



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Board Minutes for Meeting of
June 10, 2009

I. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session to discuss Executive Director Performance Review. Chuck Lamoree, Legal Counsel, indicated that there were no matters to report.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spring called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 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
Tom Barte (Alternate Member)	City of Vallejo

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
Elizabeth Richards	Director of Transit and Rideshare Svcs.
Susan Furtado	Financial Analyst/Accountant
Jayne Bauer	Marketing and Legislative Program Manager
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager/Analyst
Judy Leaks	Program Manager
Robert Guerrero	Senior Planner
Sam Shelton	Project Manager
Kenny Wan	Assistant Project Manager
Sara Woo	Assistant Planner

ALSO

PRESENT:

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:

Jack Batson	Solano County Team Bike Challenge Winner
Leslie Batson	Solano County Team Bike Challenge Winner
Danny Bernardini	The Reporter
Kevin Graham	Member of the Public
George Gwynn Jr.	Member of the Public
Howard Jenning, Jr.	Member of the Public
Hayley Jones	Solano County Team Bike Challenge Winner
Jaymie Jones	Solano County Team Bike Challenge Winner
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Gus Khouri	Shaw/Yoder, Inc.
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Jason Mac	Caltrans, District 4
Alyssa Majer	City of Suisun City
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Doanh Nguyen	Caltrans District 4
Dan Schiada	City of Benicia
Alan Schwartzman	Council Member, City of Benicia
Mike Segala	Council Member, City of Suisun City
Craig Snider	Solano County Bike Commuter of the Year
Rob Sousa	City of Benicia
Vern Van Buskirk	Member of the Public
Nancy Whelan	Nancy Whelan Consulting (NWC)
Paul Wiese	County of Solano
Eddie Woodruff	Member of the Public

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board approved the agenda.

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

George Gwynn, City of Suisun City Resident, addressed the STA Board with concerns regarding the County's transit service.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- State Budget Treavils Cast Shadow Over State and Transportation
- Transit Consolidation Study – Phase 2 Analysis and Recommendation
- Bid Opening for North Connector East Project
- Rio Vista Bridge Study Goes Public
- Countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit Scheduled
- Program and Safety Coordinator to Help Support Popular STA Safe Routes to Schools Program
- 15th Annual Bike to Work Day a Success

VII. COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC), CALTRANS, AND STAFF:

A. Caltrans Report:

Doanh Nguyen, Caltrans District 4 Project Manager, provided status updates on the I-80 Rehab, Express (HOV) Lanes, and SR 12 East Safety Project.

Public Comment:

Eddie Woodruff, City of Rio Vista Resident, addressed the STA Board regarding safety improvement issues on the intersections of SR 12 Shiloh Road and Olsen Road in Rio Vista.

B. MTC Report:

None presented.

C. STA Reports:

1. Gus Khouri, Shaw/Yoder, Inc provided a State Legislative update.
2. Judy Leaks presented the 2009 Solano County Bike Commuter of the Year (Craig Snider) and Solano County Team Bike Challenge Winners (Jack and Leslie Batson and Hayley and Jaymie Jones).
3. STA Status Reports:
 - A. Projects – Janet Adams highlighted the STA Board’s Express Lanes Project Tour in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties on June 4, 2009.
 - B. Planning – Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner, provided the STA Board with an update on the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District’s recent action in approving Clean Air Projects for Solano County. He also reported that the STA received five Request for Proposals for the Solano Rail Crossings Study and that STA staff will provide a more detailed report as the study kicks off later this Fall.
 - C. Transit and Rideshare – Elizabeth Richards reported on the process for dissolving Solano Paratransit.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Board Member Price, and a second by Vice Chair Sanchez, the STA Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar Items A thru J.

A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2009.

B. Review Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Draft Minutes for the Meeting of May 27, 2009

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

C. Cordelia Sky Hills Funding Agreement

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement with Solano County and the Solano Land Trust for the Cordelia Sky Hills Acquisition Project; and
2. Approve \$400,000 of TDA Article 3 funds through FY 2011-12 for the Cordelia Sky Hills Acquisition Project.

D. Solano County Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Funds for Clean Air (TFCA) 40% Program Manager Call for Projects

Recommendation:

Approve a revised TFCA Resolution No. 2009-09 which includes the following:

1. A revised funding amount of \$250,000 for SNCI's FY 2009-10 TFCA allocation; and
2. A total of \$60,000 of FY 2009-10 TFCA funds for the Solano Safe Routes to School Program (previously approved on March 11, 2009).

E. Federal Economic Stimulus Update for Transportation in Solano County

Recommendation:

Approve the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Tier 2 projects for Solano local agencies as shown in Attachment C.

F. Solano Paratransit Vehicle Reassignment

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to develop a plan for the reassignment of the Solano Paratransit vehicles.

G. Contract Amendment for Marketing Consultant Services - Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG)

Recommendation:

Approve Contract Amendment No. 4 with Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) for STA marketing services through June 30, 2010.

H. Contract Amendment for Transit Project Management Consultant - John Harris

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to extend the consultant contract with John Harris for Transit Project Management until June 30, 2010 for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

I. Contract Amendment for Transit and Funding Consultant - Nancy Whelan Consulting

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to extend the consultant contract with Nancy Whelan Consulting for Transit Funding and Technical Services until June 30, 2010 for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

J. Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Vacaville Intermodal Station Resolution of Support

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2009-12 authorizing the funding allocation for Regional Measure 2 funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to the City of Vacaville for the Solano County Express Bus North Intermodal Facilities – Vacaville Intermodal Station.

IX. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Award of Construction Contract for the North Connector - Phase 2 Project

Janet Adams reported on the construction contract process for the North Connector – Phase 2 Project. She indicated that the construction bids for the North Connector East Project was extended to June 16, 2009. She announced that the Groundbreaking of the North Connector East Segment is scheduled at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. The North Connector –North Connector Phase 2 Contract, Notice to Contractors and Special Provisions, including issued Addenda Nos. 1 through 6;
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to sign the contract on behalf of the STA Board subject to:
 - a. The contract amount being within the Engineer's estimate of costs for the project, to wit: an amount not to exceed \$20,840,000.00, and
 - b. The Executive Director or his designee having reviewed and found sufficient all required documents, including the contract signed by the contractor with all required surety bonds and certificates of insurance, and such other documents required under the contract.
3. Resolution No. 2009-13 for the North Connector –Phase 2 Contract

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

B. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act Article 3

Robert Guerrero summarized STA's recommendation that \$40,000 in FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 funds replace the originally approved \$40,000 TE funds that are required as part of the \$400,000 TFCA grant. He also cited that future TE allocations of up to \$40,000 would backfill the TDA Article 3 funds if approved by the STA Board and the SR2S-AC unanimously supported STA staff's recommendation at their April 9, 2009 meeting.

Board Comments:

Board Member Patterson discussed her experiences on bicycle routes in Vallejo and the need to address gaps and maintenance in the countywide bicycle route network. Daryl Halls commented that priority projects have been the STA Board's emphasis for funding due to limited funding availability. Mr. Halls further commented that the STA Board will have a chance to include other priority projects in the Countywide Bicycle Plan as part of the overall Comprehensive Transportation Plan update.

Council Member Mike Segala, speaking as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, discussed the term bicycle gap closure. Mr. Segala noted the importance for addressing bicycle route gaps in the Countywide Bicycle Route Network.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolutions 2009-10 and 2009-11 as attached for the following FY 2009-10 TDA Article 3 projects:

1. \$270,017 for the County of Solano's Vacaville Dixon Bike Route (this includes a transfer of \$110,000 in TDA Article 3 from the Suisun Valley Bridge Project);
2. \$85,000 for the 2009 Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update; and
3. \$40,000 for the Solano Safe Routes to School Program.

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

- C. Safe Routes to School – Part Time Program Coordinator and Safety Coordinator**
Sam Shelton outlined the draft set of duties (job descriptions) for both the SR2S Part Time Program Coordinator and Safety Coordinator. He cited that on April 9, 2009, the STA SR2S Advisory Committee (AC) provided preliminary direction regarding the Safety Coordinator position, requesting that additional preferred qualifications include bicycle officer or police officer experience.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements not to exceed \$90,000 for a Safe Routes to School part time program coordinator and safety coordinator as described in Attachments A and B, contingent on entering into funding agreements with the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

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

X. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

- A. Transit Consolidation Study - Phase 2 Analysis and Recommendations**
Elizabeth Richards and Joe Story, Project Consultant, announced the completion of the STA's Transit Consolidation Study – Phase 2 Analysis and Recommendations. They cited that staff has been working with the cities of Benicia and Vallejo through a staff and policy board working group to assist in the development of the Option 1. They said that subject to approval of the Study's recommendations, it is proposed that staff would continue to work with the Benicia/Vallejo Transit Working Group to facilitate the analysis and implementation for Option 1.

Public Comments:

Howard Jennings Jr., Member of the Public, raised some concerns regarding the STA Board's decision to disregard Option 6 (Countywide consolidation study) of the Transit Consolidation Study.

Board Comments:

Board Member Patterson recommended to modify Recommendation No. 1 to read as follows:

1. Option 1: Consolidation of Benicia and Vallejo transit services *pursuant to guiding principles*;

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Option 1: Consolidation of Benicia and Vallejo transit services *pursuant to guiding principles*;
2. Option 4c: Decentralize intercity paratransit service to local transit operators and continue study of consolidation of interregional Solano transit services under one operator to be selected by the STA Board;
3. Forward the STA recommended transit consolidation recommendations to the affected agencies for their consideration and participation;
4. Direct STA staff to work with the affected local transit staff to develop Implementation Plans for Option 1 and Option 4c; and
5. Report back to the STA Board by September 2009 on the status of the Implementation Plan.

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Board Alternate Member Barte, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation as amended shown above in *bold italics*.

B. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) - Update of Local Agency Project Lists

Robert Guerrero provided a presentation on the background on the current CTP's Local Agency Projects Listing. Mr. Guerrero discussed STA staff's recommendation to update the Local Agencies Project lists and provided an overview of the recommended process.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

Based on input, Board Chair Spring recommended modifying the CTP's definition of Tier 2 Projects being from 5 to 25 years to 5 to 15 years. After discussion, the STA Board concurred.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to:

1. Request the 8 member jurisdictions review and update projects and programs to be included in the Solano CTP; and
2. Request Caltrans, MTC, CCJPB, BAAQMD, YSAQMD and WETA identify projects and programs to be included in the Solano CTP.

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Board Member Patterson, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation to include Board Member Spring's request to modify the definition of Tier 2 Projects from 5 to 25 years to 5 to 15 years.

C. Legislative Update

Jayne Bauer recommended the STA Board to take a position of support for the Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 15 (Arambula) based on their consistency with STA Legislative Priority #5 which states #5 *“Support initiatives to pursue the 55% voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures.”*

Public Comments:

None presented.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve a position of support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 15 (Arambula).

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

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit

Jayne Bauer announced the Countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit has been scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Joseph Nelson Community Center in Suisun City. She cited that the intent of the first summit is to solicit and receive input from the array of senior and disabled transportation users, providers and destinations of the various senior and disabled transportation programs and services.

B. State Route (SR) 12 Rio Vista Bridge Study Update

Janet Adams provided an update to the development of the SR 12 Rio Vista Bridge Study. She cited that the study is being conducted in context with the entire SR 12 corridor and will coordinate with and be included in the planned SR 12 Major Investment Study (MIS). She also stated that a Strategic Public Outreach Plan has been developed with a project website constructed and launched as well as preparations are being made for the first public workshop scheduled for May 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Rio Vista.

NO DISCUSSION

C. Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District Clean Air Funds Committee Recommendation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10

D. Model Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Model Update

E. Project Delivery Update

