



SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Board Minutes for Meeting of
April 8, 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
Chuck Timm (Alternate Member)	City of Fairfield
Jan Vick	City of Rio Vista
Len Augustine	City of Vacaville
Osby Davis	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
Robert Macaulay	Director of Planning
Susan Furtado	Financial Analyst/Accountant
Liz Niedziela	Transit Manager/Analyst
Judy Leaks	SNCI Program Manager
Sam Shelton	Project Manager
Kenny Wan	Assistant Project Manager

ALSO

PRESENT:

In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:

Frank Crim	Member of the Public
John Fadhil	Member of the Public
Rick Fuller	Vice Mayor, City of Dixon
George Gwynn	Member of the Public
Kurt Han	Member of the Public
Curtis Hunt	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
John Takeuchi	Member of the Public
Vern VanBuskirk	Member of the Public
Paul Wiese	County of Solano

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public came forward to address the Board on the following:

- George Gwynn commented on tax increases and promoting bus systems in Solano County.
- Jon Fadhl commented on STA's public outreach and information process at public meetings.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Daryl Halls provided an update on the following topics:

- SR 12 Rehabilitation and Safety Project Groundbreaking
- Proposed Amendments to STA's Joint Powers Agreement
- STA Proposes to Expand Mitigation Partnership with Solano Community College
- Status of Travis AFB Access Projects
- I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Highway Operations Implementation Study
- Solano Paratransit Service Partnership Requested to be Disbanded

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

A. Caltrans Report:

On behalf of Caltrans, Janet Adams announced Caltrans will be opening bids on the I-80 SHOPP Rehabilitation Project next Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

B. MTC Report:

Chair Spering announced that at an earlier meeting, MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee approved the recommendation for the state element of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for 2009 also known as the Federal Stimulus. He listed the Solano County projects to receive funding as follows:

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| • The Benicia State Park Overcrossing of I-780 | \$320,000 |
| • McGary Road Enhancement Project | \$640,000 |
| • Old Town Cordelia Bikeway Improvement Project | \$800,000 |

He added that MTC agreed to allocate an additional \$23 million to Local Streets and Roads (LS&R) preservation including \$1.8 million in additional LS&R for Solano County.

C. STA Reports:

1. A status of the Travis Air Force Base South Gate Access Improvement Project was presented by County of Solano's Paul Wiese
2. STA Status Reports:
 - A. Projects – An update of the North Connector (East End) Project was provided by Janet Adams
 - B. Planning – An update of the Rail Performance and Rail Station Projects were provided by Robert Macaulay
 - C. Transit and Rideshare – An update of the Bike to Work Week Campaign for 2009 was presented by Judy Leaks

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. STA Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve STA Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2009.

B. Review TAC Draft Minutes for the Meeting of March 25, 2009

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

C. Safe Routes to School Mapping Project – Request for Qualifications

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to release a Request for Qualifications for the STA's Safe Routes to School Mapping Project and enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

D. 2009 Model TAC Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the 2009 Model Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Work Program.

E. Unmet Transit Needs Response for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. The FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response as specified in Attachment B; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit the FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response to MTC.

F. Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Appointment

Recommendation:

Appoint Dawna Ferneau as a Social Service representative to the PCC for a 3-year term.

G. Environmental Mitigation Partnership with Solano Community College

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Solano Community College for implementation of the mitigation site for the North Connector Project, the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes Project and the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Project on Solano Community College property, with constructing a commensurate amount of additional parking and pathway improvements on Solano Community College property

H. Support for Local Grant Applications for the State Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2009-07, committing the STA to supporting Safe Routes to School activities and projects for the five schools described in each local agency's State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program grant application, should these schools receive grant funding.

I. Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) Application Review Committee

Recommendation:

Authorize the STA Board Chair to appoint two STA Board Members or STA Board Alternates from the YSAQMD area to participate in the STA/YSAQMD Clean Air Application Review Committee.

VIII. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Solano Rail Crossing Inventory and Improvement Plan Consultant Contract

Robert Macaulay provided an overview of the Solano Rail Crossing Inventory and Improvement Plan. He cited that the STA, working in partnership with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, is seeking a consultant to develop a rail crossing inventory and improvement plan for all of Solano County.

Board Comments:

Board Member Batchelor stated that STA and the local jurisdictions should make sure that efforts they take to improve or close crossings should receive credit from the railroads. He stated that they are often asked for at-grade crossings to be removed, and we should make sure that if we remove them that they are recognized by the railroad. Board Member Patterson asked if the study would be considering impacts of sea level rise on crossings and rail lines; specifically, the potential Benicia station site could be inundated by expected rise in the sea level, and STA should be cautious about spending money on rail crossings that might have to be relocated. Chair Sperring cautioned that it may not make sense to spend large sums of money for something that may not happen, or not in the foreseeable future. Board Member Batchelor agreed with Chair Sperring.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals and enter into a contract to conduct the Solano Rail Crossing Inventory and Improvement Plan Study for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 as directed by noted above.

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

B. I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Project Implementation

Janet Adams reviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s condition of the Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funding allocation request. She stated that STA is required to adopt Resolution No. 2009-06 which indicates that STA approves the Initial Project Report (IPR) for RM 2 Project 7 and cash flow plan and that STA authorizes the Executive Director to submit an allocation request with MTC for RM 2.

Board Comments:

None presented.

Public Comments:

None presented.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2009-06 and Funding Allocation Request from Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$20.7 million for final design and right-of-way acquisition for the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Project.

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

IX. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Updating STA's Joint Powers Agreement

Legal Counsel Charles Lamoree gave a brief history of STA's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He reviewed the amendment process of the JPA and listed the suggested revisions of STA's Powers, proposed amended, existing JPA, and the JPA with proposed changes. Board Member Patterson suggested that language be included to address SB 375 and other regional planning issues. At that time, further discussions were opened up amongst the Board Members leading to the approval of the draft amended JPA with the following additional language added to the Planning Section:

“STA will work to integrate local and regional land use and transportation planning initiatives. In addition to STA's role in helping the Metropolitan Transportation Commission develop the Regional Transportation Plan for Solano County, the STA will coordinate the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy or Alternative Planning Strategy for Solano County as appropriate in partnership with the Solano City County Coordinating Council. The STA will also work to periodically produce statistical information needed to analyze progress towards implementing such regional programs.”

Public Comments:

Kurt Hahn, City of Fairfield Resident, voiced his concern about the General Powers segment of the JPA.

Vern VanBuskirk, City of Fairfield Resident, addressed his opposition to the provisions of the Authority's JPA related to eminent domain authority. He state STA is too far removed from voters and citizens will have difficulty understanding what is exactly happening.

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. Revisions to the STA's Joint Powers Agreement as specified in Attachment A (Exhibit A); and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to seek approval of the JPA Amendment by all member agencies.

On a motion by Board Member Patterson, and a second by Board Member Vick, the STA Board unanimously approved the recommendation *with the amended language shown above in bold italics.*

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Update on the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Highway Operations Implementation Study

Sam Shelton provided an overview of the development in progress of the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Highway Operations Implementation Study. He cited that to develop the study, the STA and MTC created the Solano Highway Partnership (SoHIP) with the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo, and Caltrans Districts 3 & 4 to develop operational improvements and policy recommendations relating to a long range Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), ramp metering, High Occupancy Vehicle, network/lane extensions, and hardscape improvements that visually link corridor segments to areas of Solano County.

B. Discussion of Draft STA Overall Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11

Daryl Halls reviewed STA's Draft OWP for FY 2009-10 And FY 2010-11. He indicated staff intends to request adoption by the STA Board at the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting. He indicated that once adopted, the OWP will guide the development of the STA's budget priorities for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

NO DISCUSSION

C. Legislative Update

D. 2009 Congestion Management Program (CMP) Update

E. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

F. Local Streets and Roads (LS&R) Biennial Needs Revenue and Performance Survey

G. Project Delivery Update

H. Funding Opportunities Summary

I. STA Board Meeting Schedule for 2009

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The STA Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the STA Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Suisun City Hall Council Chambers.**

Attested by:

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Johanna Masiclat **Date**
Clerk of the Board