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**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM  
AGENDA**

Members:

- Benicia
- Dixon
- Fairfield
- Rio Vista
- Solano County
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2006**  
**Solano Transportation Authority**  
**One Harbor Center, Suite 130**  
**Suisun City, CA 94585**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>	George Fink, Chair
<b>II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (10:00 – 10:05 a.m.)</b>	
<b>III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (10:05 – 10:10 a.m.)</b>	
<b>IV. REPORTS FROM MTC AND STA STAFF (10:10– 10:15 a.m.)</b>	
<b>V. CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i> (10:15 – 10:20 a.m.)	
<b>A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of August 30, 2006</b> <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Approve minutes of August 30, 2006.</i> <b>Pg. 1</b>	Johanna Masiclat
<b>B. STA Board Meeting Highlights – September 13, 2006</b> <i>Informational</i> <b>Pg. 7</b>	Johanna Masiclat
<b>C. Updated STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2006</b> <i>Informational</i> <b>Pg. 13</b>	Johanna Masiclat

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS**

John Andoh  
Benicia  
Breeze

Jeff Matheson  
Dixon  
Readi-Ride

George Fink  
Fairfield/Suisun  
Transit

Brent Salmi  
Rio Vista  
Delta Breeze

Brian McLean  
Vacaville  
City Coach

George Untal  
Vallejo  
Transit

Paul Wiese  
County of  
Solano

**D. Funding Opportunities Summary**  
*Informational*  
**Pg. 17**

Sam Shelton

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. State Partnership Planning Grant Funds and Local Match for I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan**  
*Recommendation:*

Janet Adams

*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:*

- 1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application for Caltrans' State Transportation Planning Grant Program for \$250,000 for the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan.*
- 2. The allocation of \$62,500 State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) for the required 20% local match.*

**(10:20 – 10:30 a.m.) – Pg. 25**

**B. Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update**  
*Recommendation:*

Robert Guerrero

*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:*

- 1. Approve criteria for prioritizing the Countywide Pedestrian Plan's pedestrian projects.*
- 2. Issue a call for additional or revised pedestrian projects to be considered for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update.*

**(10:30 – 10:40 a.m.) – Pg. 31**

**C. Legislative Update – September 2006 and STA's Draft 2006 Legislative Priorities and Platform**

Jayne Bauer

*Recommendation:*

*Authorize the Executive Director to distribute the STA's Draft 2006 Legislative Priorities and Platform for a 30-day review and comment period.*

**(10:40 – 10:50 a.m.) – Pg. 49**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Summary of Priority Projects and Funding Presentation**  
*Informational*

Janet Adams

**(10:50 – 10:55 a.m.) – Pg. 69**

**B. Transit Presentation for STA Board Workshop for October 11, 2006**  
*Informational*

Elizabeth Richards

**(10:55 – 11:00 a.m.) – Pg. 99**

- C. **Update of Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement** Elizabeth Richards  
*Informational*  
(11:00 – 11:05 a.m.) – Pg. 103
- D. **Status Report on State Route (SR) 113 Corridor Study** Robert Guerrero  
*Informational*  
(11:05 – 11:10 a.m.) – Pg. 105
- E. **Update on Safe Routes to School (SR2S)** Sam Shelton  
*Informational*  
(11:10 – 11:15 a.m.) – Pg. 107
- F. **SNCI Monthly Issues** Elizabeth Richards  
*Informational*  
(11:15 – 11:20 a.m.) – Pg. 109
- G. **Local Transit Issues** Group

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2006.**

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**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**August 30, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fink called the regular meeting of the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium to order at approximately 10:07 a.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority Conference Room.

**Consortium**

<b>Present:</b>	John Andoh	Benicia Breeze
	Jeff Matheson	Dixon REDI-Ride
	George Fink	Fairfield/Suisun Transit
	Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach

<b>Also Present:</b>	Daryl Halls	STA
	Dan Christians	STA
	Janet Adams	STA
	Elizabeth Richards	STA/SNCI
	Jayne Bauer	STA
	Sam Shelton	STA
	Johanna Masiclat	STA

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Brian McLean, the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium approved the agenda.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None presented.

#### **IV. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC, AND STA STAFF**

**Caltrans:** None presented.

**MTC:** None presented.

**STA:** Jayne Bauer announced STA's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards on November 8, 2006 at the Nut Tree Family Park in Vacaville. She informed the Consortium of the August 31, 2006 deadline for all the nominations to be submitted to the STA.

Sam Shelton provided and distributed information on funding grant for FY 2007-08 of the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) due on December 1, 2006.

#### **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Brian McLean, the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved Consent Calendar Items A through G.

Recommendation:

**A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of June 28, 2006**

Recommendation:

Approve minutes of June 28, 2006.

**B. STA Board Meeting Highlights – July 12, 2006**

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**C. Updated STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2006**

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**D. Funding Opportunities Summary**

Informational

**E. Consulting Services to Support the City Council Coordinating Council Monitor and Provide Input on Association Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Projects**

Recommendation:

Recommend the STA Board authorize the Executive Director to provide \$20,000 of 2006-07 TLC Program funds to provide consultant services to support the City County Coordinating Council representatives monitor and provide input on ABAG/MTC regional projects.

**F. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) FY 2006-07 Work Program and FY 2005-06 Annual Report**

Recommendation:

Recommend the STA Board approve SNCI's FY 2006-07 Work Program for Solano County.

**G. Funding Agreement Between the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the County of Solano, and the City of Vallejo for the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane/Turner Overcrossing Project Study Report (PSR)**

Recommendation:

Forward recommendation to the STA Board approving the following:

1. Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement between Solano Transportation Authority, the City of Vallejo, and the County of Solano for \$1,200,000 for the I-80 HOV Lane/Turner Overcrossing PSR.
2. The allocation of \$80,000 State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) for the STA's 1/3 share of the required local match.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) Proposed Funding Amendment #2 for FY 2006-07**

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the amended FY 2006-07 STA project list and amended draft FY 2007-08 STAF project list for Northern County and Regional Paratransit STAF population-based funds.

Recommendation:

Approve the Amended FY 2006-07 STAF project list and amended draft FY 2007-08 STAF project list for Northern County and Regional Paratransit STAF population-based funds.

On a motion by John Andoh, and a second by Brian McLean, the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

**B. Status of FY 2006-07 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement**

Elizabeth Richards summarized the agreement process with Fairfield/Suisun Transit (FST) concerning STA's management and oversight of Route 90. She requested that the recommendation made by staff to enter into a lease agreement with Fairfield/Suisun Transit and Vallejo Transit be withdrawn. She stated that staff is proposing an identity change from SolanoLinks to SolanoExpress in preparation for the marketing campaign in the fall of 2006.

Recommendation:

Recommend the STA Board approve the following:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Fairfield/Suisun Transit concerning STA's management and oversight of Rt. 90.
- ~~2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with Fairfield/Suisun Transit and Vallejo Transit concerning over the road coaches that will be used for operating Rt. 90.~~
3. Authorize staff to establish a new identity for Solano County's intercity transit services called "SolanoExpress".

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Brian McLean, the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation as amended shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

**C. Legislative Update – August 2006**

Jayne Bauer requested to withdraw the recommendation to the STA Board to adopt a watch position on Senate Bill 1917.

She proceeded by reviewing the following state and federal legislation bills: SB 1719 (Perata) Transportation funding bill that provides for the distribution of funding from Prop. 42 after FY 2008-09; AB 2538 (Wolk) Planning, Programming and Monitoring bill approved by the Assembly on May 31, 2006; AB 2444 (Klehs) Congestion Management and Motor Vehicle Environmental Mitigation Fee introduced in February 23, 2006; and SB 1611 (Simitian) Congestion Management Fee: Vehicle Registration introduced in February 2006.

**D. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Phase 2 Public Input Process and Materials**

Sam Shelton summarized the SR2S Phase 2 public input process and materials composed of three (3) community task force meetings, SR2S toolkit of projects and programs, and a school walking audit checklist and SR2S project proposal form. He stated that once the STA Board has adopted the SR2S Phase 2 Public Input Process and Materials, community task forces would have the tools to begin their walking audits and committee meetings as early as October 2006.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the Safe Routes to School Phase 2 Public Input Process and Materials.

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by John Andoh, the SolanoLinks Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Overview of Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board Workshop of July 12, 2006**

Janet Adams highlighted several items discussed during the first STA Board Workshop of July 12, 2006. She summarized them as; 1.) Review and Update of Project Funding Priorities Following the Failure of Measure H, and 2.) The Future of Solano County Highway Corridors: a.) Highway Corridor Operation Policy(s), b.) Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Funding Policy for Reliever Routes and Regionally Significant Interchanges, c.) Funding and Implementation of Highway Improvements 2006-2010.

### **B. Status of FY 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement**

Elizabeth Richards stated that the Request for Proposals for the Transit Finance Assessment Study which was released the week of August 21, 2006. She indicated that the proposals are due September 28, 2006 and consultant selection is expected by early October.

### **C. Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program Update**

Elizabeth Richards announced the first ERH voucher used on August 10, 2006. She stated that Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) staff is currently working with staff at Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA) to develop the ERH Program in Napa County.

### **D. Local Transit Issues**

The cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, and Vallejo reported on local transit issues.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.

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**Solano Transportation Authority  
Board Meeting/Workshop Highlights  
September 13, 2006  
6:00 p.m.**

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**TO:** City Councils and Board of Supervisors  
(Attn: City Clerks and County Clerk of the Board)  
**FROM:** Johanna Masielat, STA Clerk of the Board  
**RE:** Summary Actions of the September 13, 2006 STA Board Meeting/Workshop

Following is a summary of the actions taken by the Solano Transportation Authority at the Board meeting of September 13, 2006. If you have any questions regarding specific items, please give me a call at 424-6008.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anthony Intintoli (Vice Chair)	City of Vallejo
Steve Messina	City of Benicia
Harry Price	City of Fairfield
Ed Woodruff	City of Rio Vista
Jim Sperring	City of Suisun City
Steve Wilkins (Alternate Member)	City of Vacaville
John Vasquez (Alternate Member)	County of Solano

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Len Augustine (Chair)	City of Vacaville
Mary Ann Courville	City of Dixon
John Silva	County of Solano

**ACTION ITEMS: FINANCIAL**

**A. State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) Proposed Funding Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07**

Recommendation:

Approve the following:

1. The amended FY 2006-07 STAF project list; and
2. The amended draft FY 2007-08 STAF project list for Northern County and Regional Paratransit STAF population-based funds as show in attachments.

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

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS - WORKSHOP**

**A. The Future of Solano County Highway Corridors**

- 1. Funding Overview**
- 2. Priority Projects with Funding Shortfall**

Janet Adams provided an overview of the funding and priority projects funding shortfall for Solano County highway corridors.

**B. Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Funding Policy for Reliever Routes and Regionally Significant Interchanges**

Janet Adams provided an overview explaining the need to develop a funding policy for reliever routes and regionally significant local interchanges.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

On a motion by Alternate Member Vasquez, and a second by Member Spring, consent items A through U were unanimously approved.

**A. STA Board Minutes of July 12, 2006**

Recommendation:

Approve minutes of July 12, 2006.

**B. Review Draft TAC Minutes of August 30, 2006**

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

**C. STA Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2006 and 2007**

Recommendation:

Informational.

**D. Funding Opportunities Summary**

Informational

**E. STA Board Stipend Revision**

Recommendation:

Amend existing policy to allow each Board Alternate to receive the stipend at the same rate as the STA Board Members for the same eligible STA Board established meetings.

**F. Consulting Services to Support the City Council Coordinating Council's Effort to Monitor and Provide Input on Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/ Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Projects**

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to provide \$20,000 of FY 2006-07 Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program funds to provide consultant services to support the City County Coordinating Council representatives monitor and provide input on ABAG/MTC regional projects.

- G. STA’s Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Work Program and FY 2005-06 Annual Report**  
Recommendation:  
 Approve SNCI’s FY 2006-07 Work Program for Solano County.
- H. Funding Agreement Between the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the County of Solano, and the City of Vallejo for the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane/Turner Overcrossing Project Study Report (PSR)**  
Recommendation:  
 Approve the following:
1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement between Solano Transportation Authority, the City of Vallejo, and the County of Solano for \$1,200,000 for the I-80 HOV Lane/Turner Overcrossing PSR.
  2. The allocation of \$80,000 State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) for the STA’s 1/3 share of the required local match.
- I. Preliminary Engineering Priorities for Caltrans Oversight**  
Recommendation:  
 Adopt the two-year plan for Caltrans oversight as specified in Attachment A for Solano County.
- J. Update of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement / Route 90**  
Recommendation:  
 Approve the following:
1. Authorize the STA to assume responsibility for management of Route 90.
  2. Authorize staff to establish a new marketing identity for Solano County’s intercity transit services called “SolanoExpress”.
- K. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Phase 2 Public Input Process and Materials**  
Recommendation:  
 Adopt the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Phase 2 Public Input Process and Public Meeting Materials provided that the public input process will remain flexible to the needs of each community.
- L. STA Board’s Advisory Committee Letter Writing Policy**  
Recommendation:  
 Approve the following:
1. Reconfirm the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board’s advisory committee letter writing policy.
  2. Revise the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), SolanoLinks Transit Consortium (Consortium), Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), and Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Bylaws to include the STA Board’s advisory committee letter writing policy and to include that policy in any new advisory committees established in the future.

- M. 2006 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Update and 2007 Ten Year SHOPP**  
Informational
- N. Update of Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement**  
Informational
- O. Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program Update**  
Recommendation:  
Informational.
- P. Pedestrian Advisory Committee Priority Pedestrian**  
Recommendation:  
Informational.
- Q. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 Funding Recommendations and SBPP Process Review**  
Informational
- R. Local Projects Inactive Obligations Review**  
Informational
- S. Legislative Update – September 2006**  
Recommendation:  
Informational.
- T. Summary of Response to Solano County Grand Jury**  
Recommendation:  
Informational.
- U. Jepson Parkway Project Management Contract**  
Recommendation:  
Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a consultant contract with Susan Chang for project management services for the Jepson Parkway for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**UPDATE FROM STAFF:**

- A. Caltrans Report**  
Doanh Nguyen, Caltrans District 4, provided an overview of the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Projects and Rehabilitation Projects on State Route (SR) 12 East in Solano County.
- B. MTC Report**  
None reported.
- C. STA Report**  
Jayne Bauer announced the release of STA's 2005 Annual Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The STA Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting of the STA Board is a workshop scheduled on **Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at the Suisun City Hall.**

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DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Johanna Masiolat, Clerk of the Board  
RE: Updated STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2006

**Background:**

Attached is the updated STA Board meeting calendar for 2006 that may be of interest to the Consortium.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. STA 2006 Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2006

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**STA BOARD AND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE  
CALENDAR YEAR 2006**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
September 21	6:00 p.m.	Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	TBD
September 27	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
October 5	6:30 p.m.	Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
<b>October 11</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>STA Board Meeting</b>	<b>Suisun City Hall</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
October 19	9:00 a.m.	Alternative Modes Committee	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
<b>November 8</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>STA Annual Awards</b>	<b>Nut Tree Family Park - Vacaville</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
November 16	6:00 p.m.	Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative
November 17	12:30 p.m.	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
November 29	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
<b>December 13</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>STA Board Meeting</b>	<b>Suisun City Hall</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
December 21	6:00 p.m.	Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative

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DATE: September 20, 2006  
 TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
 FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager  
 RE: Funding Opportunities Summary

The following funding opportunities will be available to STA member agencies during the next few months. Also attached are summary fact sheets for each program. Please distribute this information to appropriate departments within your jurisdiction.

Fund Source	Application Available From	Application Due
California State Parks, Habitat Conservation Fund	David Smith, California Department of Parks and Recreation (Cal DPR), (916) 651-8576	<b>Due October 2, 2006</b>
California State Parks, Recreational Trails Program	David Smith, Cal DPR, (916) 651-8576	<b>Due October 2, 2006</b>
Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant – Environmental Justice / Context Sensitive Planning for Communities	Norman Dong, Caltrans (916) 651-6889	<b>Due October 13, 2006</b>
Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant – Community-Based Transportation Planning	Brian Davis, Caltrans, (916) 653-9666	<b>Due October 13, 2006</b>
Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant – FTA 5305 Transit Planning	Garth Hopkins, Caltrans, (916) 654-8175	<b>Notice of Intent to MTC Sept 13, 2006 App Review to MTC Sept 29, 2006 Due to Caltrans October 13, 2006</b>
Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant – Partnership Planning	Garth Hopkins, Caltrans, (916) 654-8175	<b>Due October 13, 2006</b>
Bikes Belong Grant Program	Elizabeth Train, Bikes Belong Coalition, (303) 449-4893	<b>Due October 30, 2006</b>



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**California State Parks**  
**Habitat Conservation Fund**  
**Due October 2, 2006**

**TO:** SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
**FROM:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the California State Parks’ Habitat Conservation Fund is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** Cities, counties and districts are eligible to apply.

**Program Description:** Funded as part of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 to protect wildlife and educate the public about wildlife.

**Funding Available:** \$2 million is available under the program. A 50% state / 50% local match is required. This can be made with non-state dollars, in-kind contributions, or property made available as part of the acquisition project.

**Eligible Projects:** The following categories will be funded during the upcoming grant cycle:

1. Deer/Mountain Lion Habitat
2. Rare, Threatened, Endangered, or Fully Protected Species Habitat
3. Wetland Habitat
4. Riparian Habitat

**Previous awards in Solano County:**

- City of Vacaville – Pleasants Valley Encinosa Acquisition \$250,000, FY 04/05
- City of Vacaville – Ulati Creek \$72,000, FY97/98; \$86,000 & \$54,000, FY 96/97

**Further Details:** <http://www.parks.ca.gov> “Grants and Bond Acts”

**Program Contact:** David Smith, Cal DPR, (916) 651-8576, [dsmith@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dsmith@parks.ca.gov)

**STA Contact Person:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**California State Parks  
Recreational Trails Program**  
**Due October 2, 2006**

**TO:** SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
**FROM:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the California State Parks’ Recreational Trails Program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** Cities, counties, districts, state agencies and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands.

**Program Description:** The Recreational Trails Program provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects.

**Funding Available:** About \$1.54 million per year will be available for non-motorized projects and about \$660,000 for motorized projects based on the federal Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation. Minimum match of 12% required.

- Eligible Projects:**
- Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails (motorized projects only);
  - Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; (Central County Bikeway Gap Closure, Suisun City, \$160,000, FY 04/05)
  - Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment (motorized projects only);
  - Construction of new recreational trails (see Procedural Guide for more information);
  - Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors;
  - Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as those objectives relate to the use of recreational trails (motorized projects only).

**Further Details:** <http://www.parks.ca.gov> “Grants and Bond Acts”

**Program Contact:** David Smith, Cal DPR, (916) 651-8576, [dsmith@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dsmith@parks.ca.gov)

**STA Contact Person:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant**  
**Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning for Communities**  
Due October 13, 2006

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Environmental Justice, Context-Sensitive Planning for Communities is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Applicants: Cities, counties, transit districts and Native American Tribal Governments.  
Sub-applicants: Non-profits, Community Based Organizations, Local Transportation Commissions, etc.

Program Description: Funds projects that promote public participation in planning to improve mobility, access, equity, affordable housing, and economic opportunities for low-income, minority and Native American communities

Funding Available: \$1.5 million from the State Highway Account for FY 05/06. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000. A local match equal to 10% of the grant request is required, of which half may be in-kind.

- Eligible Projects:
- Identify and involve under-represented groups in planning and project development.
  - Planning and Safety improvements for pedestrians and bicycles
    - (Fruitvale Alive!/City of Oakland - \$170,100, FY 03/04)
  - Developing Guidelines and supporting information for EJ element of a General Plan
    - (South Sacramento Community Plan Update - \$237,960, FY 03/04)
  - Transportation Projects in underdeveloped rural agricultural areas
    - (Le Grand, Circulation Plan - \$68,400, FY 03/04)
  - Transportation Planning that enhances the business climate, affordable housing, and economic development in under-served communities development
    - (Monument Corridor Marketing and Outreach Project, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority - \$87,200, FY 05/06)

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm>

Program Contact: Norman Dong, Caltrans, [Norman\\_dong@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Norman_dong@dot.ca.gov) (916) 651-6889

STA Contact Person: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant**  
**Community-Based Transportation Planning**  
**Due October 13, 2006**

**TO:** SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
**FROM:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant, Community-Based Transportation Planning is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

**Eligible Project Sponsors:** Cities, counties, transit districts and Public Entities. Sub recipients: Non-profits, Private Sector entities, Universities, etc.

**Program Description:** Funds transportation and land use planning that promote public participation and support livable community concepts.

**Funding Available:** \$1.5 million from the State Highway Account for FY 05/06. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000. A local match equal to 20% of the grant request is required, of which half may be in-kind.

- Eligible Projects:**
- Long-term sustainable community/economic development growth studies or plans
  - Safe, innovative, and complete pedestrian/bicycle/transit linkage studies or plans
  - Community to school linkage studies or plans
  - Jobs and affordable housing proximity studies or plans
  - Transit Oriented/Adjacent Development or “transit village” studies or plans
  - Community transit facility/infrastructure studies or plans
  - Mixed-land use development studies or plans
  - Form-based or smart code development
  - Context sensitive streetscapes or town center studies or plans
  - Grid street system studies or plans
  - Community revitalization studies or plans
  - Context sensitive community development planning
  - Studies for community-friendly goods movement transportation corridors, ports, and airports

**Further Details:** <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm>

**Program Contact:** Brian Travis, [Brian\\_Travis@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Brian_Travis@dot.ca.gov), (916) 653-9966

**STA Contact Person:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant**  
**FTA 5305 Transit Planning**  
Notice of Intent due to MTC by September 13, 2006  
Applications for review by MTC need by September 29, 2006  
Complete applications due to Caltrans on October 13, 2006

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant, FTA 5305 Transit Planning is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: MPOs/RTPs as applicants. Others may apply as sub-recipients. Contact MTC for their sub-recipient process details.

Program Description: *Statewide Transit Planning Studies:* Funds studies that reduce urban transportation needs and improve transit on a statewide or multi-regional level.  
*Transit Technical Planning Assistance:* Funds public intermodal transportation planning studies for rural transit service (Population of 50K or less).  
*Transit Professionals Development:* Fund training and development of transit planning professionals and students.

Funding Available: 11.47% non-Federal funds or in-kind local match required for all grants.  
\$1.850 million from FTA Section 5305 for FY 07/08 (with last cycle examples):  
*Statewide Transit Planning Studies:* \$1,200,000 available with a grant cap of \$300,000. (Transit-Related Child Care Study, Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, \$84,100)  
*Transit Technical Planning Assistance:* \$900,000 available with a grant cap of \$100,000. (Western Placer County Options for Transit Service Consolidation, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, \$13,280)  
*Transit Professionals Development:* \$200,000 available with a grant cap of \$50,000. (Professional Development and Transit Internships, Yolo County Transportation District, \$46,478).

Eligible Projects: *Statewide Transit Planning Studies:* GIS development, transit oriented development studies, transit planning and development tools and models.  
*Transit Technical Planning Assistance:* Short-range transit development plans, ridership surveys, and transit coordination studies.  
*Transit Professionals Development:* Training manuals and internships.

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm>  
MTC contacts: Lisa Klein (510) 817-5832, [lklein@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:lklein@mtc.ca.gov)

Program Contact: Garth Hopkins, Caltrans, [Garth\\_Hopkins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Garth_Hopkins@dot.ca.gov) (916) 654-8175

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant  
Partnership Planning**

Notice of Intent due to MTC by September 13, 2006  
Applications for review by MTC need by September 29, 2006  
Complete applications due to Caltrans on October 13, 2006

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant, Partnership Planning is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

- Eligible Project Sponsors: MPOs/RTPs as applicants. Others may apply as sub-recipients. Contact MTC for their sub-recipient process details.
- Program Description: Funds statewide planning studies that are jointly performed by Caltrans and MPOs/RTPAs.
- Funding Available: Approximately \$1,000,000 will be available in FY 2007-2008. The maximum amount per grant cannot exceed \$300,000. The applicant needs to provide a 20 percent non-federal local match.
- Eligible Projects:
- Regional transportation planning studies (Statewide / Multi-Regional)
  - Land Use / Smart Growth Studies
  - Corridor studies  
(Smarter Growth Along the I-80 Capitol Corridor, MTC/SACOG - \$300,000)
  - Intermodal Facilities
- Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm>
- Program Contact: Garth Hopkins, Caltrans, [Garth\\_Hopkins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Garth_Hopkins@dot.ca.gov) (916) 654-8175  
Lisa Klein, MTC, [lklein@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:lklein@mtc.ca.gov) (510) 817-5832
- STA Contact Person: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075
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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**Bikes Belong Grant Program**  
**Due by October 30, 2006**

**TO:** SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
**FROM:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant, Community-Based Transportation Planning is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

- Eligible Project Sponsors:** Cities and the County of Solano are eligible.
- Program Description:** Bikes Belong is offering grants to address four specific goals: Ridership growth, leveraging funding, building political support, and promoting cycling.
- Funding Available:** Grants are available up to \$10,000. This program is intended to provide funding for local matches for larger fund sources.
- Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects include bicycle facility improvements, education, and capacity projects.
- Previously Awarded Projects:**
- North-South Greenway, Marin County, \$10,000
  - Sacramento Area Bike Trails, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates, \$10,000
  - YMCA City Bike Education Program, San Francisco, \$5,000
- Further Details:** Elizabeth Train, Grants & Research Director  
Bikes Belong Coalition  
<http://bikesbelong.org>  
1920 13th Street, Suite A  
Boulder, Colorado 80302  
(303) 449-4893
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- STA Contact Person:** Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager, (707) 424-6075



DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner  
RE: State Partnership Planning Grant Funds and Local Match for I-80/I-680/  
I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan

**Background:**

Caltrans annually provides grant opportunities through the State Transportation Planning Grant Program for several categories including a Partnership Planning Grant program where corridor studies are eligible. This year a total of \$1 million is available on a state-wide competitive basis with a maximum grant amount of \$300,000 per project. This program is highly competitive with only three or four grant awards per year.

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), has been successful in obtaining planning grant funding through this program in the past. The STA's most recent grant award was for the SR 113 Corridor Study/Major Investment Study. STA staff prepared a more detailed status report on this project as a separate discussion item in this agenda packet (see Consortium Agenda Item VII.D).

In 2004, the STA completed the first comprehensive corridor analysis for the I-80/I-680/I-780 corridors. The goal of the study was to develop a long range, multi-modal transportation plan for these corridors in Solano County. The I-80/I-680/I-780 Major Investment and Corridor Study focused on capital improvements to address current and future travel patterns. These capital improvements included: safety projects, auxiliary lane construction, interchange improvements, park and ride facilities, and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane recommendations.

STA staff, in partnership with MTC, proposes to submit a Partnership Planning Grant application titled "I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan" to follow up on the STA's previous corridor study and MTC's new Freeway Performance Initiative. Although MTC's Freeway Performance Initiative has only recently begun and is subject to further refinement, the primary goal of this project is to investigate operational improvements in specific corridors throughout the Bay Area (corridor segments are limited due to funding constraints). If successful, the STA's proposed planning grant will provide recommendations consistent with MTC's Freeway Performance Initiative.

**Discussion:**

The purpose of the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan grant application is to develop operational improvements and policy recommendations for the corridors relating to long range Intelligent

Transportation Systems (ITS), ramp metering, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) network/lane extensions/ramp by-pass lanes and hardscape and landscape improvements that visually link areas of Solano County. STA staff recommends a total grant request of \$250,000 to complete this study.

One of the primary benefits of the proposed project is that it will identify operational and ITS improvements that can be implemented along with projects that were identified as part of the original I-80/I-680/I-780 Major Investment and Corridor Study. Recommendations from this study will facilitate express bus and carpool throughout the County. This will result in significant cost savings for constructing interrelated projects. In terms of timing, if the proposed project is awarded funding, the project will be initiated in late 2007 allowing MTC time to complete the Freeway Performance Initiative. This is beneficial because the project will be developed to include improvement recommendations consistent with the Freeway Performance Initiative. A draft scope of work with the funding request is included as Attachment A.

**Fiscal Impact:**

A local match of twenty percent (20%) or \$62,500 is required for this grant program. STA staff proposes to provide State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) funds as the local match for FY 2007-08.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application for Caltrans' State Transportation Planning Grant Program for \$250,000 for the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan.
2. The allocation of \$62,500 State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) for the required 20% local match.

Attachment:

- A. Draft I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan Scope of Work

## **I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Highway Operations Implementation Plan**

### **Project Summary:**

This application is for a Partnership Planning grant from the California Department of Transportation's Transportation Planning Grant program. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will work with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), as the lead agency for this planning effort, to create a partnership with Caltrans District 4 and the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo. The partnership will work to develop operational improvements and policy recommendations for the I-80/I-680/I-780 corridors relating to long range Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), ramp metering, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) network/lane extensions/ramp by-pass lanes and hardscape and landscape improvements that visually link areas of Solano County. The proposed plan is a follow up to the July 2004 I-80/I-780/I-680 Major Investment and Corridor Study and will be consistent with MTC's Freeway Performance Initiative.

Key aspects of the proposed study include:

1. Multi-jurisdictional partnership with Caltrans, MTC, STA, the County of Solano, and the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo.
2. Operational improvement plan that incorporates the updated of the 2004 I-80/I-680/I-780 Solano Travel Demand Model/land use assumptions.
3. A corridor operational improvement plan consistent with MTC Freeway Performance Initiative.
4. Operational improvement projects for the corridors to be implemented along with the original I-80/I-680/I-780 Major Investment and Corridor Study projects to allow for extensive cost savings.
5. Public outreach to those potentially affected by operational improvements to the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors.
6. Planning deliverables are beneficial to Caltrans and other members of the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Partnership.
7. Ramp metering plans for local jurisdictions.
8. Policies for ITS, HOV, Ramp Metering, and Hardscape/Landscape improvements along the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors.
9. Facilitating transit in the County by considering HOV Lane ramp by-pass lanes and coordinating the HOV lane system with planned transit and park-and-ride facilities.
10. An aggressive planning implementation schedule

### **Estimated Cost by Funding Source**

Partnership Planning	\$250,000	(80%)
local match (STAF)	\$ 62,500	(20%)
Total:	\$312,500	

## Preliminary Project Schedule and Funding Chart

Project Title:		I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan															
		Fiscal Year 2007/2008															
Primary Tasks <sup>1</sup>	Responsible Party	Cost Total	Grant (80%)	Local <sup>2</sup> (20%)	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	
Task 1. Budget	Caltrans/STA/MTC/Consultant	\$3,125	\$2,500	\$625	X												
Task 2. Partnership	Caltrans/MTC/STA/Cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo	\$31,250	\$25,000	\$6,250		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Task 3. Public Outreach	Consultant/MTC/STA	\$62,500	\$50,000	\$12,500			X					X			X		
Task 4. Planning	Consultant	\$121,875	\$97,500	\$24,375		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Task 5. Funding	Consultant	\$62,500	\$50,000	\$12,500							X	X	X				
Task 6. Deliverables	Consultant	\$15,613	\$12,490	\$3,123										X	X	X	
Task 7. Implementation	Caltrans/MTC/STA	\$15,612	\$12,490	\$3,122													X
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$312,500</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>													

<sup>1</sup>See attached scope of work for summarized description of each task

<sup>2</sup>Local Match provided by contributions from STAF funds

## **SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY**

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The I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan will include the following summarized tasks as part of the initial scope of work (these tasks are not in priority order and will be further defined prior to any contract award):

### **Task #1- Budget and schedule**

Confirm the project budget and project schedule is adequate and provide safeguards to prevent any potential project cost overruns. Project schedule should include milestones with appropriate deliverables to ensure project is developed in accordance with the project schedule.

### **Task #2- Partnership**

Create a public/multi-government agency partnership to provide comments, recommendations, and consensus for improvements along project segment.

### **Task #3- Public Outreach**

Develop opportunities for public input in the development of the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan process.

### **Task #4- Planning- I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan**

Develop projects to be included in the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan.

### **Task #5- Funding Options**

Develop funding options for the I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridors Study Highway Operations Plan.

### **Task #6-Deliverables**

Provide written documents as project milestones are completed.

### **Task #6- Implementation**

Implement the study in a timely manner. Incorporate recommendations that can be included in regional and city planning programs (e.g. MTC's Regional Transportation Plan and Freeway Performance Initiative Plan, Caltrans SHOPP list and corridor concepts update, STA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan's Arterial, Highways and Freeways Element update, and STA's Congestion Management Program, transportation circulation elements of the city and County future General Plan updates).

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DATE: September 18, 2006  
 TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
 FROM: Robert Guerrero, Associate Planner  
 RE: Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update

**Background:**

The Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan was developed through the efforts and guidance of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), Landpeople (consultants for the countywide plan), and the Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC). The Countywide Pedestrian Plan was approved and recommended by the PAC in September 2004 followed by STA Board adoption in October 2004. The plan is the first effort to identify countywide significant pedestrian projects in the Bay Area. The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) was given an award by the Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association for the development and implementation of this Pedestrian Plan.

The Plan identified several pedestrian projects in three specific categories: current projects, conceptual projects and priority projects. Each city and the County of Solano have identified at least one priority project included in the plan, as indicated in the following matrix:

Agency	Project
Benicia	State Park Road/I-780 Overcrossing
Dixon	Multi-modal Transportation Center
Rio Vista	Waterfront Plan and Improvement Project
Fairfield	West Texas Street Urban Village Project
Suisun City	Driftwood Drive Pedestrian Project
Vacaville	Vacaville Creek Walk Extension to McClellan Street
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Station Pedestrian and Streetscape Enhancements
Multi-Jurisdictional (Fairfield, Suisun, and Solano County)	Union Ave (Fairfield) to Main Street (Suisun City) Enhancements Program
Multi-Jurisdiction (Fairfield, Suisun, Solano County, and Vacaville)	Jepson Parkway

The pedestrian projects identified in the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan were primarily created and prioritized by the responsible agencies (i.e. all seven cities and the County of Solano). Due primarily to a larger portion of funding dedicated to pedestrian facilities in Solano County, the PAC has requested to update the Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan's current list of pedestrian projects to include new projects or project revisions. The goal is to complete the update by January 2006 in time for the next Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) fund cycle.

In June 2006, the STA retained Landpeople consultants to assist in creating a criteria and an application for pedestrian project submittals. Randy Anderson of Landpeople was the original consultant for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan and was instrumental in helping STA staff establish the current PAC.

**Discussion:**

Attachment A is the draft criteria and project submittal application which focuses on two parts: Basic Project Information and Pedestrian Project Performance Checklist. The PAC is scheduled to review the attached criteria and project submittal application at their meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2006. The PAC is expected to finalize the criteria and application at this meeting in order to meet the completion date goal of January 2007. STA staff will provide the TAC a revised version of the criteria and application based on input from the PAC. The current timeline for completion is also attached (see Attachment B).

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:

1. Approve criteria for prioritizing the Countywide Pedestrian Plan's pedestrian projects.
2. Issue a call for additional or revised pedestrian projects to be considered for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update.

Attachments:

- A. Draft Criteria and Application for Prioritizing Pedestrian Projects
- B. Pedestrian Project Update Schedule

# Draft Criteria and Application for Pedestrian Projects Submittals

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## **Draft Process for Prioritizing Pedestrian Projects**

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### **I. Purpose of the Process**

The Countywide Pedestrian Plan's Overall Goal is:

**A complete, safe, and enjoyable system of pedestrian routes and zones in places people need and want to go in Solano County, providing a viable alternative to the use of the automobile, through connection to transit, and employment, health, commercial, recreational and social centers.**

STA and its Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) will help implement this goal by encouraging and funding pedestrian-oriented projects that support the Countywide Pedestrian Plan and its planning and design guidelines. The projects in the initial Countywide Pedestrian Plan were a cross-section of pedestrian-related plans of STA's member agencies. These projects were not planned, designed, or selected based on the specific goals, policies, and guidelines of the Plan, which did not exist at the time the projects were formulated or submitted. A process is proposed to update, expand, and prioritize the pedestrian project list in the Plan to better reflect and support the Plan's goals, policies, and guidelines.

### **Relationship to the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Fund**

The STA Board adopted guidelines for the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Fund on December 4, 2005. These guidelines are attached as Exhibit A. They provide for a three year implementation program to serve as a guide for funding recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian projects that would be funded with a combination of TDA Article 3 funds, MTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funds, and CMAC funds from the Eastern Solano County Air Quality Region. The proposed process for prioritizing projects for the Countywide Pedestrian Master Plan is both longer-term and more specifically focused on pedestrian projects than the SBPP Fund, though there is some overlap in criteria, and likely will be for the project priorities.

### **Draft Project Prioritization Methodology**

STA will ask its member agencies to submit new or updated pedestrian projects to be used to update the Countywide Pedestrian Plan project list. The projects would be prioritized based on the following process:

- 1. Call for projects. The following Pedestrian Project Information Form would be provided to STA member agencies with the call for projects. It provides a basic form and checklist for documenting the project, would help ensure that the projects would be eligible for funding, and would encourage projects that would be more likely to score well under the adopted criteria by providing a more detailed checklist of pedestrian-supportive project features that agencies may want to consider. It would also encourage provision of project information that will make it easier for evaluators to score the projects.**

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2. Agencies complete forms, provide project information. The applicants would complete the Pedestrian Project Information Form and attach the relevant project plans, etc. for each project they wish to have considered for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan priority projects list and potential future funding.
3. Preliminary project screening. STA staff would preliminarily review the projects, screening out those that did not meet the basic eligibility criteria or provide sufficient information. Staff would contact the project sponsors to encourage them to provide any missing information or for clarifications.
4. Preliminary scoring. Staff would initially score the projects based on the attached proposed Project Scoring Process. This would be reviewed by the PAC or a subcommittee.
5. Staff and PAC field trip(s). A field trip or trips to the sites of the most highly ranked projects would be held important to make the final judgment.
6. Final prioritization. The scores would be reviewed and adjusted, but the final decision regarding project priorities should not be based solely on scores – factors such as distribution of funds by region and project type should also be considered.

Note: Questions and options the Committee is asked to specifically address are highlighted in the following pages.

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### A. I. Basic Project Information

#### A. Applicant Qualifications

- 1. The primary applicant must be a Solano County government agency. Joint applications are encouraged wherein other groups or organizations (such as a registered non-profit agency/corporation) team with a qualified, experienced agency;
- 2. (Highly desirable) Describe how the applicant has successful track record and/or current capability in implementing similar planning or construction projects.

#### B. Eligible Projects

A broad range of pedestrian project types are eligible, as framed by the Pedestrian Project Performance Checklist in Part II. Pedestrian projects that consist solely of right-of-way acquisition, maintenance and/or operation will not be eligible. All other costs are eligible (or should there be any other non-eligible costs?)

- 1. Provide a brief description of the project

#### C. Applicant Project Priorities

The agency's priority for the project and the thoroughness of the agency's prioritization process will be considered when evaluating the projects.

- 1. Provide a list or brief summary of the applicant's submitted pedestrian projects indicating the relative priority among them, and their overall priority among all the agency's projects.
- 2. Briefly describe the process that was used to determine these priorities (General Plan, CIP, budget, etc).

#### D. Project Funding

- 1. Applicant has a secure source of funds (describe).
- 2. Attach a detailed project cost estimate, if available.

(It would be desirable to provide a standard project budget/cost estimate format for applicants to follow)

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### **E. Project Readiness**

Projects which are closer to readiness for implementation (planning, permitting, environmental work completed, etc.) will generally score higher. (The "generally" is included because, while projects that are more ready to go may deserve a higher priority, some projects that aren't as far along may be a higher priority for the Committee to see implemented).

Describe and attach any of the following that apply:

- 1. A clear conceptual plan is provided based on detailed site and background information;
- 2. Preliminary engineered plans and cost estimate are completed;
- 3. Environmental documents are completed addressing CEQA (and NEPA if federal funding or approval is involved);
- 4. Construction documents are completed;
- 5. All permits (e.g. encroachments, environmental) for project implementation are secured.
- 6. There are dedicated resources for the ongoing maintenance of the improvements (maintenance assessment district, city department, etc.) – describe.

### **F. Community Participation and Support**

Check and specify type(s) of support and participation where applicable:

- 1. The project is authorized/supported by the local agency/organization sponsors (attach resolution from the Council or Board of the applicant).
- 2. The project has broad support from the community and related agencies, organizations, representatives, etc. as reflected by letters of support.
- 3. The project is based on active outreach to and participation by the public, including populations with special pedestrian access needs, such as seniors, low income residents, people with disabilities, children, etc.
- 4. The project is based on a collaborative planning process involving the public and key groups that would be served by the project, especially those representing populations with special pedestrian access needs.

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5. The project is a partnership between local or regional agencies, organizations, and/or groups, especially those representing populations with special pedestrian access needs.

### **G. Additional Benefits**

Projects that provide other significant benefits in addition to achieving basic and performance-driven pedestrian project criteria may be given additional weight.

Check and briefly describe any that apply:

1. Bicycle access (provides new access or enhances an existing one);
2. Recreation (provides a recreational facility or enhances an existing one);
3. Habitat protection (protects and/or enhances or restores sensitive/scenic habitat);
4. Storm water management/erosion control;
5. Historic preservation/interpretation;
6. Other (specify).

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### B. II. Pedestrian Project Performance Checklist

The performance criteria below are intended to encourage and identify pedestrian projects that have specific tangible benefits for pedestrian circulation. The checklist below has been summarized from the Countywide Pedestrian Plan, which contains planning and design guidelines in Section 5.

An eligible pedestrian project will meet at least a few of these criteria. Generally a project that meets more of the criteria in the checklist will score higher, but there are no required criteria, and no project is likely to meet all, or even most criteria. The criteria are not necessarily in priority order. (This is a subject for Committee discussion: should the criteria be in some priority order? Also relates to questions about weighting presented in the section on Scoring)

If the project achieves a criterion below, check that item and briefly explain how it is achieved.

#### A. Improving Public Safety

- 1. The project provides improvements in a location that has a history of pedestrian/vehicular accidents.
- 2. The project meets applicable design standards for this type of facility (e.g. ASHTO or Caltrans).

#### B. Overcoming Barriers to Pedestrian Circulation

The project provides pedestrian access across a previously impassible or unsafe barrier (Describe the distance from an alternative crossing)

- 1. Freeways/expressways
- 2. Arterial roads (4 lanes or greater, 35 mph or greater)
- 3. Railroad(s)
- 4. Waterway(s)
- 5. Provides handicapped access in an area that is currently inaccessible to people with disabilities (all new projects must be fully ADA compliant)
- 6. Closes a gap in an adopted local or regional trail system such as the San Francisco Bay Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail, or city trails and pathways plan.

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### *C. Providing Connections to Transit*

- 1. The project connects to local bus stop(s);
- 2. Connects to express/regional bus stop(s);
- 3. Provides amenities for waiting transit riders (benches, lighting, shelter, landscaping, news racks);
- 4. Connects to regional multi-modal transit hub (bus, carpool, train, ferry).

### *D. Implementing Walkable Community Plans*

- 1. The project is part of and consistent with an adopted General Plan circulation element, Specific Plan, Development Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan or similar document that addresses pedestrian circulation in the City or subarea;
- 2. Is part of an existing or planned mixed use district with housing, shopping, employment, and basic public facilities within ¼ to ½ mile of each other;
- 3. Serves residential densities between 12 and 24 dwelling units per acre;
- 4. Serves residential densities higher than 24 dwelling units per acre;
- 5. Provides access to a site or facility with high use or potential use (park, public building complex, hospital, senior or youth center, major shopping center or downtown commercial district, etc.).

### *E. Pedestrian-Friendly Site Planning*

- 1. The maximum building footprint in the area served by the project is approximately 30,000 s.f., maximum, or 50,000 s.f. for supermarkets;
- 2. Buildings are sited along and oriented to the street and adjacent sidewalk, rather than parking located between the street/sidewalk and the buildings;
- 3. Buildings are detailed and articulated to provide an attractive pedestrian frontage;

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- 4. Streets are in an interconnected grid system with a maximum block length of approximately 330 to 440 feet;
- 5. If longer blocks are planned or exist, pedestrian connections are provided every 250 to 300 feet;
- 6. Driveways are consolidated whenever possible, or located on less busy cross streets or alleys;
- 7. Traffic lanes are relatively narrow (10' to 11') while sidewalks are relatively wide.
- 8. Special crosswalk paving/marketing materials, colors and/or textures;
- 9. Landscaped medians, decorative paving, and/or planter strips are provided;

### *F. Pedestrian-Friendly Traffic System Design*

- 1. On-street parking is allowed to help buffer pedestrians from traffic;
- 2. Parking is restricted near crosswalks to avoid obstructing the line of sight of pedestrians and drivers;
- 3. Landscaping associated with the project is selected and laid out to avoid blocking pedestrian routes and visibility at crossings, and to maintain clearance and visibility for vehicles.
- 4. Speed limits are reduced to no more than 25 mph, and as low as 10 or 15 mph in pedestrian-oriented areas.
- 5. The duration of signal intervals is long enough to allow the average pedestrian to complete a street crossing in one cycle;
- 6. Pedestrian/bicyclist activated signals are provided;
- 7. "Count down" signals are provided, giving the time before the signal will turn red;
- 8. Crossings of wider streets incorporate median or refuge islands, and bulb-outs of the curb and sidewalk to reduce the crossing distance;

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- 9. Pedestrian activated crossing warning lights are provided where a permanent traffic signal is not warranted;
- 10. Right turns on red lights are prohibited in busy pedestrian areas;
- 11. Smaller street corner radii are used to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians and constrain automobile speeds;
- 12. Signs are placed in medians or street centers warning drivers of upcoming crosswalks and to stop for pedestrians.

### *G. Pedestrian Amenities*

- 1. Pathways or sidewalks are at least 6 feet wide, or 8 feet minimum if shared with bikes (12feet is preferred);
- 2. Special decorative paving is featured;
- 3. Site furniture is provided, such as benches, trash receptacles, news racks, and planters;
- 4. Landscaping is provided, including trees, shrubs, and ground covers or annual plants;
- 5. Trees and shrubs in a planting strip separate pedestrians from traffic;
- 6. Pedestrian-level and/or decorative lighting is provided;
- 7. Spaces are provided adjacent to the pedestrian corridor for resting and socializing;
- 8. Landscape structures such as seat walls, pergolas, and trellises add interest to the pedestrian environment;
- 9. The project has an architectural, landscape, and/or sign graphic theme that expresses the local culture and setting;
- 10. Signage or installations interpret local environment and/or history;
- 11. Outdoor art is provided, such as sculptures or murals.

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### Project Scoring

Staff would initially score the projects based on the submitted checklist and information using the following draft scoring sheet. This would be reviewed by the PAC or a subcommittee.

Some criteria are weighted higher than others due to potential higher benefit/importance. The potential scores/weighting should be reviewed and revised to reflect the best consensus of staff, the PAC, TAC, and STA Board.

The final decision regarding project funding should not be based solely on scores – factors such as distribution of funds by region and project type should also be considered, at least over a period of funding cycles.

#### **I. Basic Criteria (maximum potential points = 60).**

##### **Score**

- A. Applicant track record managing/implementing similar projects (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Eligible Projects (no score – eligibility based on score for Project Performance below)
- C. Applicant project priorities (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. Project Funding (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Project readiness. (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- F. Community participation and support. (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- G. Additional benefits – specify type(s) (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **E. II. Pedestrian Project Performance Criteria (maximum potential points = 50)**

##### **Score**

- A. Improving Public Safety (0 – 10)  
\_\_\_\_\_

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B. Overcoming Barriers to Pedestrian Circulation (0 – 10)

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Providing Connections to Transit (0 – 5)

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Implementing Walkable Community Plans (0 – 5)

\_\_\_\_\_

E. Pedestrian-Friendly Site Planning (0 – 5)

\_\_\_\_\_

F. Pedestrian-Friendly Traffic System Design (0 – 10)

\_\_\_\_\_

G. Pedestrian Amenities (0 – 5)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total project score (maximum potential 110)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I.**

**II. Future Cost/Benefit Scoring**

**III.**

**IV.** Projects submitted for prioritization for the Countywide Pedestrian Plan are not grant applications and will not include proposed grant requests versus project budget. Eventually these projects will be considered for funding, at which time a proposed grant amount will be established relative to the overall project budget. At this time the project could be evaluated for cost/benefit using the simple formula below:

**V.**

**VI. Project grant request**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant request/Project score (\$/point = theoretical cost/benefit)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

The actual grant application scoring could also consider the proportion of the grant request to the overall project budget.

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However, the final decision regarding project funding should not be based solely on scores or cost/benefit. Factors such as distribution of funds by region and project type should also be considered, at least over a period of funding cycles.

## Solano Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update Schedule

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### **Project Milestones:**

September 21<sup>th</sup> - PAC meeting

- Present a draft methodology for PAC to discuss and provide input (Consultant).
- Present status report on current projects (STA staff).

September 27<sup>th</sup> - TAC meeting

- STA staff provides an overview of the update process and makes a request for new and/or revised pedestrian projects to be included in the updated plan (STA staff).

October 27<sup>th</sup>

- Project Sponsors submit new and/or revised project submittals to STA staff.

October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>

- Apply draft methodology to current and new project submittals (Consultant).

November 16<sup>th</sup> - PAC meeting

- Present findings and new projects list (Consultant).
- Recommend list for approval to STA Board (STA staff).

November 16<sup>th</sup>

- Submit Draft methodology report (Consultant).

November 29<sup>th</sup> - TAC meeting

- Present draft methodology report to TAC and recommend list for approval by STA Board based on PAC recommendation (STA Staff).

December 1<sup>st</sup> -

- Submit Final methodology report due based on TAC input (Consultant).

December 13<sup>th</sup> - STA Board

- Approve new and/or revised pedestrian projects list to be included in Countywide Pedestrian Plan Update (STA staff).

**Completion Date:** Tentative STA Board approval of update is December 13th, 2006

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DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Jayne Bauer, Marketing and Legislative Program Manager  
RE: Legislative Update – September 2006 and STA’s Draft 2007 Legislative Priorities and Platform

**Background:**

Each year, STA staff monitors state and federal legislation that pertains directly to transportation and related issues. On December 14, 2005, the STA Board adopted its 2006 Legislative Priorities and Platform to provide policy guidance on transportation legislation and the STA’s legislative activities.

**Discussion:**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the Governor to either sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature during the current session. A current Legislative Matrix is included as Attachment A.

To help ensure the STA’s transportation policies and priorities are consensus-based, the STA’s Legislative Platform and Priorities is first developed in draft form and distributed. The draft is distributed to STA member agencies and members of our federal and state legislative delegations for review and comment prior to adoption by the STA Board. Staff proposes that the STA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transit Consortium review the attached Draft 2007 Legislative Platform and Priorities for comment at the TAC and Consortium meeting in September. Recommended additions have been noted in **bold** and recommended deletions with a ~~strikethrough~~.

STA staff will forward the Draft 2007 Legislative Platform and Priorities with TAC and Consortium feedback to the Board in October, with a recommendation to distribute the draft document for a 30-day review and comment period. The Final Draft 2007 Legislative Platform and Priorities will be placed on the December STA Board agenda for consideration of adoption.

**Recommendation:**

Forward the STA’s Draft 2007 Legislative Priorities and Platform to the STA Board with a recommendation to distribute for a 30-day review and comment period.

Attachments:

- A. Legislative Matrix, September 2006
- B. STA’s Draft 2007 Legislative Priorities and Platform

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**Solano Transportation Authority  
Legislative Matrix  
September 19, 2006**

**State Legislation**

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
		Others' Position	
<p><b>AB 1020 ((Hancock)</b> Transportation Planning: Improved Travel Models</p> <p style="text-align: center;">51</p>	<p>Requires certain metropolitan planning organizations, including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to develop and implement improved regional travel models incorporating smart growth concepts and to undertake other related planning activities.</p>	<p>Enrolled and to the Governor 09/06/06</p> <p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District</li> <li>• American Lung Assoc.</li> <li>• CA League of Conservation Voters</li> <li>• CA Secure Transportation Energy Partnership</li> <li>• Clean Power Campaign</li> <li>• Coalition for Clean Air</li> <li>• Defenders of Wildlife, CA Program Office</li> <li>• Natural Resources Defense Council</li> <li>• Planning and Conservation League</li> <li>• Sierra Club of CA</li> </ul> <p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA Dept. of Finance-</li> </ul>	

ATTACHMENT A

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
<b>AB 1407 (Lieber)</b> Bridge Toll Cleanup: RM2 & Hybrid Vehicles in HOV Lanes	Modifies existing law related to management structure for Regional Rail Plan in Regional Measure 2 (RM2). Specifies that owner of a hybrid vehicle registered in the 9 county Bay Area who seeks a vehicle identifier in order to use the HOV lanes leading to the state-owned toll bridges must maintain a FasTrak account in order to pay bridge tolls when using the HOV lanes without the required number of occupants. Authorizes MTC, in consultation with a project sponsor, to reprogram RM2 project savings to another project in the same bridge corridor. Also permits MTC to swap RM2 funds on a 1:1 basis for alternate funds for other projects that improve travel options in the bridge corridors. Authorizes a local authority to suspend lane access privileges during periods of peak congestion under certain conditions.	Amended 8/17/06; To enrollment 8/31/06  Bay Area Toll Auth.-Support CSAC-Watch MTC-Support/Sponsor Santa Clara County- Support/Sponsor	
<b>AB 1783 (Nunez)</b> Infrastructure Bond Proposal	Provides legislative intent to enact the California Infrastructure, Improvement, Smart Growth, Economic Reinvestment, and Emergency Preparedness Financing Act of 2006 to provide for the financing of state and local government infrastructure through various funding sources, including bonds, fees, assessments, and other sources.	Introduced 1/4/06; In Assembly  ABAG-Support LCC-Watch	Watch 03/08/06
<b>AB 2128 (Torricon)</b> Employer Tax Credit: Commuter Benefits	Authorizes an employer until <del>2017</del> 2018 to claim a tax credit against income taxes up to 60 percent for costs incurred to provide certain, defined commuter benefits to its employees. Restricts such tax credit to expenditures incurred for private-sector transit, defined as private transit motorized vehicles designed to carry 16 or more passengers. Provides that only employers who offer public transit subsidies as well as private transit subsidies may qualify for the tax credit, but that the credit shall only apply for transit benefits for private mass transit. <i>Requires that the owner of such motorized vehicle(s) register the vehicle(s) annually with the Department of Motor Vehicles (Amended 5/3/06)</i>	From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a) 06/08/06	

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
<b>AB 2444 (Klehs)</b> Vehicle Registration Fee: Congestion Management, Water and Air Quality	Authorizes the congestion management agencies in the 9 Bay Area counties to each impose, by a two-thirds vote of the respective government board, an annual fee up to \$5 on motor vehicles registered within those counties for congestion management. Further authorizes the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to impose an additional \$5 annual fee on motor vehicles registered with its jurisdiction for programs that mitigate the impacts of motor vehicles on the environment. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Bay Area and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District would each have responsibility for one half of the revenues derived by this portion of the fee. Caps the amount that these districts may spend on administrative expenses at 5 percent. Requires independent audit <i>within 2 years after fee becomes operative and each year after that date</i> (Amended 8/14/06)	Enrolled and to the Governor 09/18/06  <u>Support:</u> 35 agencies/organizations  <u>Oppose:</u> 6 agencies/organizations	Support 07/12/06
<b>AB 2538 (Wolk)</b> Project Programming, Planning & Monitoring (PPM) Funds	Provides that each county may request up to 5 percent of its county share in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the purpose of project planning, programming, and monitoring. <del>Further specifies that in no event shall this maximum amount be less than would be the case if the annual STIP funding were \$1.25 billion.</del> (Amended 5/26/06)	Enrolled and to Governor 09/08/06  Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTC</li> <li>• VTA-Santa Clara</li> <li>• CCTA-Contra Costa</li> <li>• SCTA-Sonoma</li> <li>• OCTA-Orange</li> <li>• NCTPA-Napa</li> </ul>	Support and co-sponsor 03/08/06
<b>SB 44 (Kehoe)</b> General plan: Air Quality Element	Requires each local jurisdiction to adopt an air quality element as part of its general plan or amend its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies and implementation strategies to improve air quality no later from one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing element. Requires that the jurisdiction send a copy of the draft amendment to the appropriate air quality management district for review and comment. Specifies that implementation measures include only those measures over which the city or county has control and shall be balanced with other state and local policies.	Amended with new subject no longer relevant to STA 8/24/06  ABAG-Watch BAAQMD-Support	Request comments from cities & counties 05/11/05

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
<b>SB 1024 (Perata)</b> Public Works & Improvements: Bond Measure	Enacts the Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2006 to authorize an unspecified amount in state general obligation bonds on the June 2006 election for specified purposes, including the state transportation improvement program, passenger rail improvements, levee improvements, flood control, restoration of Proposition 42 transportation funds, port infrastructure and security projects, environmental enhancement projects, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, local bridge seismic retrofit, state-local partnership program, transit security and grade crossings subject to voter approval. (Amended 1/26/06)	Held in Assembly 1/31/06  ABAG-Watch BAAQMD-Support MTC-Support	Watch 05/11/05, 03/08/06
<b>SB 1165 (Dutton)</b> Transportation Bond Acts of 2006, 2008 & 2012 54	Enacts the governor's proposal to issue general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes. Pledges a percentage of existing fuel excise taxes and truck weight fees to offset the general fund cost for bond debt service. Authorizes transportation entities to use a design-build process for contracting on transportation projects. (Introduced 1/10/06)	Suspended by Senate Transp & Housing and Env Quality Committees 1/19/06  LCC-Watch	Watch 03/08/06
<b>SB 1266 (Perata) -  Proposition 1B</b> Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006	This bill, subject to voter approval at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, would enact the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 to authorize \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including high-priority transportation corridor improvements, State Route 99 corridor enhancements, trade infrastructure and port security projects, schoolbus retrofit and replacement purposes, state transportation improvement program augmentation, transit & passenger rail improvements, state-local partnership transportation projects, transit security projects, local bridge seismic retrofit projects, highway-railroad grade separation and crossing improvement projects, state highway safety and rehabilitation projects, local street & road improvement, congestion relief, and traffic safety.	Enacted, Chapter 25, Statutes of 2006 5/16/06	Support/ endorse 07/12/06

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
<b>SB 1611 (Simitian)</b> Congestion Management Fee: Vehicle Registration  55	Authorizes a congestion management agency, by a majority vote of the governing board, to place a majority vote ballot measure before the voters of a county authorizing the imposition of an annual fee up to \$25 on each motor vehicle registered within a county for transportation projects and programs with a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee. Definitions of "congestion mitigation" and "pollution prevention" were more narrowly focused in the amendment of 08/07/06, and the bill has not yet made it out of committee.	Amended 08-07-06 Held under submission by Assembly Appropriations Committee 08-17-06  <u>Support:</u> Alameda County Congestion Management Agency City of Oakland City/County Assoc. of Governments of San Mateo County Counties of Marin and Santa Clara Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Santa Clara Valley Water District	Support 07/12/06
<b>SB 1694 (Aanestad)</b> Federal Funds: Allocation to Counties	Requires that counties receive \$30 million or 15 percent of the discretionary portion of the Equity Bonus for the federal-aid secondary road system. (Amended 4/19/06)	Held in Com. and under submission 05/25/06.  CSAC-Support MTC-Oppose	
<b>SB 1719 (Perata)</b> Proposition 42: Transportation Investment Fund	Provides for the distribution of funding from Proposition 42 after FY 2008-09, maintaining the existing 40/40/20 split between the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), local streets and roads, and the Public Transportation Account respectively. Requires cities and counties to spend at least what they were spending, on average, over the period 1996-1999.	Amended with new subject no longer relevant to STA 8/24/06	

State Legislation Bill/Author	Subject	Status of Bill	STA Position
<p><b>SB 1812 (Runner)</b> Caltrans' participation in a federal surface transportation project delivery pilot program</p>	<p>Authorizes the State of California Caltrans Director to consent to the jurisdiction of the federal courts with regard to the responsibilities assumed pursuant to the surface transportation project delivery pilot program authorized in the Safe Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA). This program allows the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to permit up to 5 states, including California, to participate in a program whereby the state assumes responsibility for assuring compliance with certain federal environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act. <i>Provides that the law shall expire in 2009 but that the state shall remain liable for any decisions made pursuant to the law prior to its repeal.</i> (Amended 5/2/06)</p>	<p>Senate Appropriations Committee 5/25/06</p> <p>CSAC-Support LCC-Support</p>	<p>Support 05/10/06</p>
<p><b>SCA 7 (Torlakson)</b> Proposition 42 Protection</p>	<p><del>Amended version removes proposed revisions to Proposition 42, restoring original language. Modifies the suspension provision in Proposition 42 to provide that the transfer of gasoline sales tax revenues to transportation may only be suspended twice in a decade, and that such a suspension must be repaid within three years with interest. A second suspension may not be made until the first one is repaid.</del> (Amended 5/4/06)</p>	<p>Enacted, Chapter 49, Statutes of 2006</p>	<p>Support/ endorse 07/12/06</p>
<p><b>SCR 123 (Flores)</b> Joint Legislative Committee on High-Speed Trains</p>	<p>Would establish the Joint Legislative Committee on High-Speed Trains through 2008 to hold public hearings, receive public comment and review the work of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the plans for a high-speed train system in California.</p>	<p>Senate Third Reading 8/22/06</p>	<p>Watch 07/12/06</p>

**California Legislature**  
2005-06 Regular Session Calendar

<p><b>January 2006</b> (Second year of 2-year legislative session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Statutes take effect</li> <li>3 Legislature reconvenes</li> <li>5 Governor's State of the State Address</li> <li>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor</li> <li>27 Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel</li> </ul>	<p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Summer Recess begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been enacted</li> </ul>
<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 Last day to introduce bills</li> </ul>	<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Legislature reconvenes</li> <li>18 Last day for <b>Fiscal</b> Committees to meet and report Senate bills to the Floor</li> <li>21 Floor session only through August 31</li> <li>25 Last day to amend bills on the Floor</li> <li>31 Final recess begins at end of this day's session</li> </ul>
<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 Spring Recess begins at the end of this day's session</li> <li>17 Last day for policy committees to hear and report Fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house</li> <li>28 Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to Floor</li> </ul>	<p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 1 and in his possession on or after September 1</li> </ul>
<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Last day for policy committees to meet and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to Floor</li> <li>19 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 5</li> <li>26 Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house</li> <li>26 Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to June 5</li> <li>30 Floor session only through June 5</li> </ul>	<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect on June 1, 2007</li> </ul>
<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin</li> <li>5 Committee meetings may resume</li> <li>15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight</li> <li>29 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the general election (November 7) ballot</li> <li>30 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills</li> </ul>	<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 2005-06 session adjourns at midnight</li> </ul> <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 2007-08 Regular session convenes at midnight</li> </ul>

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## **IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE RECESS**

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### **2006**

- Sep. 30** — Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in his possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(2)).
- Oct. 2** — Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2007 (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Nov. 7** — General Election.
- Nov. 30** — Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- Dec. 4** — 2007-08 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

### **2007**

- Jan. 1** — Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

*(Dates based on usage and custom and SCR No. 1)*

**109th United States Congress**  
2006 Session Calendar

<p><b>January</b> 16 Senate and House recess for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 31 Senate and House convene 31 State of the Union Address</p>	<p><b>July</b> 3-7 Independence Day District Work Period 11 Senate and House reconvene</p>
<p><b>February</b> 20 Presidents' Day 20-24 Presidents' Day Recess</p>	<p><b>August</b> 7-Sept 4 Summer District work period</p>
<p><b>March</b> 20-24 House and Senate not in session</p>	<p><b>September</b> 4 Labor Day 5 Senate and House reconvene</p>
<p><b>April</b> 2 House and Senate reconvene 10-21 Spring District Work Period</p>	<p><b>October</b> 6 Target Adjournment Date</p>
<p><b>May</b> 29- June 2 Memorial Day Recess/District Work Period</p>	<p><b>November</b> 7 Election Day 10 Veterans Day Holiday 23 Thanksgiving Holiday</p>
<p><b>June</b> 5 Senate and House reconvene</p>	<p><b>December</b> 16 Hanukkah 25 Christmas Holiday</p>

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**Solano Transportation Authority**  
**Draft 2007/2006 Legislative Priorities and Platform**

(Adopted by STA Board 12/14/05)

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

1. Monitor and support, as appropriate, legislative proposals to increase funding for transportation infrastructure in Solano County, such as ~~SB 1024, Seismic Retrofit Bond Act.~~
2. Oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding from transportation projects.
3. Pursue federal and state funding for the following priority projects and transit services:
  - a. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange\*
    - ~~I 80 HOV Lane~~
    - North Connector
    - Cordelia Truck Scales
  - b. Jepson Parkway Project\*
  - c. Vallejo Intermodal Station\*
  - d. Vallejo Baylink Ferry Service
  - e. Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Station\*
  - f. Capitol Corridor Rail Service and track improvements throughout Solano County
4. Support initiatives to pursue the 55% voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures.
5. Monitor legislative efforts to merge or modify Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) governing boards and their respective responsibilities.
6. ~~Support Monitor and support~~ legislation increasing the percentage of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds from 1% to 5% to be used for project development activities associated with Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM).
7. ~~Monitor any new~~ ~~the progress of the \$3~~ bridge toll proposals, support the implementation of Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funded projects, and monitor RM 2 clean-up legislation to ensure Solano County's priorities and representation are maintained, including use of funding for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-80 from Al Zampa Bridge to I-780, ~~the Benicia Intermodal Station pertaining to CCJPB Intercity rail service and regional rail.~~
8. Support efforts to prevent the future suspension of Proposition 42, diverting voter approved funds dedicated for transportation to the state general fund.
9. Support federal and state legislation that provides funding for movement of goods along corridors (i.e. I-80, SR 12, Capitol Corridor) and facilities (i.e., Cordelia Truck Scales).

\* *Federal Priority Projects*

## 2006 STA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PLATFORM

### *I. Air Quality*

1. Monitor the implementation of the 2004 Ozone Attainment Plan by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. Support legislation, which ensures that any fees imposed to reduce vehicle miles traveled, or to control mobile source emissions, are used to support transportation programs that provide congestion relief or benefit air quality.
3. Monitor legislation providing infrastructure for low, ultra-low and zero emission vehicles.
4. Monitor and comment on regulations regarding diesel fuel exhaust particulates and alternative fuels.
5. Support policies that improve the environmental review process to minimize conflicts between transportation and air quality requirements.
6. Monitor energy policies and alternative fuel legislation or regulation that may affect fleet vehicle requirements for mandated use of alternative fuels.
7. Support legislation to provide funding for innovative, intelligent/advanced transportation and air quality programs, which relieve congestion, improve air quality and enhance economic development.
8. Support legislation to finance cost effective conversion of public transit fleets to alternative fuels.
9. Support income tax benefits or incentives that encourage use of alternative fuel vehicles, van pools and public transit without reducing existing transportation or air quality funding levels.

### *II. Alternative Modes (Bicycles, HOV, Livable Communities, Ridesharing)*

1. Support legislation promoting bicycling and bicycle facilities as a commute option.
2. Oppose expanded use of HOV lanes for purposes not related to congestion relief and air quality improvement.
3. Support legislation providing land use incentives in connection with rail and multimodal transit stations – transit oriented development.

## 2006 STA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PLATFORM

4. Support legislation confirming in the California Vehicle Code that qualified Commuter Vanpools receive free toll passage across toll bridges 24 hours a day as stated in Caltrans Bridge Toll Policy.
5. Support legislation that increases employers' opportunities to offer commute incentives and their value.

### III. Congestion Management

1. Support administrative or legislative action to ensure consistency among the Federal congestion management and the State's Congestion Management Program requirements.

### IV. Employee Relations

1. Monitor legislation and regulations affecting labor relations, employee rights, benefits, and working conditions. Preserve a balance between the needs of the employees and the resources of public employers that have a legal fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers.
2. Monitor any legislation affecting workers compensation that impacts employee benefits, control of costs, and, in particular, changes that affect self-insured employers.

### V. Funding

1. Protect Solano County's statutory portions of the state highway and transit funding programs.
2. Seek a fair share for Solano County of any state discretionary funding made available for transportation grants or programs.
3. Protect State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) from use for purposes other than those covered in SB 45140 of 1997 (Chapter 622) reforming transportation planning and programming.
4. Support state budget and California Transportation Commission allocation to fully fund projects for Solano County included in the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Comprehensive Transportation Plans of the county.
5. Support transportation initiatives that increase the overall funding levels for transportation priorities in Solano County.

## 2006 STA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PLATFORM

6. Advocate for primacy of general transportation infrastructure funding over new high-speed rail project and new regionally sponsored ferry services through the Bay Area Water TransitFerry Authority.
7. Support measures to restore local government's property tax revenues used for general fund purposes, including road rehabilitation and maintenance.
8. Seek a fair share for Solano County of any federal funding made available for transportation programs and projects.
9. Support legislation to secure adequate budget appropriations for highway, bus, rail, air quality and mobility programs in Solano County.
10. Support ongoing efforts to protect and enhance federal funding and the reauthorization of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (provided by SAFETEA-LU), and to ensure that the federal government provides a fair share return of funding to California.
11. Support state policies that assure timely allocation of transportation revenue, including allocations of new funds available to the STIP process as soon as they are available.
12. Support legislation or the development of administrative policies to allow a program credit for local funds spent on accelerating STIP projects through right-of-way purchases, or environmental and engineering consultant efforts.
13. Support or seek legislation to assure a dedicated source of funding, other than the State Highway Account for local streets and roads maintenance and repairs.
14. Monitor the distribution of state transportation demand management funding.
15. Oppose any proposal that could reduce Solano County's opportunity to receive transportation funds, including diversion of state transportation revenues for other purposes. Fund sources include, but are not limited to, ~~the Petroleum Violation Escrow Account (PVEA)~~, State Highway Account (SHA), Public Transit Account (PTA), and Transportation Development Act (TDA) and any ballot initiative.
16. Support legislative proposals that authorize Solano County or the Solano Transportation Authority to levy a vehicle registration fee to fund projects that reduce, prevent and remediate the adverse environmental impacts of motor vehicles and their associated infrastructure.

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### VI. Liability

1. Monitor legislation affecting the liability of public entities, particularly in personal injury or other civil wrong legal actions.

### VII. Paratransit

1. In partnership with other affected agencies and local governments seek additional funding for paratransit operations, including service for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

### VIII. Project Delivery

1. Support legislation to encourage the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to reform administrative procedures to expedite federal review and reduce delays in payments to local agencies and their contractors for transportation project development, right-of-way and construction activities.
2. Support legislation and/or administrative reforms to enhance Caltrans project delivery, such as simultaneous Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and engineering studies, and a reasonable level of contracting out of appropriate activities to the private sector.
3. Support legislation and/or administrative reforms that result in cost and/or timesavings to environmental clearance processes for transportation construction projects.
4. Continue to streamline federal application/reporting/monitoring requirements to ensure efficiency and usefulness of data collected and eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicative requirements.

### IX. Rail

1. In partnership with other affected agencies, sponsor making Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority an eligible operator for state transit assistance with funds to be apportioned to member agencies.
2. In partnership with other counties located along Capitol Corridor, seek expanded state commitment for funding passenger rail service, whether state or locally administered.

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3. Support legislation and/or budgetary actions to assure a fair share of State revenues of intercity rail (provided by Capitol Corridor) funding for Northern California and Solano County.
4. Seek legislation to assure that dedicated state intercity rail funding is allocated to the regions administering each portion of the system and assure that funding is distributed on an equitable basis.
5. Seek funds for the development of intercity, regional and commuter rail service connecting Solano County to the Bay Area and Sacramento regions.
6. Continue to monitor and evaluate the proposed ~~\$10 billion~~ High Speed Rail Bond scheduled for the November ~~2008~~2006 ballot.

### X. Ferry

1. Protect the existing source of operating support for Vallejo Baylink ferry service, most specifically the Bridge Tolls–Northern Bridge Group “1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dollar” revenues which provide a 5 percent and 2 percent set aside for transit operations and ferry capital, respectively.
2. Support the implementation of expanded Vallejo Baylink ferry and countywide express bus service funded from the “3<sup>rd</sup> Dollar” Bridge Toll (Measure 2) program and oppose proposals to divert these funds to other purposes than those stipulated in the expenditure plan for RM 2.
3. Work with MTC to obtain an increase to the federal Ferryboat Discretionary (FBD) Funds to provide an annual earmark for the Bay Area, similar to Washington State and Alaska, with priority given to existing ferry capital projects.

### XI. Safety

1. Support legislation or administrative procedures to streamline the process for local agencies to receive funds for road and levee repair and other flood protection.

### XII. Transit

1. Protect funding levels for transit by opposing state funding source reduction without substitution of comparable revenue.

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2. Support an income tax credit to employers for subsidizing employee transit passes.
3. Support tax benefits and/or incentives for transportation demand management programs and alternative fuel programs to promote the use of public transit.
4. In partnership with other transit agencies, seek strategies to assure public transit receives a fair share of funding for welfare-to-work social services care, and other community-based programs.
5. Support efforts to eliminate or ease Federal requirements and regulations regarding the use of federal transit funds for transit operations in large UZAs.
6. ~~Support efforts to change Title 23 restrictions pertaining to use of bridge toll revenues for federalized bridges for transit operations.~~
7. ~~In addition to new bridge tolls, work with MTC to generate new regional transit revenues to support the ongoing operating and capital needs of transit services, including bus and ferry and rail.~~

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DATE: September 20, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Janet Adams, Director of Projects  
RE: Summary of Priority Projects and Funding Presentation

**Background:**

Each year, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) identifies and updates its priority projects. These projects provide the foundation for the STA's overall work plan for the forthcoming two fiscal years. In May 2006, the STA Board approved the Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2006-07 and 2007-08. At the Board meeting in June, the STA Board approved the revised FY 2006-07 and proposed FY 2007-08 budgets.

Based on discussions with STA Chair Len Augustine and the STA Board's Executive Committee and the recognition that the successful implementation of the STA's Overall Work Program's new efforts will require early participation, support by the STA's member agencies, the public, and a significant commitment of STA time and resources, the STA Board's September 13, 2006 meeting was scheduled in a workshop format, similar to the July 2006 Board workshop.

**Discussion:**

Items discussed during this second STA Board Workshop were:

1. Funding Policy for Reliever Routes and Regionally Significant Interchanges
2. The Future of Solano County Highway Corridors
  - a. Funding Overview
  - b. Priority Projects with Funding Shortfall

The STA Staff Powerpoints that accompanied these items are attached to this report:

1. STA Board Workshop Introduction -- September 13, 2006
2. Major Capital Investments - Highway and Transit Projects
3. Reliever Routes & Regionally Significant Interchanges - Developing a Uniform Funding Policy
4. Setting STA Funding Priorities and Policies -- 2006 to 2010

The next pages contain summary tables of the anticipated funding available over the next 5 years from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and five funding options presented to the STA Board within the Powerpoint documents each featuring a different priority project focus.

Status Quo – Current Mixed Focus Priorities	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M
I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to Magazine St (WB)	\$2 M, PE/ENV	\$1 M, ROW	I-Bond/Sales Tax
I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)		\$3 M, PE/ENV	
Tepson Parkway	\$8.5 M	\$9 M	\$9 M
Jameson Canyon	\$2 M, Design	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
Vallejo Station	\$3 M, CON		
Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station	\$0.5 M, CON		
Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center		\$1 M, ENV/PE	\$2 M, Design
North Connector, West Segment			\$3 M, ROW

Highway Project Focus	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M
I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to Magazine St (WB)	\$2 M, PE/ENV + 9 M ROW/CON	I-Bond/Sales Tax + 7 M CON	I-Bond/Sales Tax CON
I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)	\$3 M, PE/ENV	\$3 M, ROW	I-Bond/Sales Tax CON
I-80 Aux Lanes (Travis to Air Base EB)		\$4 M, All Phases	
Jameson Canyon	\$2 M, Design	I-Bond/Sales Tax	\$ 11 M, Ph 2 CON I-Bond/Sales Tax
North Connector, West Segment			\$3 M, ROW

I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Focus	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M
I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	\$44 M added to Phase A: Right of Way		

Local & Near-Term Project Focus	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M, Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M
I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
Jepson Parkway	\$8.5 M	\$7 M + \$5 M	\$9 M + \$5 M
Vaillero Station	\$3 M, CON		
Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station	\$0.5 M, CON		
Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center	\$1 M, ENV/PE	\$2 M, Design	
North Connector West Segment	\$3 M, ROW		

Transit Project Focus	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
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I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to Magazine St (WB)	\$2 M, PE/ENV	\$1 M, ROW	I-Bond/Sales Tax
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Jepson Parkway	\$8.5 M	\$7 M	\$9 M
Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station	\$0.5 M, CON		
Dixon Multi-modal Train Station	\$4.25 M, Many Phases		
Curtola Park anti-Ride	\$2.25 M, CON		
Vacaville Transportation Center	\$1 M, All phases	\$4 M, CON	
Fairfield Transportation Center, Phase 2			\$4 M, CON
Benicia Intermodal Station			\$10 M, CON

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

**Attachments:**

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# Board Workshop

September 13, 2006



## Purpose of Workshop

September 2006

- Overview of Funding Options for Major Highway & Transit Capital Projects
- Overview of 50% / 50% Reliever Routes and Regionally Significant Interchange Funding Policy
- Discuss setting STA funding priorities



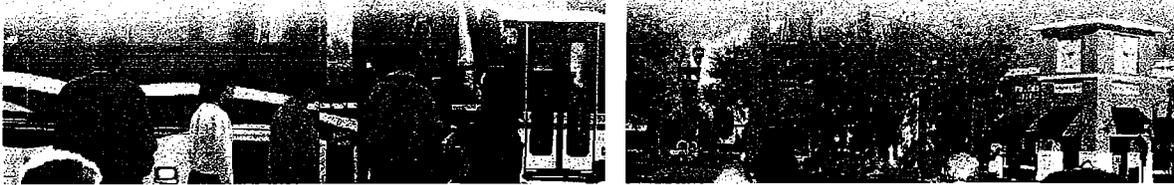
# Future Workshop Topics

October 2006

- Adopt Highway and Transit Capital Project Priorities
- Discuss the Future of Transit Service

December 2006

- Adopt Future Transit Service direction
- Discuss enhancement of STA's Public Information Efforts

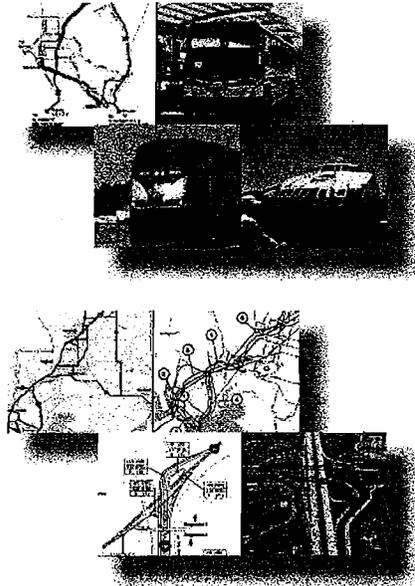
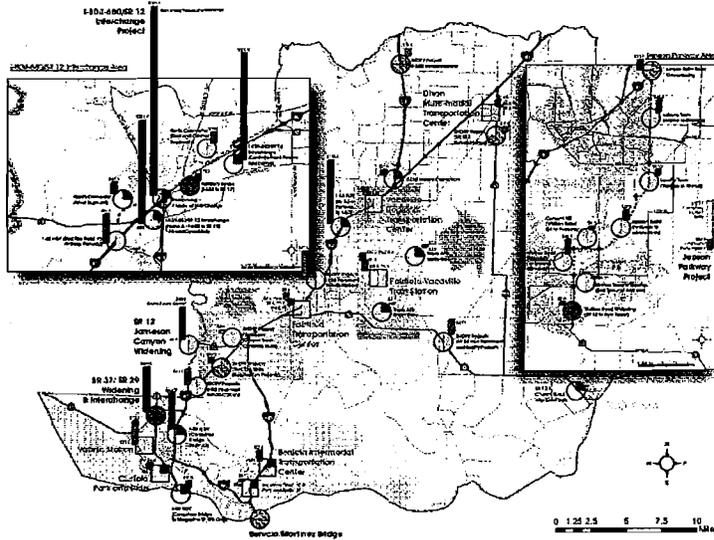


# Future Workshop Topics

January/February 2007

- Adopt direction on the enhancement of STA's Public Information Efforts
- Discuss Implementation of Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) at the Community Level
- Discuss Five Steps to Improved Travel Safety





## Major Capital Investments Highway and Transit Projects



## Introduction

- Review of Transportation Funding Sources discussed at last STA Board Workshop
- Overview of Current Priority Highway and Transit Projects
  - Staff Recommended Funding Criteria
  - Five different Funding Options
    - Status Quo / Current STA Funding Priorities
    - I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Focus
    - Highway Project Focus
    - Local and Near-term Project Focus
    - Transit Project Focus

## Why Consider Funding Priorities?

- Failure to pass dedicated local sales tax for transportation measures (E, A, & H). \$1.57 billion for projects and programs will not be available.
- State Infrastructure Bonds & Prop. 42 protection on November ballot.
- STA to program about \$28 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds between 2006 & 2012.
- Need to identify priority projects for state infrastructure bond STIP Augmentation (extra \$14 M in 2006 STIP).
- Many STA projects under development have significant funding shortfalls and do not have full funding identified.
- Need to set priorities for limited available funding.

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## Funding available to STA by 2010

\$28 million will be likely be available by 2010 for highway and transit capital projects.

- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
  - 5-year highway program
  - Solano County receives about \$14 million every two years.
  - Up to \$44 million if State Infrastructure Bond passes.
- Federal Earmarks
  - Solano County projects have received \$44.76 million since 1998.
  - 5 to 6-year Transportation Bill Earmarks, Reauthorization once more before 2010 (highway projects)
  - Annual Appropriations (non-highway projects, mostly transit)
  - Cannot predict or depend on federally earmark funds

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# Funding Programmed Already

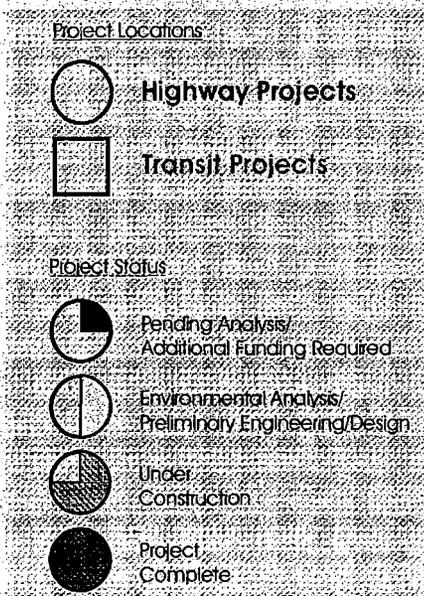
\$546 million is currently invested in a variety of Solano County projects between 2006 and 2010

- \$44.76 M in Federal Earmarks
- \$56.7 M in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- \$237 M in State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP)
- \$35 M in Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)
- \$173 M in Regional Measure 2 (RM2)

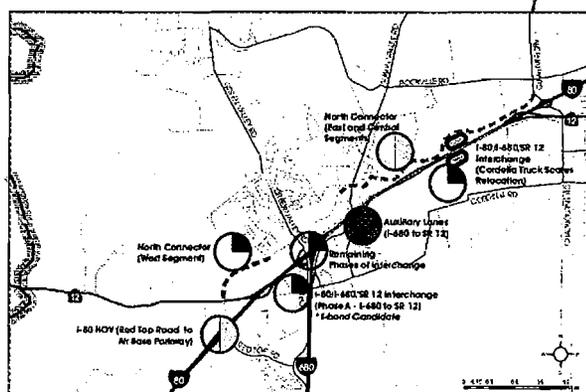


# Map of Highway and Transit Projects

## Project Locations & Status

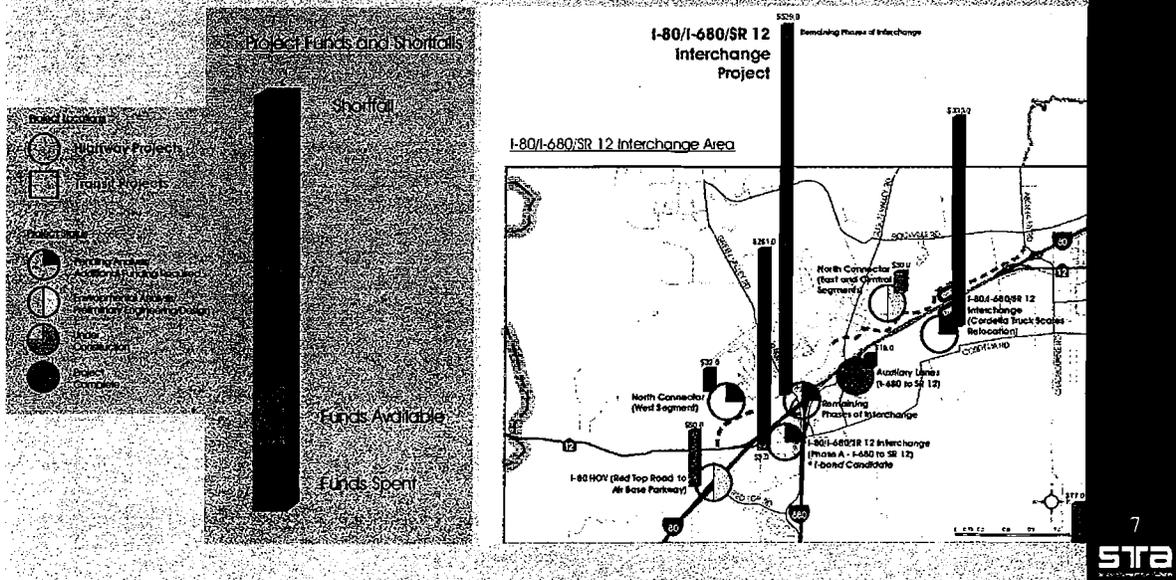


I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Area



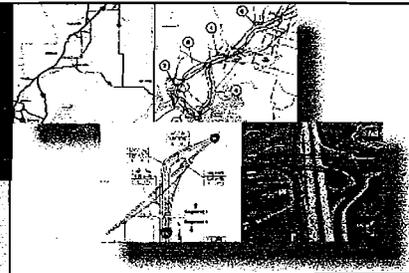
# Map of Highway and Transit Projects

## Project Locations & Status + Funding Amounts

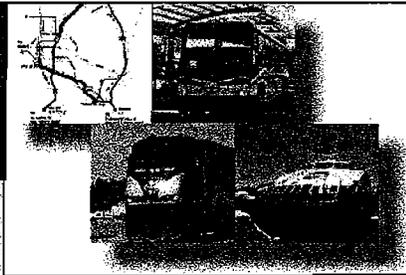


## Priority Highway Projects

- I-80/680/SR 12 Interchange
  - Phase A: SR12 to I-680 Improvements
  - North Connector (East & Central Segments, and West Segments)
  - Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation
- SR 12 Jameson Canyon (Solano County side)
- I-80 HOV Projects
  - Red Top to Air Base Parkway (part of interchange)
  - WB I-80 Carquinez Bridge to SR 29 (opportunity project)
  - I-80 HOV Magazine St to SR37 / Turner Parkway Overcrossing
  - Air Base Parkway to I-505
- Jepson Parkway Project (6 to 8 remaining segments)
- Travis AFB Gate Access Improvements (North and South Gates)
- I-80 EB Auxiliary Lane (Travis to Air Base Parkway)
- Various SHOPP Projects along highway corridors



## Priority Transit Projects



### Transit Hubs

- Vallejo Station
- Vallejo's Curtola Park & Ride
- Benicia's Industrial Way Park & Ride
- Fairfield Transportation Center
- Vacaville Regional Transportation Center

### Rail Stations

- Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station
- Benicia Intermodal Station
- Dixon Multi-modal Station

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## Staff Recommended Funding Criteria

STA Staff's draft prioritization of funding based on the following criteria:

- Maximize the most opportunity for larger regional projects to compete for federal earmarks and State Infrastructure Bond dollars while not ignoring local shorter-term nearly-funded projects
- Fund projects that have combined value (e.g., HOV lanes & Transit hubs, Capacity & Safety Projects)
- Improve safety
- Support economic vitality

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## I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project

- \$290 M for Phase A: I-680 to SR 12
- Phase A will take 35-40 years of Solano County's share of STIP funding.
- This project needs additional funding sources beyond federal earmarks and state highway funds (e.g., State Infrastructure Bond and Local Sales Tax funds).



**Recommendation:** *Do not fund in STIP between 2006-2010 until additional funding sources are available.*

- Current funds are adequate to continue project delivery
- Good candidate for State I-bonds or future sales tax.



## SR 12 Jameson Canyon

- \$6 M more needed to complete Preliminary Engineering/Environmental documents (PE/ENV) and Design.
- \$2.9 M in state funds already spent.



**Recommendation:** *Program \$2 M in 2008 STIP funding to keep SR 12 Jameson Canyon moving forward.*

- Napa & Solano to push for I-bond funding
- Both counties need local transportation sales taxes to completely fund this project.



## I-80 HOV Lanes (Carquinez Bridge to Magazine St)

- \$2 M needed for PE/ENV
- Project Study Report (PSR) complete by 2007.
- Investment in beginning phases keeps the project eligible for State Infrastructure Bond funds and Caltrans' Interregional Transportation Improvement funds (ITIP).



*Recommendation: Program \$2 M in 2006 STIP  
Augmentation funding and \$ 1 M 2008 STIP.*

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## I-80 HOV Lanes (East & West bound, SR29 to SR37)

- \$3 M needed for PE/ENV.
- STA currently the lead for Project Study Report.
- Investment in beginning phases keeps the project eligible for State Infrastructure Bond funds and Caltrans' Interregional Transportation Improvement funds (ITIP).

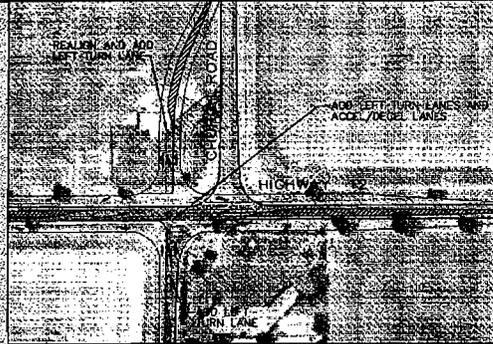


*Recommendation: Program \$3 M in 2008 STIP funding.*

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## SR12 Church Road

- \$ 2 M estimated total cost
- PSR is funded.
- Local city impact fees and Federal Earmarks are available for this project.
- Not a likely STIP project
- Potential for SHOPP project.



Recommendation: *Do not fund in STIP.*

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## Proposed Reliever Route Policy

### Regional vs. Local Funding Split:

- 50% Regional share, 50% Local Share
- STA secures the 50% Regional Share
- Jurisdictions that benefit from the project negotiate their contributions for the 50% local share.

\* Policy to be discussed at end of presentations.

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# Jepson Parkway

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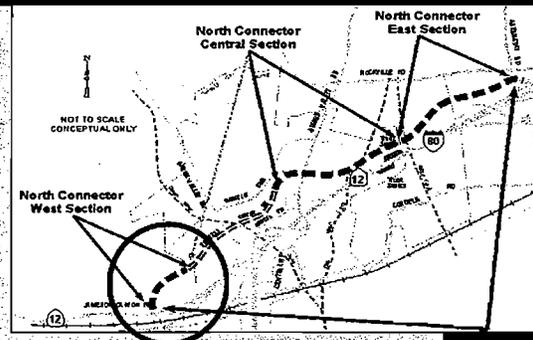


Priority Jepson Parkway Segments	Project Cost	STIP Funded Segments			
		STA 100%		50/50 policy	
		2006 \$28 M	+New \$54M	2006 \$28 M	+New \$54M
Vanden Rd (Peabody to Leisure Town)	\$27.8	X	X	X	X
Walters Rd Widening (East Tabor to Air Base)	\$5.0		X	X	X
Walters Rd Extension/Peabody Alts (Air Base to Cement Hill)	\$41.1				X
Leisure Town Rd (Alamo to Vanden)	\$18.9		X	X	X
Leisure Town Rd (Orange to Alamo)	\$34.2				
Cement Hill Rd (if Extension is built)	\$8.5				X

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# North Connector

- \$32 M needed for West Segment of North Connector
- With 50/50 policy, STA's commitment is \$16 M

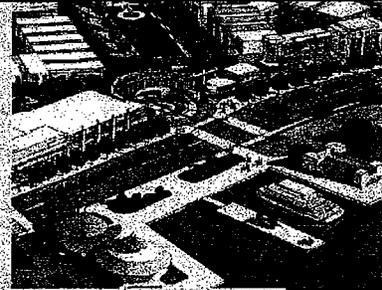


Recommendation: Program \$3 M in 2010 STIP for Right-of-Way (ROW) purchases.

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## Vallejo Station

- \$12.2 M Project Shortfall
- With 50/50 policy, STA's commitment is \$6.1 M.



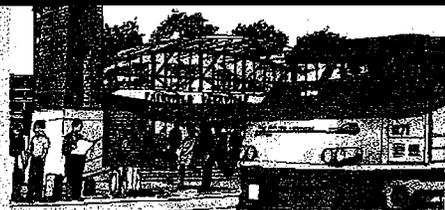
### Recommendation:

*\$3 M in 2008 STIP/Public Transportation Account (PTA) and \$3 M in potential Federal Earmark funds by 2008*

- Local commitment possibly covered by development impact fees or other local funds.

## Train Stations/Transit Hubs

- \$1.3 M, Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station project shortfall



*Recommendation: Program \$0.5 M in 2006 STIP funds.*

- \$14.5 M, Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center project shortfall



*Recommendation: Provide \$1 M in 2008 and \$2 M 2010 STIP funds to prepare for construction.*

- City of Dixon must obtain the local match for federal fund

## Other Transit Stations/Hubs

### Shortfalls:

- \$1.5 M, Vacaville Regional Transportation Center
- \$8.2 M, Fairfield Transportation Center, Phase 3
- \$9.0 M, Curtola Park and Ride
- \$30.0 M, Benicia Intermodal Station



*Recommendation: Do not fund within 2006-2010 STIP timeframe.*

- *These projects are not completely ready for deliverable phases.*

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## Five staff recommended funding scenarios

1. Status Quo - Current STA Project Funding Priorities
  - Funds a mix of Priority Highway, Transit, and Local Projects
2. Highway Project Focus
  - Leverages funding and keeps highway projects moving.
3. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Focus
  - Funds only the interchange project.
4. Local & Near-term Project Focus
  - Funds only Jepson Parkway the North Connector and other local PSR ready projects. (interim projects, Aux Lanes, Safety projects, etc.)
5. Transit Project Focus
  - Funds initial transit hubs first, hubs with service next, then additional phases of transit hubs.

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# 1. Status Quo - Current STA Project Funding Priorities

Priority Highway and Transit Projects	2006 STIP \$16 M Aug	2008 STIP \$14 M	2010 STIP \$14 M
I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
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I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)		\$3 M, PE/ENV	
Jepson Parkway	\$8.5 M	\$9 M	\$9 M
Jameson Canyon	\$2 M, Design	I-Bond/Sales Tax	I-Bond/Sales Tax
Vallejo Station	\$3 M, CON		
Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station	\$0.5 M, CON		
Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center		\$1 M, ENV/PE	\$2 M, Design
North Connector, West Segment			\$3 M, ROW

Key: Preliminary Engineering/Environmental PE/ENV, Right-of-Way ROW, Construction CON

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# 2. Highway Project Focus

Priority Highway and Transit Projects	2006 STIP \$16 M Aug	2008 STIP \$14 M	2010 STIP \$14 M
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I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)	\$3 M, PE/ENV	\$3 M, ROW	I-Bond/Sales Tax CON
I-80 Aux Lanes (Travis to Air Base EB)		\$4 M, All Phases	
Jepson Parkway			
Jameson Canyon	\$2 M, Design	I-Bond/Sales Tax	\$11 M, Ph 2 CON I-Bond/Sales Tax
Vallejo Station			
Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station			
Dixon Multi-modal Trans Center			
North Connector, West Segment			\$3 M, ROW

Key: Preliminary Engineering/Environmental PE/ENV, Right-of-Way ROW, Construction CON

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### 3. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Focus

Priority Highway and Transit Projects	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M

I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange **\$44 M added to Phase A: Right of Way**

I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to Magazine St (WB)

I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)

Jepson Parkway

Jameson Canyon

Vallejo Station

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station

Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center

North Connector, West Segment

Key: Preliminary Engineering/Environmental PE/ENV, Right-of-Way ROW, Construction CON

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### 4. Local & Near-Term Project Focus

Priority Highway and Transit Projects	2006 STIP	2008 STIP	2010 STIP
	\$16 M Aug	\$14 M	\$14 M

I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange

I-Bond/Sales Tax

I-Bond/Sales Tax

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I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to Magazine St (WB)

I-80 HOV Lanes, Carquinez to SR37 (EB/WB)

Jepson Parkway

\$8.5 M

\$7 M + \$5 M

\$9 M + \$5 M

Jameson Canyon

Vallejo Station

\$3 M, CON

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station

\$0.5 M, CON

Dixon Multi-modal Transportation Center

\$1 M, ENV/PE

\$2 M, Design

North Connector, West Segment

\$3 M, ROW

Key: Preliminary Engineering/Environmental PE/ENV, Right-of-Way ROW, Construction CON

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# 5. Transit Project Focus

Priority Highway and Transit Projects	2006 STIP \$16 M Aug	2008 STIP \$14 M	2010 STIP \$14 M
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Jepson Parkway			
Jameson Canyon			
Vallejo Station	\$3 M, CON		
Fairfield/Vacaville Train St'n	\$0.5 M, CON		
Dixon Multi-m'd Train St'n	\$4.25 M, Many Phases	\$6 M, CON	
North Connector, West Segment			
Curtola Park and Ride	\$2.25 M, CON	\$4 M, CON	
Vacaville Transportat'n Center	\$1 M, All phases		
FF Transportat'n Center, Ph 3			\$4 M, CON
Benicia Intermodal Station			\$10 M, CON

Key: Preliminary Engineering/Environmental PE/ENV, Right-of-Way ROW, Construction CON



# Reliever Routes & Regionally Significant Interchanges

Developing a Uniform Funding Policy



## Reliever Routes & Regionally Significant Interchanges

- Identify regionally significant routes & interchanges eligible for regionally generated funds.
- Create uniform funding policy outlining requirements for local contributions to regionally significant routes & interchanges.

## **Regional Interchanges**

- Regionally Significant Routes and Interchanges:
  - Interchange improvements included in the “I-80/I-680/I-780 Major Investment & Corridor Study” and “SR12 Major Investment Study”
    - New SR 113 MIS will be included when finished
  - Interchanges that provide improved access to intermodal facilities and State Routes
  - Listed in STA’s Overall Work Plan
    - Priority Projects List
    - Project Study Report Priority List

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## **Listed Regional Interchanges**

- I-80/State Route 113 Interchange
- I-80/W. Texas Interchange (Fairfield Transportation Center)
- State Route 12/Pennsylvania Interchange
- I-80/State Route 37/Columbus Pkwy Interchange
- I-80/I-780/Curtola Interchange
- I-680/Lake Herman Road Interchange (Benicia Intermodal Transportation Center)

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## **Regional Reliever Routes**

- Provides a local alternative to using a state highway for travel between cities.
- Regional benefit reduces congestion on state highways.
- Currently Identified Reliever Routes:
  - North Connector Project
  - Jepson Parkway Project

## **Proposed Uniform Funding Policy**

### Background

- **Walters Road Funding Agreement**  
(segment of Jepson Parkway)
- **Leisure Town Road I-80 Interchange Agreement**  
(segment of Jepson Parkway)

### Current Projects that need funding agreements:

- **North Connector Funding Agreement**  
(Central & East Segments with STA, Fairfield, and County of Solano)
- **Jepson Parkway Agreement**  
(Remaining Segments with STA, Fairfield, Vacaville, and County of Solano)

# **Proposed Uniform Funding Policy**

## **Regional vs. Local Funding Split:**

- 50% Regional share, 50% Local Share
  - STA secures the 50% Regional Share
  - Jurisdictions that benefit from the project negotiate their contributions for the 50% local share.

## **50% Local Share Issues**

- County of Solano does not have development impact fees to contribute to the 50% local share for new reliever routes.
- County of Solano uses local gas tax primarily for road maintenance.
- Projects must plan to have regional and local shares available in the same timeframe to fund the project.
- County roadways are not an eligible to receive development impact fees collected by cities.

## **Committee/Staff Recommendations**

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
voted to support 50% / 50% policy
- Arterials, Highways, & Freeways  
Committee voted to support 50% / 50%  
policy
- **Recommendation: Adopt the 50% /  
50% policy.**

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# Setting STA Funding Priorities and Policies

FY 2006 to 2010

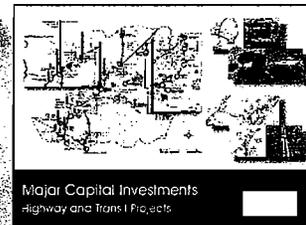


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## Workshop Topics Covered

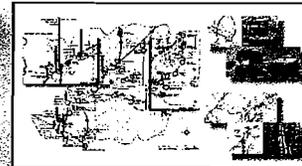
- Major Highway and Transit Capital Investments
  - Shortfall and available funding for all projects.
  - STA Staff recommended criteria for prioritizing limited funding.
  - Specific funding aspects of priority projects.
  - Four funding scenarios: Current, Highway, Local, and Transit focused options.
- 50/50 Reliever Route and Interchange Policy
  - County of Solano local match contribution and facility fee for County roads relieving city traffic (i.e. North Connector, Jepson Parkway/Vanden Road segment).



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## Major Highway and Transit Capital Investments

- What criteria should be used to prioritize priority highway and transit capital projects?
  - Deliverability; fund shelf-ready projects
  - Remain competitive; keep projects moving so they can obtain Federal and State funds
  - Fund projects with combined value (e.g., HOV Lanes & Transit Hubs/ Capacity & Safety projects)
  - Improve Safety (on dangerous corridors)
  - Support Economic Vitality



Major Capital Investments  
Highway and Transit Projects

## Major Highway and Transit Capital Investments

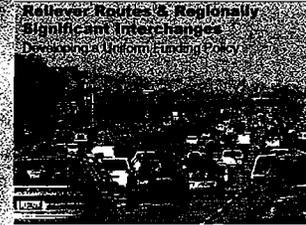
- What focus should the STA take with regards to those priorities?
  - Renew focus on current STA Priorities
  - Highway focus
  - Local projects focus
  - Transit focus
  - Others ?



Major Capital Investments  
Highway and Transit Projects

## 50% / 50% Reliever Route and Interchange Policy

- Does the STA Board support the recommended 50% / 50% funding policy for funding reliever routes and local interchanges?
- Does the STA Board support the County of Solano's exploration of the countywide facilities fee to include county roads that serve cities?
  - What county roads should be eligible?
- Are there other funding options the STA's should explore to fund priority projects?



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DATE: September 19, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services  
RE: Transit Presentation for STA Board Workshop for October 11, 2006

**Background:**

Each year, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) identifies and updates its priority projects. These projects provide the foundation for the STA's overall work plan for the forthcoming two fiscal years. In May 2006, the STA Board approved the Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2006-07 and 2007-08. At the Board meeting in June, the STA Board approved the revised FY 2006-07 and proposed FY 2007-08 budgets.

Based on discussions with STA Chair Len Augustine and the STA Board's Executive Committee and the recognition that the successful implementation of the STA's Overall Work Program's new efforts will require early participation, support by the STA's member agencies, the public, and a significant commitment of STA time and resources, the STA Board's July and September Board meetings have been scheduled in a workshop format. The October and December Board meetings are planned to continue this workshop format to discuss Transit, Marketing and Public Input Priorities.

**Discussion:**

Several items will be presented for discussion at the STA Board Workshop regarding Transit Projects in preparation for the October workshop:

1. Transit Plans and Studies
2. Transit Agreements and Management
3. Transit Funding
4. Transit Marketing

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. Transit Projects List

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## STA Board Workshop Transit Projects List

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### **1. Transit Plans and Studies**

Intercity Transit Funding Agreement  
\* Countywide Transit Ridership Survey Studies  
\* Countywide Transit Finance Assessment Study

Transit Consolidation Study

Community-Based Transportation Plans

Dixon  
Cordelia  
Vallejo

Welfare to Work Transportation Planning Issues

- Local Implementation & Update
- Regional Coordination

Intercity Transit Corridor Study Update  
Senior and Disabled Study Update

### **2. Transit Agreements and Management**

Transit Services Funding and Management Oversight:

Rt. 30  
Rt. 90  
Solano Paratransit

Paratransit:

Solano Paratransit Branding Identity  
Service Efficiencies & Implementation  
Solano Paratransit Vehicle Procurement

Committee Management:

Intercity Transit Consortium  
Paratransit Coordinating Council  
Member recruitment  
5310 Scoring

**3. Transit Funding**

Transit Funding – Countywide & MTC Coordination:

TDA (Transportation Development Act)

STAF (State Transit Assistance Fund)

RM 2 (Regional Measure 2)

Unmet Transit Needs Process

Transit Vehicle Capital Plan

Lifeline Funding Program

**4. Transit Marketing**

SolanoExpress Marketing

Solano Napa Commuter Information Program

**Other**

Partnerships/Special Projects

- Children's Network



DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services  
RE: Update of Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement

**Background:**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) led an effort to develop a consistent methodology for cost-sharing of Solano County intercity transit routes. All Solano County intercity transit services are operated by just a few local jurisdictions, yet all local jurisdictions contribute Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to at least one intercity route. The Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Working Group was formed by representatives from each city and the county to work on this multi-jurisdictional project.

The original purpose of the ITF Working Group was to develop a uniform methodology for shared funding of Intercity Transit Services. This was complicated due to the issue of overall rising costs and potential service changes. To maintain the ITF Working Group's focus, three principles were developed and approved by the STA Board. After many months of work to determine intercity route costs, revenues, ridership, service changes, cost-sharing options and more, a comprehensive Intercity Transit Agreement was reached for one year. In June 2006, the STA Board approved an Intercity Transit Funding Agreement for FY 2006-07.

The Intercity Transit Funding Agreement was secured for only one year. Of the three principles approved by the STA Board, the long-term cost-sharing needs to be addressed in FY 2006-07. To secure a longer-term agreement, there was concurrence that additional data needed to be collected to address several concerns that came up during the development of the first Intercity Transit Funding Agreement.

The two primary sets of data that need to be collected are ridership and financial. Ridership data needs to be collected on at least two levels. All routes (local and intercity) need to have comprehensive stop-by-stop ridership counts (on/offers) collected at the same time. This data will capture a complete picture of where the ridership is and how it compares across routes and systems. Route level passenger performance, actual boardings by jurisdiction and relative boardings by jurisdiction can be determined. In addition, an on-board survey will need to be conducted to collect passenger residence, ultimate destination, access to transit data, and other information. This will offer more information that could potentially be used for cost-sharing factors in a long-term intercity cost-sharing methodology. The target timeframe to collect this data is late October/early November 2006. Collection of the data at this time will provide time for ridership to

settle after several fare and service changes throughout the county are implemented while allowing time to compile the data early enough in the fiscal year so that there is time to use it in the development of a new intercity transit route cost-sharing methodology.

The second study that needs to be completed is a Countywide Transit Finance Assessment Study. Throughout the development of the FY 2006-07 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement, there were a number of issues raised related to costs of routes: how costs are allocated among routes, how costs are allocated between local vs. intercity routes. These are:

1. How costs are allocated among routes;
2. How costs are allocated between local vs. intercity routes;
3. How overhead rates are applied; and
4. What costs should be included?

This study would provide a third-party review of these and other financial issues to increase the level of understanding and confidence of costs among intercity transit funding partners. Completing this study early in the fiscal year is critical so that the results are available before determining the cost-sharing methodology for FY 2007-08.

Discussion:

Staff is actively working on securing consultants to complete these studies.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Countywide Transit Ridership Survey was released August 1, 2006. Proposals were originally due August 28<sup>th</sup>, but through an addendum this was extended to September 5<sup>th</sup>. Five proposals were received and interviews were held September 12<sup>th</sup>. The interview panel included STA and three transit operators' staff. The recommendation was unanimous. Staff is in the process of negotiating with the selected consultant and kicking off this project. An update will be provided at the TAC and Consortium meetings.

The RFP for the Transit Finance Assessment Study was released the week of August 21, 2006. Proposals are due September 28, 2006. Consultant interviews, if needed, are scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> with selection expected by early October.

Both these projects are on schedule.

**Fiscal Impact:**

These studies will be funded with the State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF). These two studies were included in the list of projects the STA Board approved in June 2006 and amended in September 2006 to be funded with FY 2006-07 Northern Counties STAF.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.



DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Senior Planner  
RE: Status Report on State Route (SR) 113 Corridor Study

**Background:**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was one of four statewide agencies awarded a Partnership Planning Grant from Caltrans to develop a major investment and corridor study for State Route (SR) 113. The study will allow the STA to form a partnership with Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), County of Solano, County of Yolo, City of Dixon, and the City of Davis to study multi-jurisdictional transportation improvement and safety needs along the SR 113 corridor in Solano County from I-80 to SR 12, and the southern portion of Yolo County. The project will study five specific segments along the SR 113 corridor:

1. SR 113/ SR 12 Intersection
2. Sharp turns north of SR 113/ SR 12 Intersection
3. SR 113 through Downtown Dixon
4. SR 113/ I-80 Intersection
5. SR 113 Mainline Improvements

MTC and the STA were awarded a \$250,000 Partnership Planning Grant to complete the project with a required match of 20% (\$62,500). STA is contributing 1/3 of this required local match with Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.

**Discussion:**

STA staff is working with MTC to kick off the study either by late October 2006 or early November 2006. MTC is officially the project lead and needs to include this project in their Overall Work Program (OWP). MTC staff expects this to occur in early October and has drafted an inter-agency agreement between MTC and STA. STA's legal counsel has reviewed the draft and has already provided comments. Caltrans staff has also reviewed the draft agreement and provided comments. At this point we are waiting for the OWP to be officially approved by MTC before we can proceed on the project.

In preparation for the project kick off, STA staff prepared a Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project. The Draft RFP is still under review, however, staff has received comments from MTC, the County of Solano, the City of Dixon, and Caltrans. STA staff will work to incorporate the comments received and distribute the RFP by Friday, September 22, 2006 with the goal of obtaining a qualified consultant by the end of October 2006.

Lastly, the STA, the City of Dixon, and the County of Solano have agreed to split the local match required for the grant. At this time, STA legal counsel is working to develop a funding contract to formalize this agreement.

**Recommendation:**  
Informational.



DATE: September 18, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager  
RE: Update on Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S)

**Background:**

The STA's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program is intended to improve the safety of pedestrian and bicycle modes of student travel, by enhancing related infrastructure and programs, and to provide safe passage to schools. Eligible projects will include capital improvement projects as well as education, enforcement and encouragement activities and programs such as developing safety and health awareness materials and education programs.

The SR2S outreach process is split into three major phases:

- 1) City Council & School District Board presentations
- 2) Community Task Force meetings
- 3) City Council, School District Board, and STA Board adoption of the SR2S Study.

**Phase 1 Status:**

The STA has provided presentations to all city councils and school boards, and the County Board of Supervisors. Follow up letters were sent asking for school board and city council appointments to their local SR2S Community Task Force to participate in the Phase 2 of the SR2S public input process.

**Discussion:**

On September 13, 2006, STA Board adopted the SR2S Phase 2 Public Input Process and Materials, giving community task forces the tools to begin their walking audits and committee meetings. These materials and additional information will be available on the STA's website. Information about applying for SR2S committees will also be available. Below is the status of SR2S Community Taskforce appointments:

City of Benicia: Taskforce completed using a combination of existing committees  
City of Dixon: Begun advertising for city council appointments  
City of Fairfield: Wanona Ireland for Travis USD  
City of Vacaville: Larry Mazzuca for Vacaville USD

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

**Attachments:**

- A. Final SR2S Public Input Process & Materials (to be provided under separate cover)

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DATE: September 19, 2006  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services  
RE: SNCI Monthly Issues

**Background:**

Each month, the STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) program staff provides an update to the Consortium on several key issues: Napa and Solano transit schedule status, marketing, promotions and events. Other items are included as they become relevant.

**Discussion:**

1. **Transit Schedules:** The monthly transit schedule matrix will be distributed to all Solano and Napa operators the week of September 18 via email. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.
2. **Transit Marketing:** The SolanoExpress marketing campaign has begun rolling out to the public via radio and freeway billboard ads and new SolanoExpress.com website. Bus exteriors have begun being installed and further are expected this week along with other printed products such as bus shelters, interior bus cards, posters, and "take ones" service change summaries. The new SolanoExpress brochure has been finalized. A further update will be provided at the meeting.
3. **Promotions:** The SolanoExpress campaign is the primary Fall campaign. SNCI is providing staff to answer calls received on the 1-800-53-KMUTE phone number which is the primary call to action.
4. **Events:** SNCI has been staffing information booths at events where transit information is distributed along with a range of commute options information. Recent events include the Vacaville KidsFest, Alza employee event, Napa Business Expo, Benicia Business Expo, and farmers' markets throughout Solano and Napa counties. Upcoming events include two employer events at St. Helena Hospital (St. Helena and Vallejo facilities), Napa Valley Job Fair, and farmer's markets throughout Solano and Napa counties.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

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