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**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
AGENDA**

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007
Solano Transportation Authority
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Brian McLean, Chair
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (10:00 – 10:05 a.m.)	
III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (10:05 – 10:10 a.m.)	
IV. REPORTS FROM MTC AND STA STAFF (10:10 – 10:15 a.m.)	
V. CONSENT CALENDAR <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i> (10:15 – 10:20 a.m.)	
A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of September 26, 2007 <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Approve minutes of September 26, 2007.</i> Pg. 1	Johanna Masiclat
B. Project Delivery Form for STA Funding Applications <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Forward a recommendation to the STA Board that all applications for STA recommended funds complete an STA Project Delivery Form and complete a MTC Routine Accommodations checklist for Bicycles and Pedestrians.</i> Pg. 7	Sam Shelton

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

<u>John Andoh</u>	<u>Jeff Matheson</u>	<u>George Fink</u>	<u>John Andoh</u>	<u>Brian McLean</u>	<u>Crystal Odum-Ford</u>	<u>Paul Wiese</u>
Benicia Breeze	Dixon Readi-Ride	Fairfield/Suisun Transit	Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Vacaville City Coach	Vallejo Transit	County of Solano

VI. ACTION FINANCIAL ITEMS

- A. 10-Year Investment Plan for Major Transit Facilities** Janet Adams
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the attached 10-Year Investment Plan for Major Transit Facilities as shown on Attachment A.
(10:20 – 10:30 a.m.)
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- B. 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan** Elizabeth Richards
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the attached 10-Year Transit Fleet Investment Plan.
(10:30 – 10:40 a.m.)
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VII. ACTION NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

- A. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List** Robert Macaulay
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the Executive Director to forward the attached RTP project list to the STA member agencies for updating.
(10:40 – 10:45 a.m.)
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- B. STA's Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform** Jayne Bauer
Recommendation:
Forward STA's Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform to the STA Board with a recommendation to distribute for a 30-day review and comment period.
(10:45 – 10:50 a.m.)
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VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Solano Transit Consolidation Study Phase I and Phase II Status** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(10:50 – 10:55 a.m.)
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- B. Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Status** Liz Niedziela
Informational
(10:55 – 11:00 a.m.)
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C. Solano Employer Commute Challenge Final Results Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:00 – 11:05 a.m.)
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D. SNCI Monthly Issues Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:05 – 11:10 a.m.)
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NO DISCUSSION

E. Funding Opportunities Summary Sara Woo
Informational
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F. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008 Johanna Masiclat
Informational
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IX. OPERATIONS Group

X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES Group

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.**

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INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the meeting of
September 26, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McLean called the regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority Conference Room.

Consortium Present:	Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach, Chair
	John Andoh	Rio Vista Delta Breeze
	Rob Sousa	Benicia Breeze
	George Fink	Fairfield/Suisun Transit
	Jeanine Wooley	Vallejo Transit

Also Present:	Daryl Halls	STA
	Robert Macaulay	STA
	Elizabeth Richards	STA/SNCI
	Judy Leaks	STA/SNCI
	Johanna Masiclat	STA
	Nancy Abruzzo	STA

Others Present: <i>(In Alphabetical Order)</i>	John Harris	John Harris Consulting
	Dennis Jackson	MV Transportation
	Michael Setty	Public Transit
	Nancy Whelan	Nancy Whelan Consulting

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by George Fink, and a second by John Andoh, the SolanoExpress 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:** Elizabeth Richards announced the following:
1. Introduced SNCI's two new staff members; Liz Niedziela, Transit Analyst and Nancy Abruzzo, Administrative Assistant.
 2. Unmet Needs Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Solano County Administration Center.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by George Fink, and a second by John Andoh, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the consent calendar items A and B.

Recommendation:

A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of August 29, 2007

Recommendation:

Approve minutes of August 29, 2007.

B. Regional Policy for Paratransit Funding

Recommendation:

Support requesting MTC dedicate increased State Transit Assistance Funds for Regional Paratransit purposes.

VI. ACTION - FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and Proposed Programming Priorities

Daryl Halls reviewed the California Transportation Commission (CTC)'s Draft 2008 STIP Fund Estimate (Summary of Targets and Shares) and the Draft 2008 STIP for Solano County (\$14.390 Fund Estimate).

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the draft 2008 STIP as specified in Attachment B.

On a motion by George Fink, and a second by Jeanine Wooley, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

VII. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Solano Transit Consolidation Study Phase I and II Status

Elizabeth Richards and John Harris, STA Transit Consultant (John Harris Consulting) provided a status report on all three Phase I reports distributed on September 14th to all Solano City Council members, the Board of Supervisors, City Managers, and the County Administrator, TAC, Consortium, and funding partners.

John Harris distributed and reported on a re-drafted version of the Phase 2 Draft Scope of Services of the study.

Elizabeth Richards stated that the first Transit Consolidation Steering Committee meeting will be held October 24, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Suisun City Hall.

John Andoh requested that labor/union issues be studied.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board Steering Committee to approve the draft Scope of Work for Phase II of the Transit Consolidation Study.

On a motion by John Andoh, and a second by George Fink, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation to include incorporating requested modifications and the re-drafted version of the Phase II Draft Scope of Work.

B. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

Robert Macaulay provided an update to the development of the CTP for FY 2007-08 FY 2007-08 CTP and reviewed the proposed CTP schedule for 2008.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the attached schedule for updating the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

On a motion by George Fink, and a second by Jeanine Wooley, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 10-Year Investment Plan for Highways, Transit Facilities and Transit Fleet Capital Needs

Daryl Halls outlined the draft 10-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Investment Plan. He highlighted the two primary elements; Highway/Major Road Projects and Transit Projects/Transit Fleet Capital Needs. He identified that the Highway element will have three (3) tier projects.

Elizabeth Richards and Nancy Whelan, STA's Transit Consultant, reviewed the Transit Projects element of the Investment Plan that would also have a three (3) tiered categories. Nancy Whelan stated that the Transit Fleet Capital Needs element of the plan will be prioritized with the primary fund source intended to be from the Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds allocated to the county through MTC Resolution 3814.

B. Legislative Update

Daryl Halls highlighted actions taken in the final sessions of state legislators to Assembly Bill (AB) 112, Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 7 (SR 12 Officer David Lamoree Memorial Highway) and Senate Bill (SB) 976.

C. Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Distribution for Solano County – Fund Estimate Update

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the latest fund estimates revised and approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in late July and September 2007. She indicated that for Solano County, there was an overall decrease in TDA funds from the February estimate totaling \$350,923. She stated that the cities of Benicia, Dixon, and Vallejo were impacted the greatest.

D. Route 30 Performance Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07

Elizabeth Richards distributed and reported on the multi-year Route 30 Monthly Ridership graph. She indicated that the monthly ridership has steadily increased and daily ridership has averaged about 141 passengers per day. She also stated that staff will provide an annual update for Route 90 and Solano Paratransit at the next Consortium meeting.

George Fink, City of Fairfield, reviewed the letter dated September 14, 2007 sent to the STA regarding the City's request for modifications to Routes 30 & 90. The City of Fairfield is requesting concurrence from the STA that further study is warranted to research and draft new schedules for Routes 30 and 90.

E. Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 SolanoExpress Marketing and Outreach Program

Elizabeth Richards and Jayne Bauer presented the initial concepts of the FY 2007-08 SolanoExpress Marketing. They reviewed several marketing strategies and presented marketing materials for an upcoming transit marketing campaign.

During discussion, the Consortium provided input to help guide the next transit marketing efforts.

F. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Year-End Report

Judy Leaks highlighted SNCI's Annual Report for FY 2006-07 and Work Program for FY 2007-08. She outlined accomplishments from selected program elements.

G. SNCI Monthly Issues

Judy Leaks provided an update on transit schedule status, marketing, promotions and events with Napa and Solano counties.

NO DISCUSSION

H. Project Delivery Update

I. Funding Opportunities Summary

J. STA Board Highlights – September 12, 2007

K. Updated STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2007

IX. OPERATIONS

Chair McLean communicated with Fairfield/Suisun Transit on connection issues on Route 20.

X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES

The Consortium members provided reports on transit issues in their respective cities.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.

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DATE: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager
RE: Project Delivery Form for STA Funding Applications

Background:

The STA is responsible for programming a handful of Federal, State, regional and local fund sources for transportation projects. These fund sources include the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ and Eastern-CMAQ), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC), Transportation Development Act (TDA), Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP), Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation For Clean Air (BAAQMD TFCA), and Clean Air funds for the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD).

Although steps have been taken to prioritize programming for alternative modes projects using CMAQ, Eastern-CMAQ, TLC, TDA, SBPP, BAAQMD, and YSAQMD funds, there has not been a clear set of criteria developed for programming STP, CMAQ, and STIP funds specifically for local streets and roads projects.

For example, with Cycles 2 and 3 of SAFETEA-LU's STP Local Streets and Roads funding, STA distributed the funding by a formula identical to MTC's formula for distribution, taking into account factors such as population, lane mileage, rehabilitation shortfalls, and performance criteria. This method of distribution ensured that all the jurisdictions in the county received a portion of available funding regardless of its size or population. Conversely, it did not take into account factors such as countywide priority, funding need, or ability to deliver. Years after these funds were programmed, we found that some agencies were not able to meet key delivery deadlines, which forced the local agencies, STA and MTC to perform last-minute fund swaps to save the funding.

Discussion:

Based on Solano Project Delivery Working Group (PDWG) member input at their last meetings, STA staff recommends that all STA applications for funding programs include the request for the following project delivery information:

1. Estimated project delivery timetables for each project phase (ENV/E&P/PE, PS&E, ROW, CON) showing delivery milestones and the fiscal year that staff can reasonably obligate funding.
2. Staff contacts committed to the project's delivery, with the responsible supervisor as the primary contact and the project manager assigned to the project as the secondary contact.
3. Complete a MTC Routine Accommodations for Bicycles and Pedestrians Checklist (See Attachment A).

The routine accommodations checklist is now a required piece of information for a project to be considered for listing in MTC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This policy requires that project sponsors complete a checklist showing that they have considered additional pedestrian and bicycle improvements as part of their project.

After review by the Solano PDWG, STA Staff tested a draft project delivery form during the August and November TIP amendment process. PDWG members reviewed a number of example forms filled out by project managers during this test period and discuss any changes to the form. Attached is the final functional version of this form (see Attachment B).

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board that all applications for STA recommended funds complete an STA Project Delivery Form and complete a MTC Routine Accommodations checklist for Bicycles and Pedestrians.

Attachments:

- A. MTC Routine Accommodations for Bicycles and Pedestrians Checklist
- B. STA Project Delivery Form for STA Applications.



ROUTINE ACCOMMODATION CHECKLIST

Project title:

County:

Jurisdiction/agency:

Project location:

Contact name:

Contact phone:

Contact e-mail:

Preamble

Recent federal, state and regional policies call for the routine consideration of bicyclists and pedestrians in the planning, design and construction of all transportation projects. These policies—known as “Routine Accommodation” guidelines—are included in the federal surface transportation act (SAFETEA-LU), Caltrans Deputy Directive 64, and MTC Resolution 3765, which calls for the creation of this checklist.

In accordance with MTC Resolution 3765, agencies applying for regional transportation funds must complete this checklist to document how the needs of bicyclists *and* pedestrians were considered in the process of planning and/or designing the project for which funds are being requested. For projects that do not accommodate bicyclists *and* pedestrians, project sponsors must document why not. According to the resolution, the checklist is intended for use on projects at their earliest conception or design phase.

This guidance pertains to transportation projects that could in any way impact bicycle and/or pedestrian use, whether or not the proposed project is designed to accommodate either or both modes. Projects that do not affect the public right-of-way, such as bus-washers and emergency communications equipment, are exempt from completing the checklist.

I. Existing Conditions

① PROJECT AREA

- a. What accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians are included on the current facility and on facilities that it intersects or crosses?

- b. If there are no existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities, how far from the proposed project are the closest parallel bikeways and walkways?

- c. Please describe any particular pedestrian or bicycle uses or needs along the project corridor which you have observed or of which you have been informed.

- d. What existing challenges could the proposed project address for bicycle and pedestrian travel in the vicinity of the proposed project?

② DEMAND

What trip generators (existing and future) are in the vicinity of the proposed project that might attract walking or bicycling customers, employees, students, visitors or others?

③ COLLISIONS

In the project design, have you considered collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians along the route of the facility? If so, what resources have you consulted?

II. Plans, Policies and Process

4 PLANS

- a. Do any adopted plans call for the development of bicycle or pedestrian facilities on, crossing or adjacent to the proposed facility/project? If yes, list the applicable plan(s).

- b. Is the proposed project consistent with these plans?

5 POLICIES, DESIGN STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

- a. Are there any local, statewide or federal *policies* that call for incorporating bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities into this project? If so, have these policies been followed?

- b. If this project includes a bicycle and/or pedestrian facility, have all applicable *design standards* or *guidelines* been followed?

6 REVIEW

If there have been BPAC, stakeholder and/or public meetings at which the proposed project has been discussed, what comments have been made regarding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations?

III. The Project

7 PROJECT SCOPE

What accommodations, if any, are included for bicyclists and pedestrians in the proposed project design?

8 HINDERING BICYCLISTS/PEDESTRIANS

- a. Will the proposed project remove an existing bicycle or pedestrian facility or block or hinder bicycle or pedestrian movement? If yes, please describe situation in detail.

- b. If the proposed project does not incorporate both bicycle and pedestrian facilities, or if the proposed project would hinder bicycle or pedestrian travel, list reasons why the project is being proposed as designed.

- Cost (What would be the cost of the bicycle and/or pedestrian facility and the proportion of the total project cost?)

- Right-of-way (Did an analysis lead to this conclusion?)

- Other (Please explain.)

9 CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

How will access for bicyclists and pedestrians be maintained during project construction?

10 ONGOING MAINTENANCE

What agency will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the facility and how will this be budgeted?

ATTACHMENT B

STA Project Details Form

BASIC INFORMATION

Project Title:	PROJECT TITLE HERE	Project Description:	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Sponsor:	AGENCY
				Implementing Agency:	AGENCY
TIPID:	SOL#####			Primary Contact:	SUPERVISOR
				Secondary Contact:	MANAGER

PROGRESS

Action #	Date	Project Note	Programmed Amounts						TOTAL
			ENV	PS&E	RW Sup	CON Sup	ROW	CON	
EAST ACTION		etc							0
		etc							
		etc							
		etc							
THIRD ACTION									
SECOND ACTION		ENV APPROVED							0
FIRST ACTION		PROJECT APPROVAL							0

FUNDING

Fund Source 1:	SOURCE	Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
Type:	TYPE	ENV/E&P/PE									0
Local Approved	DATE	PS&E									0
STA Approved	DATE	RW Sup									0
MTC Approved	DATE	CON Sup									0
CTC Approved	DATE	ROW									0
Other Approved	DATE	CON									0
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Source 2:	SOURCE	Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
Type:	TYPE	ENV/E&P/PE									0
Local Approved	DATE	PS&E									0
STA Approved	DATE	RW Sup									0
MTC Approved	DATE	CON Sup									0
CTC Approved	DATE	ROW									0
Other Approved	DATE	CON									0
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Source 3:	SOURCE	Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
Type:	TYPE	ENV/E&P/PE									0
Local Approved	DATE	PS&E									0
STA Approved	DATE	RW Sup									0
MTC Approved	DATE	CON Sup									0
CTC Approved	DATE	ROW									0
Other Approved	DATE	CON									0
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Source 4:	SOURCE	Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
Type:	TYPE	ENV/E&P/PE									0
Local Approved	DATE	PS&E									0
STA Approved	DATE	RW Sup									0
MTC Approved	DATE	CON Sup									0
CTC Approved	DATE	ROW									0
Other Approved	DATE	CON									0
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfunded:		Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
Potential Sources:		ENV/E&P/PE									0
		PS&E									0
		RW Sup									0
		CON Sup									0
		ROW									0
		CON									0
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TIMELINE:

Action	Dates		Phase:	PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	FUTURE	TOTAL
	Estimated	Actual										
DBE Approved												
Field Review												
Request PE E-76			ENV/PE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receive PE E-76												
ENV Type												
ENV Circulation												
ENV Adopted												
Begin Design			PS&E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Final Design												
ROW E-76			RW Sup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW Acquisition req?												
ROW Utilities Acq?			ROW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROW Cert												
Request CON E-76			CON Sup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receive CON E-76												
Advertise Date												

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DATE: November 11, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Janet Adams, Director of Projects
RE: 10-Year Investment Plan for Major Transit Facilities

Background:

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is expected to bring in approximately \$10 million every two years for Solano County over the four cycles. The components of the STIP are Highway Investment Funds and Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. With the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 717 in the fall of 2007, the STIP no longer has the Public Transportation Account (PTA) funds element. The exact amount of available funds for each STIP cycle will be based on the adopted state budget and California Transportation Commission (CTC) fund estimate.

On September 24, 2007, the CTC adopted the STIP Fund Estimate for the 2008 STIP. The 2008 STIP County Share for Solano County has been substantially changed from earlier estimates developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) due to the structure of the approved state budget this year, the passage of SB 717, increased Caltrans staff costs, and increased Caltrans Right-of-Way costs. In addition, the STIP will require programmed funds to be pushed out due to cash flow limitations.

At the September 2007 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, the draft 10-Year Investment Plan was presented. This was followed by a presentation of the draft Plan to the STA Board in October 2007. The 10-Year Investment Plan is intended to be a guide for not only programming decisions over the next decade but also to be a document that provides detailed information about priority projects in the County.

STA staff met with project sponsors for the transit projects and transit fleet needs. Sponsors submitted requested information relating to transit capital project details including unfunded needs. The highway/major road project information included in this Investment Plan is based on information in the I-80/I-680/I-780 Major Investment and Corridor Study, the State Route (SR) 12 Major Investment Study, or from updated project information. The Investment Plan appendix has the detailed project information. The transit fleet needs element has been separated as a stand alone document that will focus on investments from primarily the Proposition 1B Transit Capital Solano County share through Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Discussion:

The 10-Year Investment Plan will have two primary elements; Highway/Major Road Projects and Transit Projects/Transit Fleet Capital Needs. The Highway/Major Road Projects element of the Investment Plan will have three tiers for projects: Tier One includes projects that can begin construction in the next five years, Tier Two includes projects that can begin construction in the next ten years, and Tier Three includes projects that are in the planning phase and potential future Tier One or Two priorities for the STA Board.

The Major Transit Projects element of the Investment Plan is proposed to have the same three tiered categories. The Transit Fleet element of the Investment Plan will be prioritized with the primary fund source intended to be from the Proposition 1B Transit Capital funds allocated to the county through MTC Resolution 3814. This element of the Investment Plan is part of a separate staff report.

It is intended that STA will update this Investment Plan every two years in association with the STIP cycles.

Attachment A is the 10-Year Investment Plan for Highways and Major Transit Facilities. The Tier One priority for the Highway/Major Road Projects in the 2008 STIP is the Jepson Parkway segments. The Jepson Parkway environmental document is expected to be released for public comment as soon as Caltrans provides comments to the document. Once the Jepson Parkway Project is approved, design and right of way acquisition can begin. Additional Tier One projects include the North Connector West, I-80 Auxiliary Lane Eastbound in Fairfield, Travis AFB Access Improvements, I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange, and the Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation.

Tier One for Major Transit Projects are the Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility (Phase 1 and 2) and the Vacaville Intermodal Station (Phase 1). Both these projects, once fully funded can begin construction within five years. The Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility Project is intended to improve the operational efficiency of the ferry system. Continued investment in the ferry by the County will also show regional support for the ferry. Vacaville's Intermodal Station (Phase 1), once fully funded, will begin construction in FY 2008-09.

Fiscal Impact:

The 10-Year Investment Plan is intended to be a guide for future programming actions by the STA Board of STIP funds.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the attached 10-Year Investment Plan for Major Transit Facilities as shown on Attachment A.

Attachment:

- A. 10-Year Investment Plan for Highways and Major Transit Facilities

Draft 10-Year Investment Plan for Highway and Major Transit Capital Projects

List of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 projects (11-13-07)

Tier 1 Highway Projects "Projects that can begin construction in the next 5 years"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
STA	Jepson Parkway	Vanden Road Segment	\$27.8 M	\$0 (STIP funding identified for Jepson Parkway)
		Leisure Town (Alamo to Orange)	\$34.2 M	\$34.2 M
		Leisure Town (Vanden to Alamo)	\$18.9 M	\$18.9 M
		Cement Hill Segment	\$8.5 M	\$8.5 M
		Walters Road Extension	\$41.1 M	\$41.1 M
		Walters Road Widening	\$5.0 M	\$5.0 M
STA	North Connector – West	West Segment of North Connector	\$32.0 M	\$32.0 M
Caltrans	EB I-80 Aux Lane – Fairfield	Travis to Air Base Parkway	\$5.0 M (by 2012)	\$5.0 M
Solano County	Travis AFB Access	Canon Road and north gate improvements	\$5.6 M	\$4.6 M
		South gate improvements	\$2.25 M	\$0 M
STA	I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	First Phase	\$1,200 M	\$1,200 M
STA	Trucks Scales Relocation	Phase 1 (EB scales)	\$99.6 M	\$99.6 M

Tier 2 Highway Projects "Projects that can begin construction in the next 10 years"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
Caltrans	WB I-80 Aux Lane	W Texas to Abernathy	\$5.8 M	\$5.8 M
Caltrans	WB I-80 Aux Lane	Waterman to Travis Blvd	\$5.8 M	\$5.8 M
STA	I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	Remaining Phases	\$1,200 M	\$1,200 M
Caltrans	SR12 East Median Barrier	From Suisun City to Rio Vista	(est.) \$100 M	(est.) \$100 M
STA	Truck Scales Relocation	Phase 2 (WB Scales)	(est.) \$128 M	(est.) \$128 M

Tier 3 Highway Projects "Projects that are in the planning phase and are priorities to the STA Board"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
Caltrans	I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange	Remaining Phases	\$1.2 Billion	\$1.2 Billion
Caltrans	Rio Vista Bridge Realignment/Replacement	Currently being studied.	pending	pending
Caltrans	SR 12 Widening Improvements	Currently being studied	pending	pending
Caltrans	SR 29 Improvements	To be studied	pending	pending
Caltrans	SR113 Improvements	Currently being studied.	Pending	pending

Tier 1 Transit Projects "Projects that can begin construction in the next 5 years"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
Fairfield	Fairfield/Vacaville Rail Station	CON in FY 10-11	\$40.8 M	\$11.5 M
Vacaville	Vacaville Intermodal Station (Ph 1)	CON in FY 08-09	\$11.5 M	\$2.8 M
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility (Ph 1&2)	Move operations to Mare Island in FY 08-09	\$11.4 M	\$2.7 M
Vallejo	Vallejo Station	Pending updated schedule	\$64 M	\$11 M

Tier 2 Transit Projects "Projects that can begin construction in the next 10 years"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
Dixon	Dixon Transportation Center	Phase 3 – FY09-10 Phase 4 – FY10-11 Phase 5 – FY10-11	\$13.7 M	\$10.5 M
Fairfield	Central Transfer Station	FY 08-09 & 09-10	\$6.6 M	\$2.0 M
Fairfield	Fairfield Transportation Center	Phase 2 – FY 09-10, 10-11	\$16.1 M	\$8.0 M
Fairfield	Red Top Park and Ride	CON in FY 08-09	\$2.3 M	\$1.9 M
Rio Vista	Church Rd/SR12 Park and Ride	CON in FY 09-10	\$2.3 M	\$2.3 M
Vallejo	Curtola Park and Ride	CON in FY 11-12	\$13.0 M	\$5.0 M

Tier 3 Transit Projects "Projects that are in the planning phase and are future priorities for the STA Board"				
Sponsor	Project	Details	Cost	Shortfall
Benicia	Transit Stop Improvements		\$0.5 M	\$0.5 M
Benicia	Transit Maintenance Facility	Park 20 buses and staff 25 employees	\$1.25 M	\$1.25 M
Benicia	Southampton Park and Ride	CON in FY 10-11/11-12	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M
Benicia	Downtown Benicia Park and Ride	CON in FY 11-12	\$1.5 M	\$1.5 M
Fairfield	Gold Hill Park and Ride	CON in FY 10-11	\$2.8 M	\$2.8 M
Rio Vista	Downtown Park and Ride	CON in FY 10-11	\$0.3 M	\$0.3 M
Rio Vista	Transit Corporation Yard		\$1.3 M	\$1.3 M



DATE: November 16, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Programs
RE: 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan

Background:

Various capital transit funding opportunities are becoming available and will continue over the next several years. These include the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Proposition 1B, and Lifeline.

With the passage of Proposition 1B by the voters in November 2006, the county will receive additional funds for transit projects. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) passed Resolution 3814 regarding the distribution and use of the \$347 million of Bay Area share of Proposition 1B Regional Transit capital funds and \$72 million of uncommitted State Transit Assistance regional discretionary (STAF) funds estimated to be available over the next ten years. Of this total \$419 million to be available, Solano County will receive a portion of the funds through the \$35 million for Small Operators/North Counties - Capital Improvements category. In addition the County will also receive funding from the \$133 million Lifeline Funding for Transit Operators and \$20 million State Transit Assistance (STA) Base/Proposition 42 Estimates for Lifeline Funding for Transit Operators categories.

MTC Resolution 3814 may bring to Solano County as much as \$600,000 per year over the next ten years for a total of \$6 million from the \$35 million for Small Operators/North Counties - Capital Improvements category. The first Call for Projects for Prop. 1B capital was issued in October and project applications were due at the end of October.

MTC's Lifeline Transportation Funding Program is intended to improve mobility for residents of low-income communities and, more specifically, to fund solutions identified through the community-based transportation plans. Each community's needs are unique and will therefore require different solutions to address local circumstances. In Solano and other counties, these funds have been used to fund Welfare to Work and Community Based Transportation Planning priority projects. In June 2006, the STA Board allocated the first Lifeline Funds for the County. The regional commitment to this program provided for in MTC's Resolution 3814 will provide additional resources for this program. Based on staff discussions with MTC it is estimated that Solano County will receive \$8 million over the ten year period for eligible recipients.

The Draft 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan is intended to be a guide for not only programming decisions over the next decade but also to be a document that provides detailed information about capital priority needs in the County.

STA staff met with project sponsors for the transit fleet needs. Sponsors submitted requested information relating to transit details including unfunded capital needs.

Discussion:

The Draft 10-Year Investment Plan has two main components: Highway and Major Transit Facilities and Minor Transit Capital/Transit Fleet. Separating the 10-Year Investment Plan into these components is prudent given the different procurement processes for transit fleet and minor capital versus major transit highway and transit facilities. This report will focus on Minor Transit Capital/Transit Fleet needs.

Tier One projects can be procured in the next five years, Tier Two projects can be procured in the next five to ten years.

Based on the data collected from transit operators, transit fleet needs have been prioritized into Tier 1 and Tier 2 categories and is shown on Attachment A.

This prioritization was used as the basis of submitted projects for MTC’s recent initial Call for Projects for the Proposition 1B Transit Capital. Based on the amount released regionally and if it is allocated on a population-share basis, approximately \$900,000 to \$1 million would be distributed to Solano projects for this cycle. STA submitted three transit vehicle replacement projects requiring a total of \$938,000 in matching funds as follows:

Fairfield-Suisun Transit (5 vehicles)	\$400,000
Vacaville Transit (5 vehicles)	\$240,000
Vallejo Transit (20 vehicles)	\$298,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$938,000</u>

If this funding is secured, this will make a considerable reduction in the Tier 1 transit fleet needs.

A second release of Prop 1B transit capital funds is planned for the Spring of 2008 by MTC. In addition to transit fleet and transit facilities needs, there are also Minor Transit Capital needs. These are shown on Attachment B. Over the next few months, STA staff will continue to work with transit operator staff to refine this list and priorities in preparation for a spring call for projects.

It is recommended that STA will update the 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan at least every two years in association with other capital investment plans, the STIP and other major funding cycles.

Fiscal Impact:

The 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan is intended to be a guide for future programming actions by the STA Board of STIP funds, Prop. 1B Transit Capital, and other transit capital funds.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the attached 10-Year Transit Fleet Investment Plan.

Attachments:

- A. Draft 10-Year Transit Fleet Investment Plan
- B. Preliminary 10-Year Minor Transit Capital Needs

STA FLEET REPLACEMENT COST SUMMARY
(2007 Dollars)

TIER 1 FLEET REPLACEMENT -- Five Years ending FY 2011-12			
Fleet Type	Assumptions	Total Cost	Unfunded Local Match
Local Fixed Route	47 Buses Replaced in Tier 1	\$23,500,000	\$4,700,000
Paratransit	38 Vehicles Replaced in Tier 1; Assumes 5 year vehicle life	\$2,850,000	\$570,000
TOTAL		\$26,350,000	\$5,270,000

TIER 2 FLEET REPLACEMENT -- Five Years ending FY 2015-2016			
Fleet Type	Assumptions	Total Cost	Unfunded Local Match
Intercity	47 Buses Replaced in Tier 2	\$25,850,000	\$5,170,000
Local Fixed Route	23 Buses Replaced in Tier 2	\$11,500,000	\$2,300,000
Paratransit	36 Vehicles Replaced in Tier 2; Assumes 5 year vehicle life	\$2,700,000	\$540,000
TOTAL		\$40,050,000	\$8,010,000

**STA TRANSIT CAPITAL PLAN - Minor Capital
Unfunded Projects**

Near Term

Jurisdiction	Project		Total Cost	Unfunded
Benicia	Bus Stop Amenities	FY 07-08 - Future	\$53,654	\$22,000
Benicia	Bus Stop Improvement at 1st St	FY 08-09	\$500,000	\$500,000
Benicia	Office Equipment	FY 08-09	\$25,000	\$25,000
Benicia	Replace Admin Sedan	FY 11-12	\$30,000	\$30,000
Fairfield	AVL System	FY 07-08- FY 08-09	\$1,532,940	\$766,470
Rio Vista	Dispatch Software, Office Equip	FY 08-09- FY 10-11	\$50,000	\$50,000
Vallejo	Systemwide Bus Shelter Repl.	FY 06-07	\$250,000	\$150,000
Vallejo	Misc Support Equipment	FY 06-07	\$50,000	\$10,000
Vallejo	Port Security FMF	FY 06-07	\$281,250	\$56,250
Vallejo	Tire Machine	FY 07-08	\$10,000	\$10,000
Vallejo	Close Monitoring Wells	FY 07-08	\$25,000	\$25,000
Vallejo	Replace DPF Mufflers	FY 07-08	\$190,000	\$190,000
Vallejo	Replace Shop Truck	FY 07-08	\$60,000	\$60,000
Vallejo	9 Computers for Transit Facility	FY 07-08	\$27,000	\$27,000
Vallejo	Install new DECS for MCI buses	FY 08-09	\$700,000	\$700,000
Vallejo	Exhaust fan for DPF Cleaner	FY 08-09	\$30,000	\$30,000
Vallejo	Major Ferry Components Rehab	FY 08-09	\$848,140	\$169,628
Vallejo	Surveillance Cameras for 60 buses	FY 08-09	\$250,000	\$250,000
Vallejo	Paratransit Scheduling Software	FY 08-09	\$50,000	\$50,000
Vallejo	5 Computers for Paratransit Sched	FY 08-09	\$26,000	\$26,000
Vallejo	Bus Stop Maint/Inventory Software	FY 08-09	\$25,000	\$25,000
Vallejo	Paving Bus Maintenance Facility	FY 08-09	\$500,000	\$500,000
Vallejo	Replace Bus Wash	FY 08-09	\$300,000	\$300,000
Vallejo	Replace Gillig Transmissions	FY 08-09	\$80,000	\$80,000
Vallejo	Replace Gillig Engines	FY 08-09	\$140,000	\$140,000
Vallejo	Replace Maint Facility HVAC	FY 08-09	\$100,000	\$100,000
Vallejo	Renovate Driver Break Room	FY 08-09	\$5,000	\$5,000
Vallejo	Bus Facility Security Surveillance	FY 08-09	\$50,000	\$50,000
Vallejo	Replace 10 Computers for Transit	FY 08-09	\$40,000	\$40,000
Vallejo	Upgrade Base Radio Equipment	FY 08-09	\$150,000	\$150,000
Vallejo	PT Maint Support Equip - Battery	FY 08-09	\$10,000	\$10,000
Vallejo	Transit Misc Support Equip	FY 08-09	\$72,000	\$72,000
Vallejo	Surveillance Cameras for Sereno TC	FY 09-10	\$75,000	\$75,000
Vallejo	Support Vehicles	FY 09-10	\$85,000	\$85,000
Vallejo	Seal Shop Floor	FY 09-10	\$100,000	\$100,000
Vallejo	Security Enhance. O&M Facility	FY 09-10	\$300,000	\$300,000
Vallejo	Replace 6 Computers for Ferry	FY 09-10	\$25,000	\$25,000
Vallejo	Replace Misc Office Equipment	FY 09-10	\$50,000	\$50,000
Vallejo	Expand Dispatch in Bus Ops Fac	FY 10-11	\$700,000	\$700,000
Vallejo	Systemwide AVL	FY 10-11		
Vallejo	Engine Repower	FY 08-09	\$6,500,000	\$1,300,000
Vallejo	Engine Repower	FY 09-10	\$6,500,000	\$1,300,000
5 YEAR TOTAL, MINOR CAPITAL			\$20,795,984	\$8,554,348

Longer-term

Benicia	AVL System	Future	\$475,000	\$475,000
Rio Vista	Bus Stop and Amenities	Future	\$25,119	\$5,000
Rio Vista	AVL for Transit Buses	Future	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL, FUTURE MINOR CAPITAL			\$650,119	\$630,000



DATE: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List

Background:

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range blueprint for transportation improvements prepared by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the nine (9) County Bay Area. The current RTP is called the Transportation 2030 Plan (T2030). The RTP is updated every four (4) years. Projects listed in the RTP must be those that can be reasonably expected to be financed in the 30-year time frame of the RTP. The new T2035 is scheduled for adoption in early 2009.

In January, MTC will issue a Call for Projects to be included in the RTP. It is not known at this time what criteria developed during Phase I of the RTP update (performance targets and investment scenarios – see RTP Update staff report) will be used to help identify the types of projects that will be requested or given priority. STA staff also does not know what the Solano County financial target will be. However, the tentative MTC schedule does not appear to allow enough time for STA staff to review projects with the TAC, Consortium and Board between the time when the initial Call for Projects is issued in January 2008 and when they are due for submittal in February 2008.

Discussion:

In preparing T2030, STA staff submitted an initial list of projects to MTC. The Solano County projects are shown in Attachment A, as are the Bay Area Region/Multi-County projects. All projects that include costs are shown in 2004 dollars. In order to be ready to submit a final list for the updated RTP, STA plans to update the existing lists. The Cities and the County are requested to review the attached project list, and identify the following changes:

1. Projects that have been completed.
2. Projects that are no longer being proposed.
3. Projects that have not been constructed; update project description and cost.
4. New projects. Provide project description, including year of construction and cost. New projects must be consistent with both the agency's general plan/CIP and the STA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and should include a letter of submittal from the Public Works Director.

STA staff will send each Public Works Director a follow-up letter immediately after STA Board action on this item. Project updates must be submitted to STA no later than Friday, January 11, 2008.

Fiscal Impact:

No direct impact at this time.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the Executive Director to forward the attached RTP project list to the STA member agencies for updating.

Attachment:

- A. T2030 RTP Project List

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projects by county

Bay Area Region/Multi-County

Reference Number	Project/Program	Total Project Cost	Financially Constrained Element ¹	Vision Element ²	Notes
In millions of 2004 dollars					
Adequate Maintenance					
94540	Carquinez Bridge replacement: construct new suspension bridge west of existing bridges (4 westbound lanes, including a high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lane, plus new bicycle/pedestrian pathway) and modify Crockett interchange	\$479.8	\$479.8		Regional Measure 1 Toll Bridge Program; open to traffic; demolition of original bridge remains
94541	New Benicia-Martinez Bridge: construct new bridge span east of existing span (4 mixed-flow lanes and 1 slow-vehicle lane). Includes new toll plaza and upgrades to I-680/I-780 interchange and I-680/Marina Vista Road interchange, and reconstruction of the existing bridge for 4 mixed-flow lanes and bicycle and pedestrian lane.	\$1,057.8	\$1,057.8		Regional Measure 1 & 2 Toll Bridge programs
21012	Golden Gate Bridge seismic retrofit (completes Phases 2 and 3)	\$392.0	\$392.0		Phase 2 is under way
22654	Golden Gate Bridge rehabilitation projects	\$99.4		\$99.4	
98102	South Access to the Golden Gate Bridge: Doyle Drive environmental study	\$16.2	\$16.2		2003 Proposition K sales tax project
94089	Reconstruct South Access to the Golden Gate Bridge: Doyle Drive to Broderick Street	\$446.7	\$446.7		
21013	Rehabilitation of Bay Area state-owned toll bridges	\$238.0	\$238.0		
21014	Richmond-San Rafael Bridge deck replacement	\$53.4	\$53.4		
21015	Seismic retrofit of Bay Area state-owned toll bridges, including San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge east span and west span/approach, and Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez and Richmond-San Rafael bridges	\$8,300.0	\$5,085.0	\$3,215.0	
22038	San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge toll plaza HOV bypass lanes	\$4.0	\$4.0		
21017	Small transit operators in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties — transit operating and capital improvement program (including replacement, rehabilitation, and minor enhancements for rolling stock, equipment, fixed facilities other capital assets; does not include system expansion)	\$2,513.8	\$2,497.4	\$16.4	
22636	BART transbay tube earthquake safety (Phase 1)	\$156.0	\$156.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22520	BART earthquake safety program (excludes Phase 1 of transbay tube earthquake safety project)	\$1,307.0	\$1,307.0	\$0.0	
System Efficiency					
21001	Freeway Traffic Operations (includes Traffic Operations System/ Transportation Management Center enhancements, Freeway Service Patrol, incident management and technical assistance)	\$466.2	\$109.5	\$356.7	
21005	TransLink [®]	\$363.8	\$338.1	\$25.7	Initial phase funded in Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
21006	511/Transit (regional transit information systems) and transportation marketing	\$75.9	\$40.7	\$35.2	Initial phase funded in Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
21008	511/Traffic	\$142.8	\$121.3	\$21.5	

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Bay Area Region/Multi-County

Reference Number	Project/Program	Total Project Cost	Financially Constrained Element ¹	Vision Element ²	Notes
In millions of 2004 dollars					
System Efficiency					
21007	Rideshare Program	\$54.0	\$54.0		
21010	Performance monitoring	\$3.5	\$3.5		
21011	Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC)/Housing Incentive Program (HIP) — regional and county programs	\$454.0	\$454.0		
21320	Golden Gate Bridge moveable median barrier	\$23.8	\$23.8		
21627	Caltrain electrification from San Francisco to Gilroy	\$602.0	\$602.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program; cost shown is the three-county combined cost
22241	Regional Measure 2 Studies (includes regional rail study, transit connectivity study, Water Transit Authority environmental studies, I-680/Pleasant Hill BART connector study and Caldecott Tunnel transit ridership study)	\$19.0	\$19.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22242	Real-Time Transit Grant Program	\$20.0	\$20.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22244	City CarShare	\$2.5	\$2.5		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22245	Safe Routes to Transit	\$20.0	\$20.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22247	Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program	\$200.0	\$200.0		
22421	Clean Air Program	\$255.5	\$255.5		
22423	Lifeline Transportation Program	\$216.0	\$216.0		
22425	Surface Transportation Program (STP) and 10-year support for Transportation Planning and Land Use Solutions (T-PLUS) planning funds for counties	\$95.0	\$95.0		
22674	BART Core Capacity Program — system capacity	\$205.0	\$19.4	\$185.6	
22675	BART Core Capacity Program — station access	\$762.6	\$32.0	\$730.6	Includes funding from Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22676	BART Core Capacity Program — station capacity	\$625.1	\$47.4	\$577.7	
22677	BART Core Capacity Program — vehicles	\$848.0		\$848.0	
22090	California Interregional Intermodal Study (CIRIS) — rail freight service between Port of Oakland and Central Valley	TBD		TBD	
Strategic Expansion					
94514	I-880/Route 92 interchange improvements	\$133.8	\$133.8		Regional Measure 1 Toll Bridge Program
21066	California High-Speed Rail with terminal in San Francisco	TBD		TBD	
21618	Dumbarton rail corridor (Phase 1)	\$300.0	\$300.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program; Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22719	Dumbarton rail corridor (Phase 2)	\$15.6		\$15.6	

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Reference Number	Project/Program	Total Project Cost	Financially Constrained Element ¹	Vision Element ²	Notes
In millions of 2004 dollars					
Strategic Expansion (continued from previous page)					
21619	Caltrain express tracks (Phase 2)	\$482.0	\$390.0	\$92.0	Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program. Grade separation and passing track elements in San Mateo County are fully funded. No increase in service level assumed.
22009	Capitol Corridor: Phase 1 intercity rail service (track capacity/frequency improvements from Oakland to San Jose designed to allow 16 daily round trips between Oakland and Sacramento/San Jose)	\$158.0	\$158.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program
22003	Capitol Corridor: Phase 2 enhancements	\$96.0	\$96.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program
22006	Downtown Ferry Terminal improvements and spare ferry vessels	\$36.0	\$36.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program (includes Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds)
22243	Regional Measure 2 Express Bus North improvements (includes park-and-ride lots and rolling stock)	\$10.5	\$10.5		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22240	Regional Measure 2 Express Bus South improvements (includes park-and-ride lots, HOV access improvements, and rolling stock)	\$9.0	\$9.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program
22005	ACE service expansion to eight trains	\$128.0	\$50.0	\$78.0	Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program
22016	Improvements to high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) network (including HOV lane gap closures and express bus services); convert HOV network to high-occupancy/toll (HOT) network	\$3,000.0		\$3,000.0	
22001	Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) commuter rail project (environmental, preliminary engineering and right-of-way)	\$62.0	\$62.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program (includes Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds)
22513	Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) commuter rail project (construction reserve only; full project not included in Financially Constrained Element)	\$277.0	\$63.0	\$214.0	Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program; no operating funds identified
21342	Caltrain downtown extension/Transbay Terminal replacement (environmental, preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition)	\$274.0	\$274.0		Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program (includes Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds)
22008	Caltrain downtown extension/TransBay Terminal replacement (construction reserve only; full project not included in Financially Constrained Element)	\$1,543.0	\$946.0	\$597.0	Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program (includes Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds and 2003 Proposition K sales tax funds); under construction

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Solano County

Reference Number	Project/Program	Total Project Cost	Financially Constrained Element ¹	Vision Element ²	Notes
In millions of 2004 dollars					
Adequate Maintenance					
94681	Local streets and roads pavement and non-pavement maintenance	\$367.8	\$367.8		
94138	Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) streets and roads pavement and non-pavement rehabilitation shortfall	\$43.6	\$43.6		
94139	Non-Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) streets and roads pavement and non-pavement maintenance shortfall	\$551.2	\$41.0	\$510.2	
94683	Vallejo Transit — transit operating and capital improvement program (including replacement, rehabilitation, and minor enhancements for rolling stock, equipment, fixed facilities and other capital assets; does not include system expansion)	\$572.9	\$562.5	\$10.4	
21869	Local bridge maintenance	\$29.3	\$29.3		
22711	Senior/disabled transit capital and operating funds	\$129.2		\$129.2	
System Efficiency					
94153	Non-capacity-increasing safety projects to improve congested intersections, local arterials and highways	\$80.0	\$3.0	\$77.0	
98212	Local bicycle and pedestrian projects	\$56.0	\$22.0	\$34.0	
21823	Route 12 from Sacramento River to I-80 operational and safety improvements as identified in Route 12 Major Investment Study (MIS)	\$42.7	\$42.7		State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project
22623	Widen Nut Tree overcrossing from 2 lanes to 4 lanes (includes left-turn lane and ramp improvements)	\$10.0	\$10.0		
22625	I-80/North Texas Street interchange improvements (includes relocation of North Texas Street, new connection between Manuel Campos Parkway and existing bridge, new eastbound on- and off-ramps and new bridge)	\$14.0	\$14.0		100% locally funded
22630	Parkway Boulevard overcrossing of Union Pacific Railroad grade separation	\$9.5	\$9.5		100% locally funded
22631	Route 12 westbound (Red Top Road) truck lane	\$10.2	\$10.2		State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project
Strategic Expansion					
94148	Construct rail stations and track improvements for Amtrak Capitol Corridor service from Sacramento to Oakland	\$40.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	Includes funding from Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds for Benicia Siding Project
94150	I-80/I-680/Route 12 interchange improvements (Phase 1); includes 2-lane connectors between I-80 and I-680 and a fifth lane in each direction on I-80 between I-680 and Route 12.	\$18.6	\$18.6		This is the auxiliary lane project.

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In millions of 2004 dollars					
Strategic Expansion					
21807	I-80/I-680/Route 12 interchange improvements (Phase 2); widen I-80 from Route 12 to Air Base Parkway for HOV lanes (includes a braided ramp from I-680 to Suisun Valley Road and improvements to Red Top Road)	\$139.5	\$139.5		Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22701	I-80/I-680/Route 12 interchange improvements (Phase 3); including partial relocation/reconstruction of Cordelia truck weigh station, ramp improvements and auxiliary lanes (as identified in I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study)	\$532.5	\$100.0	\$432.5	
94151	Construct 4-lane Jepson Parkway from Route 12 to Leisure Town Road	\$101.1	\$70.4	\$30.7	Segments 1, 3 and 5 are completed
94152	Widen Route 12 (Jamieson Canyon) from I-80 in Solano County to Route 29 in Napa County from 2 lanes to 4 lanes (Solano County portion of project)	\$51.0	\$51.0		See companion Napa County project #94074 on page 99
94675	Widen Route 37 from Napa River Bridge to Route 29 from 2-lane expressway to 4-lane freeway (not including Routes 29/37 interchange), planting and environmental mitigation	\$58.0	\$58.0		
98168	Intercity bus service and transit hubs in Solano County (capital costs)	\$78.0	\$25.0	\$53.0	
21341	Fairfield/Vacaville multimodal rail station for Capitol Corridor intercity rail service in Solano County (Phases 1, 2 and 3)	\$34.0	\$34.0		Includes Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
21348	Install a second span along existing Green Valley Bridge to facilitate 4 lanes of travel each way and an acceleration/deceleration lane in each direction	\$16.8	\$16.8		100% locally funded
21809	Match for improvements to local interchanges and arterials	\$418.0	\$2.0	\$416.0	
22626	Route 29/Route 37 interchange improvements (includes new 4-lane freeway on new alignment between Enterprise Street and Diablo Street)	\$62.0	\$62.0		100% locally funded
22628	Realign Wilson Avenue from Florida Street to Route 37 to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists (Phase 2)	\$16.5	\$16.5		100% locally funded
22629	New Vallejo Ferry Terminal intermodal facility	\$56.0	\$46.9	\$9.1	Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22632	American Canyon Road ramp improvements at I-80	\$8.2	\$8.2		100% locally funded
22633	Widen Azuar Drive/Cedar Avenue from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from P Street to Residential Parkway	\$9.0	\$9.0		
22634	Vacaville intermodal station (400-space parking garage and 200-space surface parking lot)	\$9.0	\$9.0		Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22700	Construct parallel corridor north of I-80 from Red Top Road to Abernathy Road (the western section extends from the railroad crossing on Red Top Road to Business Center Drive)	\$68.0	\$68.0		Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program and 2000 Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project
22703	I-80/I-680/I-780 corridor mid- and long-term capacity and operation improvements except transit hubs and park-and-ride lots (as identified in I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Study)	\$1,058.1	\$94.4	\$963.7	

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Solano County

Reference Number	Project/Program	Total Project Cost	Financially Constrained Element ¹	Vision Element ²	Notes
In millions of 2004 dollars					
Strategic Expansion (continued from previous page)					
22794	Curtola Transit Center improvements (construct parking structure, improve off-street bus transfer facilities and improve bus ingress and egress)	\$12.0	\$12.0		Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22795	Fairfield Transportation Center improvements (Phase 3 — add 600 parking spaces)	\$14.5	\$14.5		Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22898	Widen I-80 from 6 lanes to 8 lanes from west of Meridian Road to west of Kidwell Road	\$60.0	\$60.0		
22985	Benicia Intermodal Transportation Station	\$30.0	\$4.3	\$25.7	Partially funded with Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Program funds
22986	Widen and improve Broadway from 2 lanes to 4 lanes between Route 37 and Mini Drive	\$4.9	\$4.9		100% locally funded
22708	Route 12 from I-80 to Sacramento Bridge as identified in Route 12 Major Investment Study (MIS)	\$3.3	\$3.3		
21824	Route 12 from I-80 to Sacramento Bridge long-term capacity and operational improvements (Phase 2) as identified in Route 12 Major Investment Study (MIS)	\$101.7		\$101.7	
22712	Expanded express bus capital and operating funds	\$71.8		\$71.8	
22716	Vallejo Baylink ferry service capital and operating funds (fifth high-speed boat)	\$50.0		\$50.0	
22988	Commuter Rail Service — Sacramento to Oakland (capital and operating funds) with new stations in Fairfield/Vacaville, Dixon and Benicia	\$113.0		\$113.0	

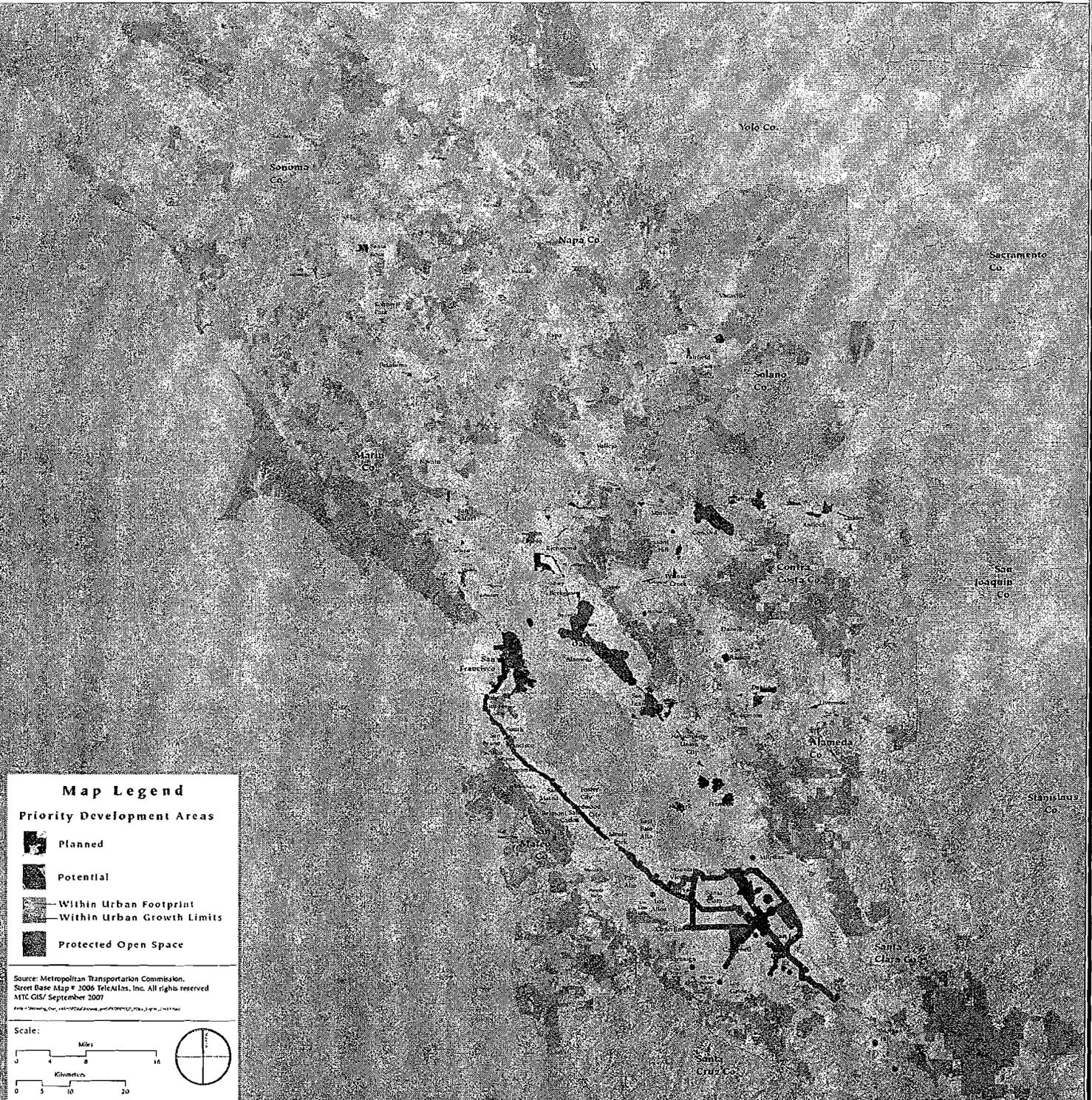
¹ Financially Constrained Element refers to programmed local, regional, state, federal funds as well as discretionary state and federal funds anticipated to be available over the long term of the Transportation 2030 Plan.

² Vision Element refers to new local, regional, state and federal funds that may become available over the near to mid-term of the Transportation 2030 Plan through voter approval or legislative authorization.

Focusing Our Vision: Regional Policy Analysis

Association of Bay Area Governments

Metropolitan Transportation Commission



PDA Status: Planned or Potential



DATE: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Jayne Bauer, Marketing and Legislative Program Manager
RE: STA's Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform

Background:

Each year, STA staff monitors state and federal legislation that pertains directly to transportation and related issues. On December 13, 2006, the STA Board adopted its 2007 Legislative Priorities and Platform to provide policy guidance on transportation legislation and the STA's legislative activities during 2007. On June 13, 2007, the STA Board amended the legislative platform to include the monitoring of global warming issues.

Discussion:

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 by staff with input from the STA's state and federal legislative consultants. 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 2008 Legislative Platform and Priorities for comment at the TAC and Consortium meeting in November.

STA staff will forward the Draft 2008 Legislative Platform and Priorities with TAC and Consortium feedback to the Board in December, with a recommendation to distribute the draft document for a 30-day review and comment period. The Final Draft 2008 Legislative Platform and Priorities will be placed on the January 2008 STA Board agenda for consideration of adoption.

Recommendation:

Forward STA's Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform to the STA Board with a recommendation to distribute for a 30-day review and comment period.

Attachments:

- A. STA's Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform

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Solano Transportation Authority
Draft 2008 Legislative Priorities and Platform

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Monitor and support, as appropriate, legislative proposals to increase funding for transportation infrastructure in Solano County.
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. Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements/Jepson Parkway Project*
 - b. State Route 12 Traffic Safety Signage/Education and Highway Improvements (Median Barrier Study)*
 - c. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange*
 - d. Vallejo Intermodal Station*
 - e. Vallejo Ferry Maintenance Facility*
 - f. Fairfield/Vacaville Intermodal Rail Station*
 - g. Vacaville Intermodal Station (Phase 1)*
 - h. Bus Replacement (Alternative Fuel)
4. Monitor implementation of AB 32, The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and support efforts to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions where practicable through the transportation planning and public information process.
5. Monitor the legislative development of SB 375 (Steinberg) to ensure a reasonable balance between air quality/global warming issues and transportation needs.
6. Monitor legislative efforts to merge or modify Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) governing boards and their respective responsibilities.
7. Monitor any new bridge toll proposals, support the implementation of Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funded projects.
8. Support efforts to dedicate future Public Transportation Account (PTA) spillover funds to transportation.
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).
10. Support cleanup legislation of SB 976 (Torlakson) that addresses the following: 1. Provide local representation on the Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), the regional agency that will manage the Vallejo ferry system (Baylink); 2. Provide assurances that the existing Baylink levels of operation, funding and service will be maintained or enhanced; and 3. Provide assurances that there will be a local role in the development of the Emergency Water Transportation System Management Plan and the transition plan.

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11. Support legislative and regulatory efforts to ensure that projects from Solano county cities are eligible for state and regional funding of Transportation Oriented Development (Transit Oriented Development) projects, including Proposition 1C funds. Ensure that development and transit standards for TOD projects can be reasonably met by developing suburban communities.

** Federal Priority Projects*

LEGISLATIVE 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. Support 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.

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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.
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.

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.

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3. Protect State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds from use for purposes other than those covered in SB 45 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.
6. Seek eligibility for the Solano Transportation Authority to directly claim Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds.
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 initiatives to pursue the 55% or lower voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures.
11. Ensure that fees collected for the use of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes are spent to improve operations and mobility for the corridor in which they originate.
12. Support ongoing efforts to protect and enhance federal funding as authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and to ensure that the federal government provides a fair share return of funding to California.
13. Participate in efforts to reauthorize federal transportation policy and funding, focusing efforts on securing funding for high priority regional transportation projects in the next transportation reauthorization bill which is scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2009.
14. 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.

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15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Monitor the distribution of state transportation demand management funding.
18. 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, State Highway Account (SHA), Public Transportation Account (PTA), and Transportation Development Act (TDA) and any ballot initiative.
19. 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.

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.

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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 funds.
2. In partnership with other counties located along Capitol Corridor, seek expanded state commitment for funding passenger rail service, whether state or locally administered.
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 High Speed Rail Bond scheduled for the November 2008 ballot.

X. Ferry

1. Protect the existing source of operating support for Vallejo Baylink ferry service, most specifically the Bridge Tolls–Northern Bridge Group “1st and 2nd 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 “3rd 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.

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3. Work with MTC to obtain an increase to the federal Ferryboat Discretionary (FBD) Funds to provide an annual earmark for the Bay Area that includes expanded ferry service to Vallejo, 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.
2. Support an income tax credit to employers for subsidizing employee transit passes.
3. Support tax benefits and/or incentives for 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. 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: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Solano Transit Consolidation Study Phase I and Phase II Status

Background:

In Solano County, each City and the County fund and/or operate transit services. This includes local and intercity transit services as well as general public and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services. A subsidized taxi program and other special transportation services are also funded with local transit funds and operated through local jurisdictions.

Over the past several years, the issue of consolidating some or all of the services has been discussed and proposed. This topic was discussed by STA Board members at their February 2005 Board Retreat and the participants expressed interest and support for transit service becoming more convenient through a seamless system, that there should be a reasonable level of service throughout the county, and local transit issues and needs would have to be considered and addressed. The STA Board directed STA staff to initiate a countywide Transit Consolidation Study approved goals, objectives and evaluation criteria to be incorporated in the scope of work for this study (see Attachment A). Subsequently, STA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and DKS Associates was selected to lead the Transit Consolidation Study.

Work began in early 2007. The first major endeavor was to conduct an extensive outreach ranging from interviews with transit operator staff, other city staff, public officials, and others. Interviews began with STA Board members and Board alternates in March 2007 and with local staff and funding partners in April and continued into May and June. To gain a broad perspective of issues and concerns, nearly sixty (60) interviews were conducted. Based on initial public official input, outreach to transit users was added at this point in the study process. To address this, the consultants held a focus group meeting with the STA's Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) members in May. In addition, two focus group sessions with transit users were held in June.

In May 2007, the consultants presented to the STA Board a summary of their findings from the interviews completed by that point. It was a broad-based summary of commonalities, key issues and potential challenges. Board feedback included extending the schedule for the study, completing the interviews, collecting user input, and analyzing the issues associated with preliminary consolidation alternatives prior to the return to the Board.

A preliminary analysis of alternatives was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Consortium in June. It included five (5) potential transit consolidation alternatives. During discussion at the TAC meeting, a sixth (6th) alternative was requested. The added alternative is to consider consolidating all intercity fixed-route service and local and intercity American for Disabilities (ADA) paratransit service.

Subsequent to the TAC and Consortium, the STA Executive Committee discussed the Transit Consolidation study progress. The Executive Committee recommended that a Transit Consolidation Steering Committee be created consisting of the Mayors and City Managers of the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo. This group would guide the study effort after all local jurisdictions' staff have reviewed and commented on the initial documents.

At the July 2007 STA Board meeting, staff presented the six (6) transit consolidation alternatives to the STA Board along with the Executive Committee's recommendation and a recommendation to release the Findings and Options Reports once the TAC and Consortium had additional time to review. After discussion, the STA Board modified and approved the membership of the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee to include all eight (8) jurisdictions (Board member and City Manager/County Administrator).

The Consortium and TAC submitted comments on the draft documents discussed by July 20, 2007 and this was followed by a joint meeting of TAC and Consortium staff to discuss comments. Further refinements were requested and the Findings and Options Reports were updated. Both reports were released to the public in early September 2007.

Many of the comments received on the Findings and Options Reports will be addressed in Phase II. The purpose of Phase II is to more deeply analyze the potential impacts of the various options presented and evaluate and compare the options to one another and the status quo.

Discussion:

A draft scope for Phase II was presented to the TAC and Consortium for information in August and presented to the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee for review and approval at their initial meeting held on October 24th.

The Steering Committee meeting provided direction for Phase II. Each jurisdiction spoke to the various options and highlighted their issues. The scope of work was approved with clarification on which Options to study and clarify. Vallejo and Benicia reiterated their interest in pursuing Option 1 (Vallejo/Benicia consolidation). There was a consensus to not study Option 2 (Vallejo/Benicia/Fairfield-Suisun Transit consolidation) in Phase II. After some discussion, it was determined that Option 3 (North County intercity and paratransit consolidation) will not be studied as part of Phase II, but may be reconsidered depending upon the results of Options 4a and 4b (Intercity fixed-route and all intercity only paratransit service consolidation; intercity fixed-route and all paratransit). The Steering Committee also requested further clarification on Option 5 (Functional Consolidation) with the direction to study Options 4A and 5 (with clarification at the next meeting of the Committee). Option 6 (Full countywide consolidation) was kept on the table as a long-term goal.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2008 at 12 p.m. at Suisun City Hall.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. STA Transit Consolidation Goals and Criteria
- B. Phase I and Phase II Options

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SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION STUDY

STA Board Goals and Criteria

Scope of Consolidation Study:

- All public transit services – local and inter-city fixed route services, local and inter-city paratransit transit, Dial-A-Ride

Potential Goals of Consolidation:

- To streamline transit service, simplifying and improving access to transit use for riders
- To achieve service efficiencies and economies
- To provide a central focus on transit service for the County
- To create a robust transit service to meet the growing transit needs of the County

Potential Criteria for Evaluating Consolidation Options:

- Cost effectiveness
- Efficient use of resources – equipment, facilities, personnel
- Service efficiency
- Improved governance -- Accountability to the public and the community
- Streamline decision-making
- Ridership and productivity impacts
- Service coordination
- Recognize local community needs and priorities
- Protect local transit service as requested by local jurisdiction
- Flexibility to meet local changing needs
- Capacity to deliver new service while maintaining existing service
- Ability to leverage additional funding
- Implementation needs/requirements (e.g., legal, financial)

Initial Options Recommended from Phase I Study

- Option 1: South County Consolidation**
- Option 2: South/Central County Consolidation**
- Option 3: North County Intercity Consolidation**
- Option 4: a) All Paratransit and Intercity Fixed Route Consolidation
b) All Intercity Paratransit and all Intercity Fixed Route Consolidation**
- Option 5: Functional Consolidation**
- Option 6: Full Countywide Consolidation**

Options Recommended from Phase II Study by Transit Consolidation Steering Committee

- Option 1: South County Consolidation (Benicia/Vallejo)**
- Option 2: ~~South/Central County Consolidation (Benicia/Vallejo/Fairfield/Suisun City)~~**
- Option 3: North County Intercity Consolidation (*Recommendation pending outcome of analysis of Options 4a and 4b*)**
- Option 4: a) All Paratransit and Intercity Fixed Route Consolidation
b) All Intercity Paratransit and all Intercity Fixed Route Consolidation**
- Option 5: Functional Consolidation (*clarify before further study*)**
- Option 6: Full Countywide Consolidation (*study as longer-term option*)**



DATE: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Status

Background:

The goal of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Program is to advance the findings of the Lifeline Transportation Network Report in the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Lifeline Report identified transit needs in economically disadvantaged communities throughout San Francisco Bay Area, and recommended initiation of community-based transportation planning as a first step to address them. Likewise, the Environmental Justice Report for the 2001 RTP also identified the need for MTC to support local planning efforts in low-income communities throughout the region.

The CBTP Program is designed to be a collaborative process to ensure the participation of key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations (CBOs) that provide services within low-income neighborhoods, local transit operators, and county Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs). Each planning process should involve a significant outreach component to engage the direct participation of residents in the community.

As a result of this planning process, potential transportation improvements specific to low-income communities would be identified, and cost-estimates developed to implement these improvements. This information, including prioritization of improvements considered most critical to address, will be forwarded to applicable transit agencies, CMAs, and MTC for consideration in future investment proposals such as countywide expenditures plans and Short Range Transit Plans (SRTPs). Funding opportunities would be explored to support them, and an outline for an action plan to implement the solutions would be developed.

Each county needs to conduct a comprehensive planning effort to identify transit needs in disadvantaged communities. STA is the lead agency for Solano County, and as such will serve as fiscal agent for the funds. In addition, STA would assume overall responsibility for project oversight. In Solano County, the areas identified by MTC were Dixon, Cordelia, and Vallejo. The Dixon Community-Based Transportation Plan was completed as a pilot program in 2004. Based on discussion between STA and MTC staff, the Cordelia area has been expanded to include lower income segments of Fairfield and Suisun City.

Discussion:

To complete the Cordelia/Fairfield/Suisun City and Vallejo CBTPs, STA has engaged a consultant to perform the scope of work as required for the Community-Based Transportation Plans. STA released a Request for Qualifications to retain a qualified and committed professional transportation planning firm/team to provide services required to facilitate community meetings, and develop Community-Based Transportation Plans in the designated areas in the Vallejo and Cordelia communities. Two consulting teams/firms submitted their qualifications and interviews were held October 12, 2007. Valerie Brock Consulting was selected and a project kick off meeting has been held. Valerie Brock Consulting will work closely with STA staff, city transit, and planning staff. The following aggressive timeline outlines the future deliverables:

November 2007 – February 2008	Initial services; Establish stakeholders, summarize transit gaps, and hold initial stakeholders and community meetings.
March 2008	Complete outreach, prioritize issues and potential projects. Make presentation to stakeholders groups.
May 2008	Develop Draft Plans
May – June 2008	Present Draft Plans to stakeholders group, SolanoExpress Transit Consortium (on May 28, 2008) and STA Board (on June 11, 2008)
June 30, 2008	Complete Final Community-Based Transportation Plans for both the Vallejo and Cordelia communities.

Priority projects identified through the Community Based Transportation Planning process will be eligible to apply for future Lifeline funding to be allocated by the STA.

Fiscal Impact:

The consultant’s budget for the Vallejo’s CBTP is \$55,000 and the Cordelia’s CBTP budget is \$24,900. MTC will be funding these studies from a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning Fund. MTC has entered into a funding agreement with STA to fund these studies and these funds are in the STA’s budget.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: November 9, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Solano Employer Commute Challenge Final Results

Background:

The Solano Employer Commute Challenge was a targeted outreach campaign for Solano County employers that involved the local business community in addition to employers and employees. The overall goal for this campaign was to increase and sustain Solano County employees' use of alternative transportation. The Commute Challenge for employers and their employees was to "Use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 times from July to October." Incentives are to be provided through the Solano Transportation Authority(STA)'s Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program to employees and employers who "met" the Commute Challenge.

STA staff met with chambers of commerce to get input and feedback about the Commute Challenge prior to its initiation. The chamber staffs were enthusiastic and supportive of the campaign and suggested employer targets in each of their communities.

Solano Employer Commute Challenge campaign materials were mailed to the targeted employers in July with telephone follow-up a week later. Information about the Commute Challenge was posted on the STA's website along with a registration form where targeted employers could indicate their interest in participating.

Employees also accessed a form on the STA website to register for the Challenge. As individual employees signed up, each received a welcome letter and a Monthly Commute Log, as well as any information requested about transit, bicycling, and carpooling options. At the end of each month, individuals submitted the completed Commute Log and the next month's Log was forwarded to them.

Discussion:

The Challenge ended on October 31, 2007 and the deadline for all Monthly Commute Logs was November 7th. Twenty-seven (27) large employers registered to participate in this initial Challenge. Eighteen (18) of those employers had employees that met the Challenge. Genentech in Vacaville and Goodrich in Fairfield became "Commute Champion Workplaces" where twenty (20) or more employees met the Challenge. Genentech is the "Most Outstanding Workplace" with twenty-six (26) of its employees meeting the Challenge, more than any other company.

A total of 296 employee participants signed-up to use the Monthly Commute Logs to track their usage of commute alternatives through October 31st. 133 of those registered participants became "Commute Champions" by meeting the Challenge through use of an alternative commute mode at least 30 times during the campaign period. Another 37

participants “gave it a try” and used an alternative at least 10 times between July 1st and October 31st. The average number of trips per participant was 49. The highest number of trips was 92. The individual participants who used a commute alternative more than anyone at their company will receive the “Most Outstanding Commuter Reward.”

SNCI incentive rewards, in the form of “Commuter Bucks” gift certificates, will be distributed within the next 2 months. Genentech participants will receive a recognition as the “Most Outstanding Commuter Challenge Workplace.” STA staff will coordinate the presentation of employer rewards with the companies, Chambers of Commerce, and STA Board members.

Fiscal Impact:

The Solano Commute Challenge (SCC) campaign is included in the Solano Napa Commuter Information budget and are funded by a combination of Bay Area Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) and Eastern Solano Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. SCC Employee Final Results Table – 11/9/07

ATTACHMENT A

Solano Commute Challenge
Final Results Table - 11/9/07

27 employers
296 registered employees

City	Employers	# registered employees	# employees met Challenge	# employees "Gave it a Try"
Benicia				
	Benicia Fabrication & Machine	0	0	0
	City of Benicia	5	4	1
	The Henry Wine Group	1	0	0
Dixon				
	Cardinal Health	0	0	0
	First Northern Bank	4	3	0
	Superior Farms	0	0	0
Fairfield/Suisun City				
	Abbott Labs	4	4	0
	Anheuser-Busch	10	6	1
	City of Fairfield	7	6	0
	Goodrich	28	22	4
	Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices	1	0	0
	Papyrus	10	8	0
	Professional Hospital Supply	1	1	0
	Solano Family & Children's Services	2	1	0
	Travis AFB	27	9	4
Rio Vista				
	California Vegetable Specialties	27	14	3
	City of Rio Vista	1	0	0
Vacaville				
	City of Vacaville	13	3	0
	Genentech	64	26	11
	Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices	16	1	4
	NorthBay Health Care	26	10	3
	Pacific Cycle	0	0	0
	Vacaville Unified School District	5	0	1
Vallejo				
	City of Vallejo	10	2	1
	Crestwood Manor	2	0	0
	Kaiser Permanente Medical Center	27	8	4
	Meyer Corporation	5	5	0

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DATE: November 13, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
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:

Transit Schedules: The monthly transit schedule matrix will be distributed to all Solano and Napa operators the week of November 12th. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.

Marketing/Promotions: The Solano Commute Challenge, the targeted outreach campaign for Solano County employers, came to an end on October 31. The overall goal for this campaign was to increase and sustain Solano County employees' use of alternative transportation. The Challenge was to "Use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 times from July to October." Twenty-seven (27) large employers registered to participate in the Challenge. Eighteen (18) of those employers had employees that met the Challenge. Genentech is the "Most Outstanding Workplace" with 26 of its employees meeting the Challenge, more than any other company. 296 employee participants signed-up to use the Monthly Commute Logs to track their usage of commute alternatives. 133 of those registered participants became "Commute Champions" by meeting the Challenge through use of an alternative commute mode at least 30 times during the campaign period. A thorough report on the Solano Commute Challenge is provided in a separate staff report.

SNCI piloted a coffee sleeve advertising promotion over a two month period – September and October. Working with BriteVison Media, a custom-designed sleeve was distributed to independent coffee venues in Solano County. Staff has fielded information calls as a result of this distribution.

Events: SNCI staffs information booths at events where transit information is distributed along with a range of other commute options information. September and October were very busy months. Staff attended benefits fairs at Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield, NorthBay HealthCare in Vacaville, Center for Behavioral Health in Vallejo and the Go Green Event at Solano Community College. Additional events include the Vacaville Kids Festival, and the Fairfield & Vacaville farmers markets.

Recommendation:

Informational.

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DATE: November 6, 2007
 TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
 FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant
 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
San Francisco Bay Trails Project	Maureen Gaffney, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) (510) 464-7909	Open Until Funds Exhausted; Currently Accepting Applications
State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program	Slyvia Fung, Caltrans (510) 286-5226	November 16, 2007
2008 Regional Signal Timing Program*	Shruti Hari, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) (510) 817-5960	November 16, 2007
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) Program*	Anne Richman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) (510) 817-5722	November 27, 2007
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program 2007-2008*	Charles Chung, State of California Resources Agency (916) 654-9923	November 30, 2007
Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)	David Prieb, Caltrans, (916) 653-0036	December 3, 2007
Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom Program (49 USC Section 5317)*	Christina Atienza, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (510) 817-5828	December 14, 2007
Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program	Slyvia Fung, Caltrans (510) 286-5226	December 30, 2007 (Tentative)

* New funding opportunity



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

San Francisco Bay Trails Project

No Due Date; Applications Open Until Available Funding is Exhausted

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the San Francisco Bay Trails Project 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 with planned trails are eligible to apply.

Program Description: The Bay Trail Project proposes the development of a regional hiking and bicycling trail around the perimeter of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Funding Available: Approximately \$6 million is available under the program.

Eligible Projects: Projects with San Francisco Bay Trails.

Examples:

- City of Benicia – Benicia State Recreation Area Bay Trail \$100,000, FY 01/02; Completed September 2003
- County of Solano – Solano Countywide Trails Plan \$46,000, FY 01/02; Completed February 2004

Further Details: <http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov/>

Program Contact Person: Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner (ABAG), (916) 651-8576, maureeng@abag.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075, swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
**California State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
Program**
Application Due November 16, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the SR2S 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 and counties.

Program Description: The goals of the program are to reduce injuries and fatalities to school children and to encourage increased walking and bicycling among students.

The program achieves these goals by constructing facilities that enhance the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. By enhancing the safety of the pathways, trails, sidewalks, and crossings, the likelihood of attracting and encouraging other students to walk and bike increases.

Funding Available: Approximately \$25.5 million is available for FY 2007/2008; local match is 10 percent.

Eligible Projects: Capital improvements related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public outreach, and education.

Examples:

- City of Fairfield – E. Ruth Sheldon Elementary School and T.C. McDaniels School; FY 2004/2005 – \$53,100 to construct sidewalk improvements, curb cuts, and crossing improvements
- City of Vacaville – 15 Elementary Schools, 3 Jr. High Schools, 3 High Schools, 1 Charter School; FY 2002/2003 – \$178,200
- County of Solano – Benjamin Franklin Middle School; FY 2002/2003 – \$81,000 to construct curb, gutter, sidewalks, and curb ramps

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/sr2s.htm>

Program Contact Person: Sylvia Fung, Local Assistance Engineer (Caltrans, District 4), (510) 286-5226, Sylvia.fung@dot.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

2008 Regional Signal Timing Program

Applications Due November 16, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the 2008 Regional Signal Timing 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 and districts are eligible to apply.

Program Description: The 2008 Regional Signal Timing Program provides assistance from MTC's consultants for development and implementation of new time-of-day traffic signal coordination plans for weekday peak periods.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.125 million is available under the program.

Eligible Projects: Projects for retiming traffic signals.

Further Details: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/services/arterial_operations/downloads/RSTP/RSTP_App.pdf

Program Contact Person: Shruti Hari, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), (510) 817-5960, shari@mtc.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075, swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized
Area Formula (Section 5311) Program**
Applications Due November 27, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) 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: Public agencies, non-profit agencies, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply.

Program Description: The Section 5311 program provides capital, preventative maintenance, and operating assistance for existing transit services or service expansions.

Funding Available: Estimated funding for Section 5311 Program is for two Fiscal Years (FY):

- \$368,104 (FY 2007-2008)
- \$1,349,626 (FY 2008-2009)

Eligible Projects: Capital and operating expenses for general public transportation services to non-urbanized areas (any area outside designated urbanized areas).

Further Details: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding>

Program Contact Person: Anne Richman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), (510) 817-5722, arichman@mtc.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant
Program (EEMP) for 2007-2008
Applications Due November 30, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program (EEMP) 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: Local, state, and federal governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Program Description: The EEMP is designed to fund projects that mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities.

Funding Available: Approximately \$10 million is available under the program. Grants will be limited to \$350,000 per project.

Eligible Projects: Projects in the following three categories are eligible:

1. Highway Landscape and Urban Forestry
Projects designed to improve air quality through the planting of trees and other suitable plants
2. Resource Lands
Projects for the acquisition, restoration, or enhancement of watersheds, wildlife habitat, wetlands, forests, or other significant natural areas.
3. Roadside Recreational
Projects for the acquisition and/or development of roadside recreational opportunities

Further Details: <http://www.resources.ca.gov/eem/>

Program Contact Person: Charles Chung, State of California Resources Agency, (916) 654-9923, charles.chung@resources.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

Applications Due December 3, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) 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 counties.

Program Description: The Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) provides state funds for city and county projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.

Funding Available: Approximately \$7.2 million is available for FY 2007/2008; with 10 percent local match. Maximum amount per applicant is \$1.8 million.

Eligible Projects: Capital improvements related to bicycle facilities.

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btawebPage.htm>

Program Contact Person: David Prieb, Caltrans, (916) 653-0036, david_prieb@dot.ca.gov
Ken McGuire, Caltrans (916) 653-2750, ken.mcguire@dot.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom Program
(49 USC Section 5317)
Applications Due November 14, 2007

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom 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: Local government authorities and public transportation operators.

Program Description: The program is intended to support new public transportation services and/or alternatives beyond those required by the Americans for Disabilities Act of 1990 for urbanized areas in the Bay Area.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.54 million is available for FY 2007/2008; 20% local match for capital projects; 50% local match for operating projects.

- The large Urbanized Area (UA) apportionment amounts are as follows:
- Antioch - \$56,232
 - Concord - \$127,429
 - San Francisco-Oakland - \$885,254
 - San Jose - \$404,370
- Santa Rosa - \$71,947

Eligible Projects: Paratransit enhancements, feeder services, accessibility improvements to transit and intermodal stations not designated as key stations, and travel training.

Further Details: www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/new_freedom.htm

Program Contact Person: Christina Atienza, Project Engineer (MTC), (510) 817-5828, catienza@mtc.ca.gov

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant, (707) 424-6075 swoo@sta-snci.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

Applications Due December 30, 2007 (Tentative)

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the SRTS 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: State, local, regional agencies; cities and counties; non-profit organizations; schools/school districts; and Native American Tribes.

Program Description: The program is intended to improve conditions for children in kindergarten through eighth grade, to safely walk and bicycle to school.

The second FY 2007/2008 call for projects is currently unknown, but generally anticipated for September 2007.

Funding Available: Approximately \$26.8 million is available for FY 2007/2008; no local match, 100 percent federally reimbursed.

Eligible Projects: Infrastructure projects: capital improvements related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities
Non-infrastructure projects: programs and strategies that increase public awareness and education

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts.htm>

Program Contact Person: Sylvia Fung, Local Assistance Engineer (Caltrans, District 4), (510) 286-5226, Sylvia.fung@dot.ca.gov

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DATE: November 8, 2007
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Johanna Masielat, Clerk of the Board
RE: STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008

Background:

Attached are the STA Board and Advisory Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2008 that may be of interest to the Consortium.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008

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**STA BOARD AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

ATTACHMENT A

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	STATUS
Wed., January 2	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., January 9	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Thurs., January 10	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., January 17	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Fri., January 18	12 noon	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
Wed., January 30	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., February 7	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., February 13	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Wed., February 27	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., March 6	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., March 12	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Fri., March 14	12 noon	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
Thurs., March 20	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., March 26	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., April 9	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Wed., April 30	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., May 1	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., May 14	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Thurs., May 15	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative
Fri., May 16	12 noon	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
Wed., May 28	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., June 11	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Wed., June 25	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., July 3	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., July 9	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Thurs., July 17	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative
Fri., July 18	12:30 p.m.	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
July 30 (No Meeting)	SUMMER RECESS	Intercity Transit Consortium	N/A	N/A
		Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	N/A	N/A
August 13 (No Meeting)	SUMMER RECESS	STA Board Meeting	N/A	N/A
Wed., August 27	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., September 4	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., September 10	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Thurs. September 18	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., September 19	12:30 p.m.	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
Wed., September 24	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., October 8	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Wed., October 29	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Thurs., November 6	6:30 p.m.	Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., November 12	6:00 p.m.	STA's 11 th Annual Awards	TBD – Rio Vista	TBD
Thurs., November 14	12:30 p.m.	Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)	Fairfield Community Center	Confirmed
Thurs., November 20	6:00 p.m.	Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative
Wed., November 26	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Confirmed
Wed., December 10	6:00 p.m.	STA Board Meeting	Suisun City Hall	Confirmed
Wed., December 31	10:00 a.m.	Intercity Transit Consortium	STA Conference Room	Tentative
	1:30 p.m.	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	STA Conference Room	Tentative

SUMMARY:

STA Board: Meets 2nd Wednesday of Every Month
 Consortium/TAC: Meets Last Wednesday of Every Month
 BAC: Meets 1st Thursday of every Odd Month
 PAC: Meets 3rd Thursday of every Odd Month
 PCC: Meets 3rd Fridays of every Odd Month

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