



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Board Minutes for Meeting of
February 11, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spring called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 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
Osby Davis	City of Vallejo

*Arrived at the
meeting at 6:15 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 Services
Susan Furtado	Financial Analyst/Accountant
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager/Analyst
Judy Leaks	SNCI Program Manager
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:

Danny Bernardini	The Reporter
Rick Fuller	Vice Mayor, City of Dixon

George Fink	City of Fairfield
Andrew Fremier	Deputy Executive Director, MTC/BATA
Steve Heminger	Executive Director, MTC
Curtis Hunt (STA Board Alternate Member)	Vice Mayor, City of Vacaville
Dan Kasperson	City of Suisun City
Gary Leach	City of Vallejo
Wayne Lewis	City of Fairfield
Alysa Majer	City of Suisun City
Rod Moresco	City of Vacaville
Crystal Odum-Ford	City of Vallejo
Dan Schiada	City of Benicia
Mike Segala (STA Board Alternate Member)	Vice Mayor, City of Suisun City
Jeanine Wooley	City of Vallejo

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Vice-Chair Sanchez, the STA Board approved the agenda.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- STA Board Visits Washington, D.C. to Discuss Economic Stimulus Priorities
- STA Finalizes List of Federal Economic Stimulus Project Submittals
- MTC Proposes Regional HOT Lanes Network for Bay Area
- State Budget Fix Remains in Limbo
- State Route (SR) 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study
- SolanoExpress Ridership Continues to Grow

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

A. Caltrans Report:

None presented.

B. MTC Report:

Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, announced to the STA Board that the \$790 billion stimulus package is still being trimmed by the House Bill. In addition, he presented MTC's proposed Vision of the Regional High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Network for the Bay Area.

C. STA Reports:

1. Federal Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C. presented by Jayne Bauer
2. STA Status Reports:
 - A. Projects – A short update of the Truck Scales Project was provided by Janet Adams
 - B. Planning – A brief update of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan provided by Robert Macaulay
 - C. Transit and Rideshare – An update of SNCI Accomplishments was provided by Elizabeth Richards

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Board Member Augustine, and a second by Board Member Batchelor, the STA Board approved Consent Calendar Items A thru G with the exception of Agenda Item VII.A, STA Board Minutes of January 14, 2009. At the request of Board Member Patterson, corrections were made to the STA Board Minutes of January 14, 2009 as noted below.

A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2009 to include changes made to Agenda Item IX.A, Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Implementation Plan. 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 Downtown Park and Ride lot.

B. Review TAC Draft Minutes for the Meeting of January 28, 2009

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

C. Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Second Quarter Budget Report

Recommendation:

Review and file.

D. 2009 Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the 2009 PCC Work Plan as shown on Attachment A.

E. STA's Marketing and Public Input Plan for 2009

Recommendation:

Approve the STA 2009 Marketing Plan.

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

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2009-02 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.

G. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Committee Membership

Recommendation:

Appoint Board Member Davis as Chair of the Transit Committee and make other CTP Committee appointments as shown in Attachment B.

VIII. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Proposal for Establishment of a Regional High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll (HOV/HOT) Lanes Network

Janet Adams reviewed the development process of MTC's proposal to establish a Regional HOV/HOT Lanes Network in Solano County. She indicated that in order for MTC to operate HOV/HOT lanes, authorizing state legislation is required. She added that MTC staff is collaborating with the Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) to develop a governance model that ensures counties have the option to participate and are part of the governance system.

Board Comments:

Based on input, the STA Board modified the last recommendation (5) to read as follows:

5. Support specifying in the enabling legislation funding derived from Bay Area Regional HOV/HOT lanes network *be prioritized for use* in the corridor where the funds are generated.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Support in concept a Bay Area Regional HOV/HOT Lane Network;
2. Support MTC/BATA as the lead agency for operating a Bay Area Regional HOV/HOT Network;
3. Approve Attachment F as the Solano County HOV/HOT lanes priorities;
4. Support specifying in the enabling legislation STA representation in the governance on the I-80 and I-680 corridors and Steering Committee for the Regional HOT/HOV Lanes Network; and
5. Support specifying in the enabling legislation funding derived from Bay Area Regional HOV/HOT lanes network *be prioritized for use* in the corridor where the funds are generated.

On a motion by Vice Chair Sanchez, and a second by Board Member Patterson, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation with the amendment to include the noted changes shown above in *bold italics*.

B. Federal Economic Stimulus Submittal for Transportation in Solano County

Janet Adams reviewed the Federal Economic Stimulus Project List for roadways in Solano County. She reviewed the estimated local agency targets that have available funding for projects through MTC's most recent Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding distribution formula.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Adopt the Federal Economic Stimulus Solano County project lists for transportation and transit as shown on Attachment A and B.

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

C. State Route (SR) 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study

Robert Guerrero announced the final draft SR 113 MIS is being released for public review.

Board Comments:

Board Member Batchelor commented on his support for the SR 113 corridor.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to distribute the attached final draft SR 113 Major Investment and Corridor Study for public comment.

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

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. SolanoExpress Mid-Year Ridership Report

STA's Liz Niedziela, City of Vallejo's Crystal Odum-Ford, and City of Fairfield's George Fink presented and reported on SolanoExpress mid-year ridership increase of 14%.

B. Summary of SolanoExpress Public Comments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09

Liz Niedziela provided a status report on the public comment cards that are collected from transit passengers regarding their transit experience. She cited that for the time period of July-December 2008, STA received 203 passenger's comments that were recorded into 24 categories.

NO DISCUSSION

C. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Mid-Year Report

D. Legislative Update

E. State Route (SR) 12 Status Update

