



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Board Minutes for Meeting of**  
**May 13, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Spring called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Jim Spring, Chair	County of Solano
Pete Sanchez, Vice-Chair	City of Suisun City
Elizabeth Patterson	City of Benicia
Jack Batchelor, Jr.	City of Dixon
Harry Price	City of Fairfield
Jan Vick	City of Rio Vista
Len Augustine	City of Vacaville
Osby Davis	City of Vallejo

*Arrived at the  
meeting at 6:20 p.m.*

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:**

Daryl K. Halls	Executive Director
Charles Lamoree	Legal Counsel
Johanna Masiclat	Clerk of the Board
Janet Adams	Deputy Executive Director/Director of Projects
Robert Macaulay	Director of Planning
Elizabeth Richards	Director of Transit and Rideshare Svcs.
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager/Analyst
Sam Shelton	Project Manager
Kenny Wan	Assistant Project Manager

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

***In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:***

Birgitta Corsello	County of Solano
Royce Cunningham	City of Dixon
John Fadhil	Member of the Public
George Gwynn	Member of the Public
Anthony Intintoli	Vice Chair, Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)
Howard Jennings	Member of the Public
Ron Jones	Vice Mayor, City of Rio Vista
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo

Wayne Lewis  
Judy McDowell  
Brian McLean  
Rod Moresco  
Nina Rannells  
Paul Wiese

City of Fairfield  
Member of the Public  
City of Fairfield  
City of Vacaville  
Executive Director, WETA  
County of Solano

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Board Member Harry Price, and a second by Board Member Elizabeth Patterson the STA Board approved the agenda with the following modifications:

- Agenda Item VII.H, STA Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Radar Speed Sign Program, delete Recommendation No. 3;
- Agenda Item IX.E, Legislative Update, reported on AB 277, Support on AB 744, and Sponsor and Support on AB 1219

## **IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Howard Jennings, Jr. addressed the STA Board on his concerns regarding the countywide transit system.

## **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- Governor and Caltrans Celebrate First California ARRA Project in Solano
- Solano Paratransit Transitional Plan and Proposal to Dissolve Solano Paratransit Service Partnership
- STA Proposal to Advance Express/HOT lane Projects on I-80 in Solano
- Formation of Stakeholders Group to Provide Public Input for Development of Proposed Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF)
- Adoption of STA Overall Work Plan (OWP) for FY 2009-10 & FY 2010-11
- Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) and Intercity Transit Funding Agreement
- Caltrans Approves SR 113 Investment Study
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike to Work Day

## **VI. COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), CALTRANS, AND STAFF:**

### **A. Caltrans Report:**

Nicolas Endrawos, Caltrans District 4 Project Manager, provided an update on various construction projects in Solano County.

### **B. MTC Report:**

None reported.

### **C. STA Reports:**

1. Overview Process of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Transitional Plan was presented by WETA Vice-chair Anthony Intintoli, WETA Executive Director Nina Rannells, and Vallejo Transit's Crystal Odum-Ford

Board Member Osby Davis arrived at the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

### **2. STA Status Reports:**

- A. Projects – Updates of the I-80 EB Truck Scales Relocation and SR 12 Jameson Canyon Right of Way Acquisition options were provided by Janet Adams
- B. Planning – Updates of the SR 12 East Project and the Development of Sustainable Committees Strategy for SB 375 were provided by Robert Macaulay
- C. Transit and Rideshare – The California Bike to Work Day (Thursday, May 14, 2009) was announced by Elizabeth Richards

## **VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were pulled for public and staff comment:

- Item VII.F, Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 – Comments provided by George Gwynn, Jr.; and
- Item VII.I, State Route (SR) 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study – Comments provided by John Fadl.

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar Items A thru O to include modifications made to Item H, STA Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Radar Speed Sign Program shown in ~~**italics**~~.

### **A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2009**

#### Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2009.

### **B. Review Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Draft Minutes for the Meeting of April 29, 2009**

#### Recommendation:

Receive and file.

### **C. Continuation of Administrative Services Contract with the City of Vacaville**

#### Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to renew the Administrative Services Contract with the City of Vacaville for Accounting and Personnel Services for an additional three-year contract term for FY 2009-10 through 2011-12 for \$153,900.

### **D. Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Third Quarter Budget Report**

#### Recommendation:

Receive and file.

- E. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Transit Operating Funding Plan**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the RM 2 Solano Transit Operating Funding Plan for FY 2009-10 as shown on Attachment A.
- F. Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the following:
1. The FY 2009-10 Cost-Sharing Intercity Transit Funding Agreement as shown on Attachment A; and
  2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a funding agreement with the seven local funding partners.
- G. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Matrix – May 2009**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the May 2009 TDA Matrix for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.
- H. STA Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Radar Speed Sign Program**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the following:
1. Funding for 28 radar speed feedback signs as shown in Attachment A; and
  2. Swapping \$40,000 of Transportation Enhancements funding with \$40,000 of FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funding for SR2S Radar Speed Signs.
  3. ~~**Resolution No. 2009-09, requesting \$40,000 from MTC for SR2S Radar Speed Signs as shown in Attachment B.**~~
- I. State Route (SR) 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the SR 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study.
- J. Federal Economic Stimulus Update for Transportation in Solano County**  
Recommendation:  
Approve the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Tier 2 funding distribution for Solano local agencies as shown in Attachment C.
- K. North Connector Project – Contract Amendment for Right of Way Relocation Services**  
Recommendation:  
Approve a contract amendment with ARWS in the not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 to complete the right-of-way relocation services for the North Connector Project.
- L. North Connector Project Contract Amendment - BKF Engineers**  
Recommendation:  
Approve a contract amendment for BKF Engineers to cover design related services, including the design of the mitigation site, for an amount not-to-exceed \$417,100.

**M. Contract Award for Building Demolition for North Connector Project**

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2009-08 for the North Connector Building Demolition Contract; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to award the Building Demolition Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

**N. I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes Project Mitigation**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Elsie Gridley Mitigation Bank for the purchase of conservation credits for mitigation to impacts to the wetlands in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**O. Environmental Mitigation for the North Connector and Other I-80 Projects**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into an agreement with the Solano Community College for implementation of the mitigation site for the North Connector and other projects on Solano Community College property, with the construction of commensurate amount of additional parking and/or pathway improvements on Solano Community College property; and
2. Enter into an agreement to purchase 13 Valley Longhorn Elderberry Beetle (VELB) mitigation credits at the off-site French Camp Conservation Bank in the amount of \$45,000.00

**VIII. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**A. Redwood Parkway – Fairgrounds Drive Improvement Project**

Janet Adams reviewed the next steps to begin the environmental document for the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes between the Carquinez Bridge and Hwy 37 and for the access improvements to the Solano County Fairgrounds. She added that prior to initiating the environmental document work, a funding agreement between the agencies will be required, including identification of matching funds to the federal earmark, a cooperative agreement with Caltrans allocation and obtaining an authorization from Caltrans for federal earmark fund allocation is required.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Authorize the STA to be the lead agency for the environmental document for the Redwood Parkway – Fairgrounds Drive Improvement Project;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to initiate a funding agreement between the Solano Transportation Authority, the City of Vallejo, and the County of Solano for the environmental document for the Redwood Parkway – Fairgrounds Drive Improvement Project; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to initiate a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the environmental document and project approval for the Redwood Parkway – Fairgrounds Drive Improvement Project.

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Vice Chair Sanchez, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**B. Initiation of Solano County’s Priority Express/ High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Network on I-80**

Janet Adams reviewed the STA’s combined request of \$31.98 million from MTC for conversion of the new HOV lanes between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway to Express Lanes and the new Express Lanes between Air Base Parkway and I-505. Janet Adams stated that to use the Express Lane for a single driver you would need to have a Fast Track device and current HOV eligible vehicles would use the lanes without charge. STA TAC members were invited to tour Alameda and Santa Clara in early June with the STA Board to tour their Express Lanes projects.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to forward a letter to the MTC/Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) requesting funds to complete the environmental document and detailed preliminary engineering for the priority Express/High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-80 in Solano County as shown in Attachments C and D.

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Vice Chair Sanchez, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

## **IX. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

### **A. Public Hearing on Proposed Changes in the Provision of Paratransit Services:**

- **Receive the Solano Paratransit Transitional Plan, and**
- **Approval of Proposed Dissolution of Solano Paratransit**

Elizabeth Richards outlined the transitional plan options for the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) required service to be transitioned to the individual cities and County that participated in the Solano Paratransit service. She specified that the proposal to dissolve Solano Paratransit and transfer the responsibility for intercity paratransit to the individual agencies was discussed at both the Transit Consortium and TAC on April 29, 2009. She added that both committees recommended forwarding the recommendation to the STA Board to dissolve Solano Paratransit and transfer the responsibility for the passengers served by the Solano Paratransit to the local operators, authorize the STA to work with the riders residing in the County unincorporated area, and authorize the Executive Director to send out notification of the Solano Paratransit riders.

Under this recommendation, the STA will assist the County of Solano to identify service and funding options for paratransit services in the County unincorporated area, continue to monitor the performance of intercity paratransit services in the role of providing staff support for the Paratransit Coordinating Council, and updating the Solano County Senior and Disabled Transit Study. The STA Board role in providing policy oversight and funding support for the intercity ADA plus paratransit service for Solano Paratransit would cease beginning July 1, 2009.

**Chairman Spring opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.**

**The following members of the Public addressed comments to the Board:**

Judy McDowell addressed her concerns to the STA Board regarding their decision to approve the proposed dissolution of Solano Paratransit.

**Chairman Spring closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.**

**Board Comments:**

Board Chair Spring and Board Member Patterson expressed their concerns about the recommended actions. Daryl Halls commented about the basis for the recommendation and expressed concerns about the impact on the ADA riders.

Recommendation:

**CONDUCT** a Public Hearing to consider changes in the provision of Paratransit services:

1. Staff Presentation of the Summary of Potential Service Strategies and Preliminary Transition Plan as shown in Attachments C and E to the staff report;
2. Open Public Hearing and receive public comment;
3. Close Public Hearing;

4. Board Consideration of the following proposed actions:

- a. Dissolve the Solano Paratransit service and transfer the responsibility for the passengers served by Solano Paratransit to the local transit operators serving the communities in which they reside;

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

- b. Authorize the STA to work with the County of Solano to develop a transitional plan for Solano Paratransit riders residing in the County unincorporated area; and

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

- c. Authorize the Executive Director to send out notification of the dissolution of Solano Paratransit to all registered Solano Paratransit passengers providing contact information for each transit agency to address questions and for clarification.

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**B. Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Stakeholders Committee and Governance**

Janet Adams provided an overview of the RTIF Stakeholder Committee and Governance issues. She recommended the STA Board approve the establishment of a 29-member Stakeholders Committee consisting of representatives for business, developers, the environment and local government to serve as an advisory committee to STA as part of the development of the Nexus Study and proposed RTIF.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

George Gwynn, Jr., Member of the Public, commented on the STA's development and initiation of a Regional Transportation Impact Fee.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. The formation of a RTIF Stakeholder Committee as specified in Attachment B, and authorize the STA Executive Director to work with the RTIF Working Group and STA Board Executive Committee to identify and invite interested participants; and
2. Designate the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority (STIA) as the recommended governance body to develop, approve and administer the proposed Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF).

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Board Member Vick, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**C. Adoption of STA's Overall Work Plan (OWP) for Fiscal Year FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11**

Daryl Halls reviewed the amended work plan since the last Board meeting in April. He indicated that once adopted, the OWP will guide the development of the STA's Budget for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

Board Member Batchelor requested to add the City of Dixon's Park Blvd. Overcrossing Project which will allow the City to advance their train station project.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the STA's Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Board Member Batchelor, the STA Board unanimously approved the STA's Overall Work Plan for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 and to include the City of Dixon's request to add Park Blvd. Overcrossing Project to the OWP.

**D. Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Transition Plan Status**

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the transition plan that will guide the consolidation of the Vallejo Baylink, Alameda/Oakland and Harbor Bay ferries under WETA. She stated that Vallejo staff is working closely with WETA on this transition.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Authorize the STA Chair to forward a letter on behalf of the STA requesting WETA's consideration of ferry transitional issues as specified in Attachment D.

On a motion by Board Member Harry Price, and a second by Vice Chair Sanchez, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**E. Legislative Update**

Jayne Bauer introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 277 regarding local retail transaction and use taxes for transportation and Senate Bill (SB) 716 which would authorize transportation planning agencies to allocate funds from the ¼ percent local sales and use tax for vanpool service operation expenditures and capital improvement expenditures, including for vanpool services for purposes of farmworker transportation to and from work.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the following positions:

- AB 277 (Ammiano) – Watch
- SB 716 (Wolk) – Watch

On a motion by Board Member Jan Vick, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Development of Sustainable Communities Strategy for SB 375**
- B. Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC)/ American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) TE Funding Status Update**
- C. Highway Projects Status Report:**
  - 1.) I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange**
  - 2.) I-80 EB Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation**
  - 3.) North Connector**
  - 4.) I-80 HOV Lanes: Red Top Road to Air Base Parkway**
  - 5.) I-80 HOV Lanes Vallejo/Fairgrounds Access**
  - 6.) Jepson Parkway**
  - 7.) State Route 12 (Jameson Canyon)**
  - 8.) State Route 12 East SHOPP Project**
  - 9.) I-80 SHOPP Rehabilitation Projects**
- D. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**
- E. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update**
- F. Model Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update**
- G. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise – Race Conscious**
- H. Project Delivery Update**
- I. Bike to Work Week May 11-15, 2009**
- J. Funding Opportunities Summary**
- K. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2009**

