



**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Board Minutes for Meeting of**  
**January 14, 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 Spering, 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)	City of Vallejo

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:**

Osby Davis	City of Vallejo
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**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 Services
Susan Furtado	Financial Analyst/Accountant
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager/Analyst
Robert Guerrero	Senior Planner
Sam Shelton	Project Manager
Sara Woo	Assistant Planner
Kenny Wan	Assistant Project Manager

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

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

Jennifer Barton	District Director, Office of Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher
Danny Bernardini	The Reporter
Birgitta Corsello	County of Solano
Royce Cunningham	City of Dixon
Rick Fuller	Vice Mayor, City of Dixon

Mike Greener	The Daily Republic
George Gwynn, Jr.	Resident, City of Suisun City
James Hsiao	Caltrans District 4
Curtis Hunt	Vice Mayor, City of Vacaville
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Gus Khouri	Shaw/Yoder, Inc.
Ron Jones	Vice Mayor, City of Rio Vista
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Doanh Nguyen	Caltrans District 4

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

George Gwynn commented on the submittal of a project list for the proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Funds.

## **V. SWEARING IN OF NEW STA BOARD MEMBERS**

- Vice Mayor Rick Fuller was sworn in as STA's new Board Alternate Member representing the City of Dixon.
- Vice Mayor Ron Jones was sworn in as STA's new Board Alternate Member representing the City of Rio Vista.
- Vice Mayor Curtis Hunt was sworn in as STA's new Board Alternate Member representing the City of Vacaville.

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

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- State Continues to Grapple with Budget Deficit as Bond Funded Projects Candidates for Delay
- Solano County Submits a List of Potential Projects as Candidates for Proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Funds
- STA Gears Up 2009 Legislative Year with Adoption of Platform and Priorities
- New STA Board Alternates Named
- Solano Routes of Regional Significance
- Development of Implementation Plan for Regional Measure 2 Funded Transit Capital Projects

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

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

Doanh Nguyen, Project Manager, Caltrans District 4 reported on the rehabilitation of the Ryar Island, Rehabilitation Projects on SR 12, and the State Budget impact on ongoing contracts for bond-funded construction projects.

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

Chair Spering reported on the funding risks to transportation projects due to suspension of Proposition 1B Bond Funds. He added that the suspension freezes \$1 billion in bond funds for over 90 projects in the Bay Area.

Janet Adams reported that at a meeting earlier that day, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) announced that \$190 million in transportation funding from Proposition 1B has been allocated to 16 projects. She continued by saying that the allocations are contingent upon passage of the 2008-09 State Budget, and depending on the budget's handling of transportation funds, some of the allocations could be withdrawn.

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

1. State Legislative Report by Shaw/Yoder, Inc.'s Gus Khouri
2. STA Highlights of 2008 by Daryl Halls
3. Marketing and Public Input Plan for 2009 by Jayne Bauer
4. STA Status Reports:
  - A. Projects by Janet Adams
  - B. Planning by Robert Guerrero
  - C. Transit and Rideshare by Elizabeth Richards

## **VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board approved Consent Calendar Items A thru K.

### **A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008**

#### Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008.

### **B. Review TAC Draft Minutes for the Meeting of December 17, 2008**

#### Recommendation:

Receive and file.

### **C. Renewal of Membership with Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for 2009**

#### Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Renewal of STA's membership with the Solano Economic Development Corporation (Solano EDC) at the Board Member-Investor level of \$5,000 for the Annual Investment Year 2009; and
2. Direct staff to agendize for Board consideration STA's membership in Solano EDC prior to the annual renewal for 2010.

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

Recommendation:

Review and file.

**E. New Copier Lease**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign a three-year copier lease with Ricoh Business Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$28,000 annually.

**F. East Fairfield and Vacaville Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to release a RFP for consultant services to complete CBTP's for East Fairfield and Vacaville; and.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement to complete the Fairfield and Vacaville Community Based Transportation Plans for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

**G. DKS Associates Contract Amendment for Transit Consolidation Study**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to amend the consultant contract with DKS Associates with a contract term extension until June 30, 2009 for the purpose of completing Phase II of the Transit Consolidation Study.

**H. DKS Contract for Revisions to the Solano-Napa Traffic Model**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the DKS Associates for revisions to the Napa-Solano Travel Demand Model in the amount of \$24,960.

**I. Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Feasibility Study and Nexus Study Update**

Recommendation:

Approve the STA's Regional Transportation Impact Fee Feasibility Study and Executive Summary.

**J. North Connector Project Implementation**

Recommendation:

Approve the attached Resolution 2009-01 and Funding Allocation Request from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$18.2 million for construction of the East End - North Connector Project.

**K. STA Board Meeting Schedule for 2009**

Recommendation:

Adopt the STA Board Meeting Schedule for 2009.

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

### **A. Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Implementation Plan**

Janet Adams commented that staff will be seeking to develop an Implementation Plan with the partnership of the local project sponsors to insure the Board that the fully funded projects continue to move forward to construction and under funded projects are scoped appropriately. She also stated that as part of the development of the Implementation Plan, a consideration of overall countywide benefit of the project, deliverability of the proposed project or phase of the project, recipients commitment to deliver the project, reality of funding for any outstanding funding needs of the project, safety of the improvements, and transit and pedestrian access will all be considered.

#### **Public Comments:**

None presented.

#### **Board Comments:**

Board Member Patterson, City of Benicia, declared she had a potential conflict of interest relative to that portion of the RM 2 funding proposals and recused herself to that sub-part of the item concerning the Benicia Industrial Park.

#### Recommendation:

Direct staff to develop an implementation plan for RM 2 Funded Intermodal Transit Facilities in partnership with the implementing agencies.

On a motion by Board Member Batchelor, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board approved the recommendation. Board Member Patterson, City of Benicia, declared she had a potential conflict of interest relative to that portion of the RM 2 funding proposals and recused herself to that sub-part of the item concerning the Benicia Industrial Park.

### **B. Federal Economic Stimulus Submittal for Transportation in Solano County**

Janet Adams reviewed the Federal Stimulus Project Submittal for Solano County. She specified that once a more defined framework of the federal bill exists, the STA will need to quickly adopt a priority for these projects. She added that the prioritization process will begin at the January 28, 2009 meeting of the STA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

#### **Board Comments:**

Board Member Batchelor stated that the City of Dixon recently submitted a letter requesting to add enhancement projects (West B St. Pedestrian Undercrossing and Parkway Blvd. Overcrossing) to the Federal Economic Stimulus submittal for Solano County.

#### **Public Comments:**

None presented.

#### Recommendation:

Adopt the Federal Economic Stimulus Solano County project list for transportation as shown on Attachment A.

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

**C. Solano Routes of Regional Significance**

Robert Guerrero reviewed the 2008 Routes of Regional Significance Map and Routes of Regional Significance Roadway Segments. He stated that the City of Dixon recently submitted a letter requesting to add Parkway Blvd. to the Routes of Regional Significance. He cited that the Arterials, Highways, and Freeways Committee reviewed and recommended to approve the revised Solano Routes of Regional Significance and Roadway Segments.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the revised Solano Routes of Regional Significance as shown in Attachments C and D.

On a motion by Board Member Batchelor, and a second by Board Member Jan Vick, the STA Board approved the recommendation to include request made by the City of Dixon.

**D. STA's 2009 Final Legislative Priorities and Platform and Legislative Update**

Jayne Bauer provided a report on the Final 2009 STA Legislative Priorities and Platform, STA Federal New Authorization Policies, Federal Economic Stimulus, and State and Federal Legislative Lobbying. She added that key additions to the 2009 platform included an update of federal funding priorities and a renamed section, "Climate Change/Air Quality" to focus on climate change issues and policies pertaining to Senate Bill (SB) 375.

**Board Comments:**

Chair Sperring stated that he hopes the Board would agree to support fundamental changes needed to be made to the current federal authorization process and the need to streamline the process and reduce the number of funding categories. He urged the Board to take a position on a new authorization bill for transportation.

Board Member Patterson requested more time to review the Federal New Authorization Policies.

Daryl Halls requested direction and feedback from the Board to help staff produce the federal booklet in time for the STA's Federal Advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. in February. Chair Sperring stated that the new authorization is perceived as new and should be presented to Congress in that manner during their trip.

**Public Comments:**

George Gwynn commented on the 55% voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures in STA's 2009 Final Legislative Priorities and Platform.\

Curtis Hunt addressed the Board and indicated his support to the STA Federal New Authorization priorities.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. STA's Final 2009 Legislative Priorities and Platform; and
2. STA Federal New Authorization Policies.

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

**E. Appointment of STA Representative and Alternate to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board (CCJPB)**

Chair Sperring requested the STA Board appoint a representative and alternate member to the CCJPB. He cited that with the departure of Mary Ann Courville from the Dixon City Council in December, the STA vacancy needs to be filled on the CCJPB. He commented that Mayors Augustine and Batchelor have indicated their interest in serving on the CCJPB.

**Public Comments:**

None presented.

**Board Comments:**

None presented.

Recommendation:

Appoint a representative to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board effective immediately and, if necessary, appoint an alternate member.

On a motion by Board Member Batchelor, and a second by Board Member Price, the STA Board appointed Len Augustine as representative to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Board and Jack Batchelor as the alternate member.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO DISCUSSION**

- A. STA's Marketing and Public Input Plan for 2009**
- B. Climate Change Status**
- C. Solano Modeling TAC Appointments**
- D. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10**
- E. Project Delivery Update**
- F. State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections Plan Update**
- G. Funding Opportunities Summary**

**XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None presented.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The STA Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the STA Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Suisun City Hall Council Chambers.**

**Attested by:**



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**Johanna Masielat  
Clerk of the Board  
February 12, 2009**