754 million in programmed STIP funds due to the drop in state excise tax, drop in consumption due to fuel efficiency, increase in low air emission vehicles and the continued full use of the truck weight fees going to pay general fund transportation bonds.
- The Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville had delivered their segments in the fall of 2015, the first projects in the State to be placed on the CTC's "Delivered, but not Allocated" list due to the STIP funding crisis.
- CTC staff and Commission honored funding commitments for the Jepson Parkway at a time when the STIP funding crisis required projects to be de-programmed or significantly delayed for an allocation.

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Agency of the Year Solano County





Solano County



In addition to the 6 major roadway projects nominated under the “Project Delivery” category, the County has collaborated with other agencies to accomplish the following:

- Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) – Over \$3 million collected to assist in implementing eligible countywide transportation projects.
- Priority Conservation Area Plan and Suisun Valley Bike and Ped Improvements – to assist in identifying areas for transportation improvements and the \$1.3 Million Suisun Valley farm to market bike and ped improvement project will be the first PCA project in Solano County.
- Solano County Redwood Drive/Fairgrounds Drive Project - Key partnership formed between the City of Vallejo, Solano County, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom and STA in planning and implementing access improvements to SR 37, Fairgrounds/Redwood Dr. and improved transit service.
- Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) - Delivery of important safety projects in partnership with Dixon and STA.
- Health and Social Services- In partnership with the STA, the County assisted in increasing school participation each year and now 54 schools participate in SR2S across the county.
- Intercity Taxi Script Program and Rural Paratransit Service - Solano County provided their allocation of TDA funds to assist in funding the Intercity Taxi Scrip Program and Rural Paratransit Service and provides low-income verification for the Solano Intercity Taxi Scrip Program.



Legislator of the Year

Assemblyman Jim Frazier





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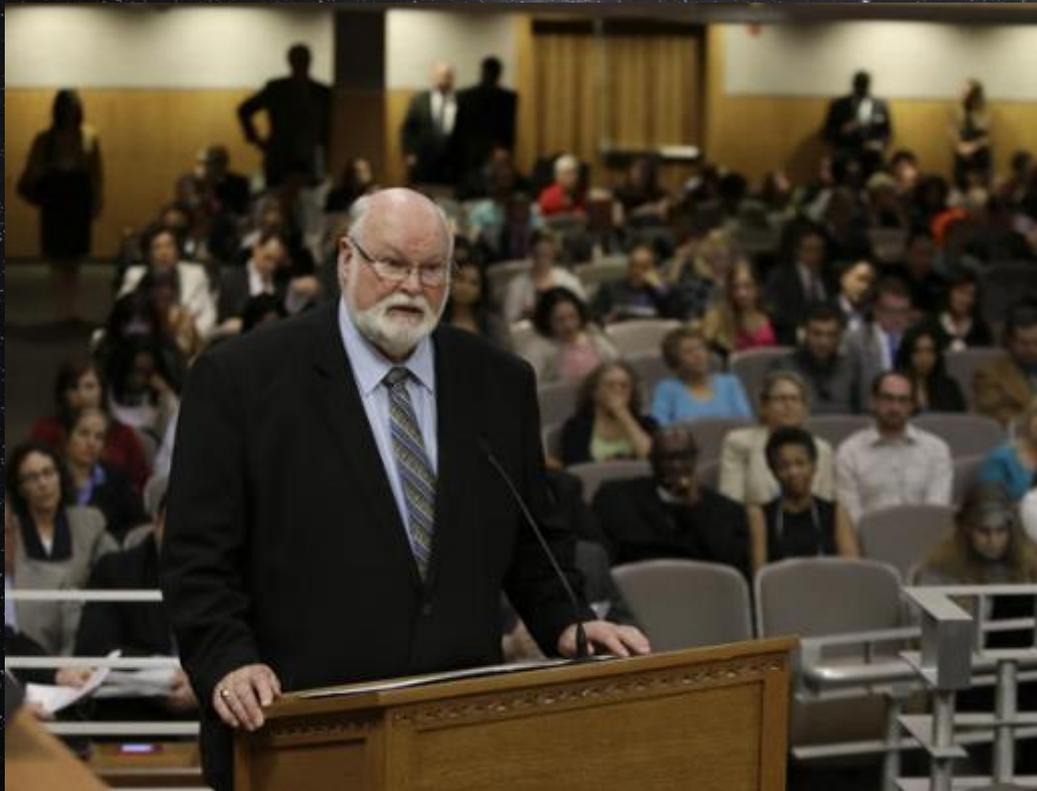


- As Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee since 2014, Jim Frazier has ensured Solano County's interests were protected, that bills benefitting our County were successful, and that those that weren't were amended or held.
- Mr. Frazier has been actively involved in transportation funding discussions in Sacramento, regularly updating the Solano Transportation Authority, and working to ensure aspiring counties are not short-changed and that funding is provided for goods movement projects.
- He worked tirelessly to craft a comprehensive transportation funding package that would benefit Solano County as well as the entire state. He is working with State Senate Transportation Committee Chair Jim Beall to create a funding package that can garner the 2/3 support in both the Senate and the Assembly and obtain the Governor's signature.
- The Solano Transportation Authority Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation to Assemblyman Jim Frazier for being a transportation champion for Solano County and the State of California, and we look forward to a strong partnership for many years to come.



Legislator of the Year

Senator Jim Beall





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- Appointed Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing in December of 2014, Senator Beall has worked tirelessly in his Bay Area district to infuse new sources of revenue into our aging transportation infrastructure. Tonight we make a special award to Senator Beall, who, since last year when the Governor called for a special legislative session on transportation funding and infrastructure, has authored numerous bills to create that new opportunity to rehabilitate and modernize our streets, roads, highways, transit systems and goods movement facilities.
- Working with Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Jim Frazier, the two transportation committee chairs have come together and proposed more than \$7 billion annually in new funding programs – if approved, these expenditures will help the citizens of Solano County, and will benefit all Californians, as we work to reduce congestion, increase safety, strengthen our economy, and enhance mobility for everyone.
- The Solano Transportation Authority Board of Directors expresses its gratitude and thanks to State Senator Jim Beall for his unwavering commitment to meeting California's transportation needs, and for advocating for the funding solutions required to create a 21st Century transportation system.



Special Awards

David Kleinschmidt, City of Vallejo
Public Works Director





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- David is ending his 21-year career at the City of Vallejo as city engineer, senior civil engineer, and the last 5 years as Public Works Director.
- David has been a key part of the STA through his participation on the Technical Advisory Committee which makes recommendations to the STA Board regarding transportation projects and funding.
- He has been active in a number TAC Subcommittees such as the Regional Transportation Impact Fee working group which helped facilitate the formation of 7 RTIF working groups and the collection of more than \$3 million the Solano County Public Facility Fee since the program began in 2014.
- David has ensured the delivery of many infrastructure projects from the various Downtown streetscape projects to Wilson Avenue Improvements which is a great example of a Complete Street, Safe Routes to School engineering projects at 5 schools, the attractive Vallejo Transit Center and Vallejo Station Parking structure and paseo.



David Kleinschmidt, City of Vallejo Public Works Director



- David Kleinschmidt exhibited a “calm under pressure attitude” while getting the entire Public Works Department mobilized after the 2014 South Napa Earthquake. \$12M in bridge replacement projects are currently underway on the Mare Island Causeway and Sacramento Street Bridge.
- Vallejo’s Pavement Management Program paved 50 residential streets, resulting in the City of Vallejo having the biggest jump in their pavement condition index in the entire Bay Area last year.
- The City of Vallejo Public Works Department last year earned American Public Works Association Accreditation following an intense and rigorous multi-year process under David’s leadership.
- Well respected in his field, he recently won the American Public Works Association’s 2016 Leader of the Year award. City of Vallejo Public Works has been the recipient of 7 STA awards in the last 8 years.
- The STA Board thanks David Kleinschmidt for making a difference in his community and county, and wishes him a well-deserved and happy retirement from the City of Vallejo!



Mayor Osby Davis



- Osby Davis has served on the STA Board for 8 years, and was Board Chair in 2014.
- As Mayor of Vallejo, he was a strong supporter for the funding and construction of the award-winning Vallejo Station Parking Structure, which incorporates state-of-the-art technology for residents visiting the city and for commuters taking the ferry and bus to their work destinations.
- Phase 2 of this parking structure includes the US Post Office Relocation to allow expansion of the parking area. Mayor Davis' leadership in meeting with officials of the US Postal Service in Washington DC finally resulted in the relocation.
- As one of the founding Board Members of Solano County Transit, Mayor Davis was an early and strong advocate for the successful merger of Vallejo Transit and the Benicia Breeze bus service into the joint powers authority to operate transit service for southern Solano County, called SolTrans.
- During Mayor Davis' tenure, plans for the expanded Curtola Park and Ride Lot came to fruition under the helm of SolTrans as project lead, and with the support of STA, to provide more parking for transit users and commuters in Vallejo.



Mayor Osby Davis



- Mayor Davis has led the effort in Vallejo for the City and the school district to be an active participant in the Solano Safe Routes to School Program. His leadership and personal involvement in Safe Routes program events at Vallejo schools has led to implementation of several engineering projects that directly benefit children getting to school more safely and energized to take on the school day.
- With the county fairgrounds located in Vallejo, Mayor Davis has been a key part of the Solano 360 effort – the Vallejo and County partnership planning for the future of the Solano County Fairgrounds site. This conceptual plan offers a mix of uses that are flexible, sustainable and community-oriented.
- There has been a strong emphasis by the City of Vallejo to revitalize the waterfront/downtown district. Mayor Davis has led this effort and helped to facilitate partnerships to transform the City of Vallejo into a thriving livable downtown that is inviting to businesses and residents.
- The STA Board wishes to acknowledge the many accomplishments of Mayor Osby Davis as he prepares to step down from the dais of Vallejo and STA. We thank him for his many years of successful public service, and we wish him much happiness in the future. Osby, we will miss you – and thanks for bringing a dash of panache to the STA!

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Special Award

Senator Lois Wolk





Senator Lois Wolk



- State Senator Lois Wolk has successfully and effectively represented Solano County as a member of the State Assembly and State Senate for 14 years.
- During her tenure, she has sponsored legislation that has played an important role in improving the travel safety, mobility, and economic vitality of Solano County residents.
- While serving in the State Assembly, she sponsored Assembly Bill 112 that established a double fine zone on Highway 12 from I-80 in Solano County to I-5 in San Joaquin County, providing a needed deterrent for drivers exceeding the speed limit or driving recklessly, and established a statewide criteria for the double fine zone designation.
- That same year she sponsored Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 7 that dedicated a segment of Highway 12 in memory of Rio Vista Police Officer David Frank Lamoree, who died as a result of a head on collision while driving on Highway 12. This action continues to increase and sustain public awareness of the safety concerns on State Route 12 and the importance of practicing safe and defensive driving practices.



Senator Lois Wolk



- Assemblymember Wolk's efforts in support of Highway 12 helped the STA successfully lobby Caltrans to initiate several interim safety improvements which resulted in a significant decrease in the number of accidents and fatalities.
- Twice Assemblymember Wolk supported STA's successful requests to Caltrans for delivery of critical state funded projects to be accelerated by 1-2 years. Through her support of STA's efforts, Caltrans has accelerated the delivery of several interim safety improvements and signage on Highway 12. Her support resulted in advancing the schedule for resurfacing I-80 through Fairfield and Vacaville, and an additional \$40M SHOPP allocation by the California Transportation Commission.
- In support of STA's efforts and while serving on Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 focused on Caltrans, Assemblymember Wolk hosted a special meeting of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Transportation in Solano County to focus Caltrans' attention on the I-80/I-680 Interchange, the relocation of the Cordelia Truck Scales, and safety and rehabilitation improvements on I-80 and Highway 12.
- Assemblymember Wolk sponsored AB 2538 which has provided STA and California's county transportation agencies with resources and flexibility through the STIP's Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds to conduct critical project delivery and development functions.



Senator Lois Wolk



- She was a strong supporter of STA's successful efforts to include Solano County transportation projects and transit services in the expenditure plan for Regional Measure 2 which resulted in the delivery of 4 transit projects, 2 rail projects and 3 freight projects by STA.
- As a member of the State Senate, she sponsored SB 1368 which helped to facilitate the transfer of property from Caltrans to Solano County Transit (SolTrans) and allowed for the much needed expansion and modernization of the SolTrans Curtola Park and Ride Hub.
- Also in support of our public transportation agencies, as Chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Senator Wolk supported a fix to the State Transit Assistance program, re-establishing equitable distribution of funds to our transit agencies.
- The Solano Transportation Authority Board of Directors expresses its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to State Senator Lois Wolk for her many years of dedicated and productive service in support of transportation projects and programs that continue to benefit improved travel safety, mobility, and economic vitality for Solano County residents.

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Solano Transportation Authority Board Members

