



**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
AGENDA**

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Solano Transportation Authority
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Robert Sousa, Chair
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (10:05 – 10:10 a.m.)	
III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (10:10 – 10:15 a.m.)	
IV. REPORTS FROM MTC AND STA STAFF (10:15 – 10:20 a.m.)	
• Transit Consolidation	John Harris
V. CONSENT CALENDAR <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i> (10:20 – 10:25 a.m.)	
A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of February 27, 2008 <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Approve minutes of February 27, 2008.</i> Pg. 1	Johanna Masiclat
B. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the attached Draft CTP Update Schedule.</i> Pg. 5	Robert Macaulay

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

<u>Rob Sousa</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. Initiation of SolanoExpress Route 70 Service** Elizabeth Richards
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of Vallejo to manage the operation of SolanoExpress Route 70.
(10:25 – 10:40 a.m.)
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- B. Unmet Transit Needs Comments and Responses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the Unmet Transit Needs response for FY 2008-09.
(10:40 – 10:45 a.m.)
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- C. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Policy Priorities** Robert Macaulay
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the principles identified above for guiding STA's input and discussion of MTC's RTP investment trade-offs.
(10:45 – 10:50 a.m.)
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VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Summary of Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Transit Funds** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(10:50 – 11:00 a.m.)
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- B. SolanoExpress Transit Marketing Plan Update** Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:00 – 11:05 a.m.)
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- C. 10-Year Capital Investment Plan – Minor Transit Capital** Elizabeth Richards
Informational Nancy Whelan
(11:05 – 11:10 a.m.)
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- D. FY 2008-09 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(11:10 – 11:15 a.m.)
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E. Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Matrix Status Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(11:15 – 11:20 a.m.)
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F. Bike to Work Week May 12-16, 2008 Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:20 – 11:25 a.m.)
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G. SNCI Monthly Issues Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:25 – 11:30 a.m.)
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NO DISCUSSION

I. Funding Opportunities Summary Sara Woo
Informational
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VIII. TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION Group

IX. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES Group

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**



INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the meeting of
February 27, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McLean called the regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority Conference Room.

Consortium Present:

Dan Schiada	Benicia Breeze
Jeff Matheson	Dixon Read-Ride
George Fink	Fairfield/Suisun Transit
John Andoh	Rio Vista Delta Breeze

Via Telephone 10:05 a.m.
Arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Brian McLean	Vacaville City Coach, Chair
Crystal Odum-Ford	Vallejo Transit

Also Present:

Daryl Halls	STA
Robert Macaulay	STA
Elizabeth Richards	STA/SNCI
Liz Niedziela	STA/SNCI
Judy Leaks	STA/SNCI
Jayne Bauer	STA
Johanna Masiclat	STA

Others Present:

John Harris	John Harris Consulting
Denis Jackson	MV Transportation
Nancy Whelan	Nancy Whelan Consulting
Jeanine Wooley	City of Vallejo

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2008

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Dan Schiada, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously elected Rob Sousa, City of Benicia, as Chair for 2008.

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Dan Schiada, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously elected Crystal Odum-Ford, City of Vallejo, as Vice Chair for 2008.

In Rob Sousa's absence, new Vice-Chair Crystal Odum-Ford chaired the meeting from this point forward.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Dan Schiada, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium approved the agenda with the exception to pull Agenda Item VII.A, SolanoExpress Route 70 Service Proposal as requested by the City of Benicia.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

V. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC, AND STA STAFF

Caltrans: None presented.

MTC: None presented.

STA: Liz Niedziela provided to the Consortium the SolanoExpress Passenger Comment Cards for distribution on the buses.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Brian McLean, and a second by Jeff Matheson, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the consent calendar items A and B.

A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of January 2, 2008

Recommendation:

Approve minutes of January 2, 2008.

B. SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium Draft 2008 Work Plan

Recommendation:

Approve the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium Work Plan for 2008 as specified on Attachment A.

VII. ACTION - FINANCIAL ITEMS

- A. SolanoExpress Route 70 Service Proposal**
This item was pulled at the request of City of Benicia.

- B. SolanoExpress Transit FY 2007-08 & FY 2008-09 Marketing Plan**
Judy Leaks reviewed the SolanoExpress Transit Marketing Plan for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09. She listed the seven SolanoExpress bus routes (Vallejo Transit's Route 70, 80, 85 and Fairfield/Suisun Transit's Route 20, 30, 40, and 90) and one ferry (Vallejo Baylink Ferry & Route 200) service that would be the subject of the marketing plan.

Several comments were made by the cities of Fairfield and Vacaville regarding the primary strategies of the marketing plan.

Recommendation:

Recommend the STA Board approve the SolanoExpress Transit Marketing Plan for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09.

On a motion by Jeff Matheson, and a second by Brian McLean, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

- C. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project List**
Robert Macaulay reviewed the RTP 3-tiered project list. He specified that the first priority for Tier 1 projects was given to those that have existing funding commitments or were recently identified in the 10-Year Investment Plan for Highways and Transit Facilities adopted in December 2007. He stated that the final project list must be received by MTC no later than March 5, 2008.

Recommendation:

Forward the revised list of Solano County Regional Transportation Plan Projects to the STA Board as specified in Attachment A.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Fund Estimates**
Elizabeth Richards reviewed the new TDA and STAF FY 2008-09 revenue projections in process for approval by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). She stated that the estimates were scheduled to be approved by the MTC Commission on February 27, 2008.

B. 10-Year Capital Investment Plan – Minor Transit Capital

Elizabeth Richards and Nancy Whelan reviewed the development process of the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) and potential capital project prioritization criteria for applying available revenues to projects.

C. FY 2008-09 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status

Elizabeth Richards provided a status report on the development of the FY 2008-09 Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement.

D. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09

Liz Niedziela reviewed the preliminary matrix of issues that were raised as part of FY 2008-09 Solano County Unmet Transit Needs process. She requested responses be received by March 12, 2008.

E. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Mid-Year Report

Judy Leaks highlighted the SNCI Program's mid-year accomplishments from selected program elements of FY 2007-08.

F. SNCI Monthly Issues

Judy Leaks provided an update on several key issues pertaining to transit schedules, marketing/promotions, and other events.

NO DISCUSSION

G. Legislative Update – February 2008

H. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

I. Funding Opportunities Summary

J. STA Board and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008

IX. TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION

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

X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES

None presented.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.



DATE: March 17, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update

Background:

The STA Board has initiated an update of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). An overall purpose statement and goals have been adopted, and membership on three steering committees has been appointed. The three STA Committees are 1.) Alternative Modes, 2.) Arterials, Highways and Freeways, and 3.) Transit.

Discussion:

Attached is a proposed schedule for the development and review of the three elements of the CTP (Attachment A). An additional chapter, Conditions and Trends, will bring together land use information from the seven (7) cities and the county, to be used as a basis for projecting future transportation needs. Development of this chapter will be guided in part by the county Planning Directors.

The schedule anticipates between 15 to 18 months to complete and adopt the CTP. This includes environmental review and final STA Board action. In addition to the Committee meetings, STA staff will be holding meetings scheduled with individual cities and the county, and completing work on subsidiary studies.

The schedule is subject to change, based upon input and direction received from the STA Committees.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the attached Draft CTP Update Schedule.

Attachment:

- A. Draft CTP Update Schedule dated March 19, 2008

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DRAFT CTP UPDATE SCHEDULE (March 19, 2008)

	ALTERNATIVE MODES	ARTERIALS, HIGHWAYS & FREEWAYS	TRANSIT
April 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-Off Meeting • Select Vice-Chair • CTP History and Organization • Purpose Statement and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review for CTP ○ Adopt for Element • Review TLC Project Status • Prepare Analysis of Forces Supporting and Opposing Achievement of Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-Off Meeting • Select Vice-Chair • CTP History and Organization • Purpose Statement and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review for CTP ○ Adopt for Element • Review Traffic and Roadway Status Report • Prepare Analysis of Forces Supporting and Opposing Achievement of Goals • Recommend Routes of Regional Significance criteria to STA Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-Off Meeting • Select Vice-Chair • CTP History and Organization • Purpose Statement and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review for CTP ○ Adopt for Element • Review Status of the Commute and Transit Plans • Prepare Analysis of Forces Supporting and Opposing Achievement of Goals • Recommend Transit Facilities of Regional Significance to STA Board
July 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode Shift • Review Transit-Oriented Development programs, including PDA • Review Draft Conditions and Projections Element • Review Community Needs Assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Modeling and Projected Traffic • Review Draft Conditions and Projections Element • Review Community Needs Assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode Shift • Regional Mass Transit and Links o Solano • Review Draft Conditions and Projections Element • Review Community Needs Assessments
Oct. 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Community Needs Project List • Review draft subsidiary studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Community Needs Project List • Review draft subsidiary studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Community Needs Project List • Review draft subsidiary studies
Jan. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend final subsidiary plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend final subsidiary plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend final subsidiary plans
April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Final Alternative Modes Element to STA Board • Review Draft EIR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Final Arterials, Highways and Freeways Element to STA Board • Review Draft EIR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Final Transit Element to STA Board • Review Draft EIR

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DATE: March 18, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Initiation of SolanoExpress Route 70 Service

Background:

In June 2006, the Solano Transportation Authority Board authorized the development of an Intercity Transit Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 in response to a request from members of the Transit Consortium. This agreement was the result of the work of the Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Working Group comprised of representatives from STA, Solano County, and each city in Solano County. The agreement covered nine (9) intercity routes operated by four transit operators.

Initially the ITF Working Group focused on development of a uniform methodology for shared funding of intercity transit services. Rising costs and potential service changes broadened the scope of the ITF Working Group to include service coordination and streamlining services along parallel routes. The funding agreement and agreed upon service changes to the intercity routes were primarily implemented in early FY 2006-07. These service changes took into account the availability of various funding sources including Regional Measure 2 (RM 2). RM 2 transit operating funds were available to bus routes that contributed to the reduction of traffic over one of the Bay Area bridges.

One service change that was discussed in the agreement and included for implementation in FY 2007-08 was the deletion of Vallejo Transit Rt. 92 (Vacaville to Vallejo Baylink Ferry) and the initiation of SolanoExpress Rt. 70 serving the I-780 Corridor by Vallejo Transit. Rt. 70 is a new express route in the I-780/I-680 corridor from Vallejo to Pleasant Hill BART. Both Rt. 92 and Rt. 70 are RM 2 eligible routes. The two-year RM 2 funding agreement took into account and dedicated funds for this service change in addition to the transfer of Route 90 from Vallejo to Fairfield.

A similar process was followed to develop a FY 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement. This agreement also addressed Rt. 70 and assumed it would begin operation in FY 2007-08.

Discussion:

Route 70 was originally scheduled to begin at the start of FY 2007-08. Vallejo Transit was undergoing operational changes during the summer of 2007 and it was agreed that the service change would be postponed until January 2008. With the passage of SB 976 shifting the ferry system to the new Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA) and once Vallejo Transit, Benicia Breeze and STA staff began to meet to work through the transitional issues, it became apparent that an April start date was more realistic.

With the implementation of Rt. 70, it was initially proposed that Benicia Breeze would suspend or modify service on its existing Rt. 75 which travels in the I-780/I-680 corridor functioning as a combination of a local and intercity service. Benicia Breeze staff has

expressed interest in maintaining Rt. 75 in a modified version to maintain coverage in Northern Contra Costa County at their own cost.

The new, proposed Solano Express Rt. 70 to be operated by Vallejo Transit will be an express route along I-780 connecting the Baylink Ferry, Vallejo, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART Stations in Contra Costa County. It is designed to provide fast, convenient commuter style service with new state of the art over the road coaches that will serve the I-780 Corridor in a much more streamlined fashion. Initially, Rt. 70 will connect Vallejo to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART Stations. Benicia has requested more time to study and address their local transit issues and priorities before committing to Rt. 70 and if and where Rt. 70 would stop in Benicia. The STA has provided Benicia with \$30,000 in STAF and consultant assistance to undertake this evaluation. The new service is scheduled to begin April 7, 2008 in order to capture and not lose the \$400,000 in RM 2 funds for the Rt. 70.

The service would operate Monday through Saturday along the I-780 corridor. The service would be much more streamlined with far fewer stops and faster travel times. There are proposed to be 3 stops in Vallejo (Baylink Ferry Terminal, Curtola PNR, York/Marin) connecting to Pleasant Hill BART and Walnut Creek BART. Travel times would be approximately 30% faster. For example, travel time from Vallejo to Pleasant Hill BART station would be reduced from 60 minutes to 42 minutes.

The Vallejo City Council acted the week of March 10th to operate Rt. 70. This action included a request that the STA manage Rt. 70 through an operating agreement with Vallejo. The STA staff and legal counsel are drafting a two-party agreement to clarify the roles of Vallejo and the STA. This arrangement would be similar to the STA's arrangement with Fairfield/Suisun Transit for management and operation of Routes 30 and 90.

Status of Coordination of Service with Benicia

For the past several months, staff from STA, Benicia, and Vallejo have met and strived to coordinate on the initiation of Route 70. Benicia staff has conveyed to STA that there are still a number of remaining local questions and issues outstanding and they are not prepared to make a decision regarding their participation in the initial start-up of Route 70 until after they can conduct an assessment of their local transit system. STA has provided Benicia with the resources to conduct this assessment. Concurrently, STA staff is recommending STA also continue to partner with Vallejo to start Route 70 service with direct service from Vallejo to BART which will access the RM 2 funds for the route and not lose these competitive regional funds to Solano County. Once Benicia completes a local system assessment, the Route 70 can be readjusted to provide service to Benicia during the forthcoming fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed service plan is consistent with the cost amounts for each agency who have agreed to contribute funding in the FY 2007-08 Intercity Transit Funding agreement. Due to the delay in the initiation of Route 70, it is expected that only passenger revenue and RM 2 funds will be used to operate Route 70 for the remainder of FY 2007-08. The unused Intercity Transit Funding agreement funds for Route 70 will be credited back to each agency.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of Vallejo to manage the operation of SolanoExpress Route 70.



DATE: March 14, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Comments and Responses for Fiscal Year
(FY) 2008-09

Background:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4/8 funds are distributed to cities and counties based upon a population formula and are primarily intended for transit purposes. However, TDA funds may be used for streets and roads purposes in counties with a population of less than 500,000, if it is annually determined by the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) that all reasonable unmet transit needs have been met.

Solano County is the one county in the Bay Area that has local jurisdictions using TDA funds for streets and roads. Currently, four out of eight jurisdictions use TDA funds for streets and roads (Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and the County of Solano). In FY 2008-09, two jurisdictions plan to continue to use TDA funds for streets and roads purposes (Rio Vista and the County of Solano). Both Suisun City and Vacaville are scheduled to phase out of this process beginning in FY 2008-09. Annually, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area, holds a public hearing in the fall to begin the process to determine if there are any transit needs not being reasonably met in Solano County. Based on comments raised at the hearing and written comments received, MTC staff then selects pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions for response. The STA coordinates with the transit operators who must prepare responses specific to their operation.

Once STA staff has prepared all the responses, a coordinated response is forwarded to MTC. If the transit operators, the STA and Solano County can thoroughly and adequately address the issues as part of the preliminary response letter, MTC staff can move to make the finding that there are no unreasonable transit needs in the county and an Unmet Needs Plan does not need to be prepared. Making a positive finding of no reasonable transit needs would allow the two agencies who claim TDA for streets and roads purposes to submit those TDA Article 4/8 claims for FY 2008-09. All TDA claims for local streets and roads, but not transit, are held by MTC until this process is completed.

Discussion:

This year's annual Unmet Transit Needs public hearing for FY 2008-09 was held on December 4, 2007 at the Solano County Administration Center (CSAC) in Fairfield. MTC summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to STA to coordinate a response (Attachment A). These issues of concern were provided at the February 2008 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Consortium meetings. STA staff worked on behalf of the affected transit operators to prepare Solano County's draft coordinated response (see Attachment B).

Fiscal Impact:

No impact on the STA budget. As determined by MTC, if reasonable Unmet Transit Needs remain at the end of this process, TDA funds could not be used for streets and roads purposes by the two local jurisdictions that plan to do so in FY 2008-2009. It will not have any impact on TDA funds used for transit operating, capital, planning or other eligible purpose.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the Unmet Transit Needs response for FY 2008-09.

Attachments:

- A. MTC February 8, 2008 Letter Regarding Solano County: FY 2008-09 Unmet Transit Needs
- B. FY 2008-09 Draft of Unmet Transit Needs Issues and Responses (To be provided under separate cover.)



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Mr. Daryl Halls
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Dear Mr. Halls:

I have reviewed the transcript of the comments received at the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs public hearing held on December 4, 2007, and also reviewed comments contained in correspondence received by MTC during the public comment period. As you know, the recently concluded unmet transit needs public participation process pertains to FY 2008-09 Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund allocations for streets and roads purposes.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the transcript of the public hearing, and copies of all correspondence received by MTC as a result of the public participation in the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs process. These materials encompass all comments received by MTC.

Unmet transit needs pertain to the levels and locations of service, fare and transfer policies, and matters related to transit facilities (e.g. bike racks, bus stops) and transit safety. In addition, unmet transit needs include requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the provision of welfare-to-work public transit. The purpose of this hearing, set forth by statutes, is to ascertain those reasonable transit needs not being met by current service in Solano County. Several of the comments made at the hearing or received by MTC are deemed to be minor or are not relevant to specific transit service and the use of TDA funding.

Listed below are the preliminary issues that were raised as part of this year's Solano County Unmet Transit Needs process.

Preliminary Issues

1 – Request for more service and better coordination of the Fairfield/Suisun Route 30

2 – Request for more local service in Benicia

3 – Concerns about DART/Solano Paratransit service including: late pick-ups, early pick-ups, long trips, shortened dialysis treatments because of late service, no shows

4 – Request to make discount pass applications available in central county

5 – Request for more local service in Fairfield/Suisun

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6 – Request for more local service in Vallejo, including service to the new Solano Community College campus Vallejo.

This list above summarizes all *relevant* comments made through this year's unmet transit needs process without regard to the merit or reasonableness of the comment or request. However comments deemed to be minor or not relevant to specific transit service and the use of TDA funding were not included. These would include the following types of comments:

- Comments regional in nature and not germane to the use of TDA funds for streets and roads purposes (e.g., extending BART to Vallejo)
- Comments already identified in last year's unmet transit needs process and addressed satisfactorily by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) response.
- Incidents (e.g., tardiness of a bus or paratransit van; behavior of a particular driver) do not rise to the level of an unmet transit need; unless, public comment reveals a pattern to such incidents that might warrant policy or operational changes. Other "minor" issues include better distribution of transit information, better information on the location of late paratransit vehicles, minor delays in picking up passengers etc. While these comments are important to the comfort and convenience of the transit systems' patrons, they are not unmet transit needs. MTC is confident that the STA, working with the transit operators, can address these issues.
- Finally, general transportation issues such as the economics of automobile use, the transportation impacts of land-use decisions, and the priorities of federal gas tax revenues, etc. which are not directly germane to specific transit services in Solano County are not considered to be relevant to the unmet transit needs process.

The next step in the unmet transit needs process is for a review of the preliminary issues by STA staff, in cooperation with staff members of the city and county jurisdictions in Solano County. Please provide us with an evaluation of each of the preliminary issues, listed above, at your earliest opportunity. Your response, as well as a description of the approach the cities and County intend to take in addressing these issues, will help us develop recommendations in a complete and fair manner. STA staff should provide MTC with substantive information supporting one of the following for each issue:

1. that an issue has been addressed through recent changes in service; or
2. that an issue will be addressed by changes in service planned to take place through the fiscal year 2008-09; or
3. that the service changes required to address an issue have been recently studied and determined not reasonable based on locally established standards; or
4. that the evaluation of the issue resulted in the identification of an alternative means of addressing it; or that an issue has not been addressed through recent or planned service changes, nor recently studied.

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“Substantive information” supporting categories (1), (2) or (3) above could include reports to the Solano Transportation Authority Board describing recent or planned changes in service; citation to a recently completed study such as a Short Range Transit Plan or a Countywide Transportation Plan; or, a short narrative describing how the issue was or will be addressed. Any issues which fall into category (4) will be considered by MTC staff for recommendation to the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) as an unmet transit need.

Pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 2380, we will present our staff recommendation to MTC’s PAC identifying those issues that the cities and County must address prior to MTC’s consideration of FY 2008-09 TDA fund requests for streets and roads purposes. Receipt of your responses are requested one month prior to our PAC meeting date (second Wednesday of the month) to include this item on the PAC agenda. Do not hesitate to contact me or Bob Bates of my staff at (510) 817-5733 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alix A. Bockelman
Director, Program & Allocations Section

Enclosures

cc (without enclosures):

Jim Spering, MTC Commissioner
Bill Dodd, MTC Commissioner
Gene Cortright, City of Fairfield
Gary Leach, City of Vallejo
Dale Pfeiffer, City of Vacaville
Robert Sousa, City of Benicia
Jeff Matheson, City of Dixon
Brent Salmi, City of Rio Vista
Fernando Bravo, City of Suisun City
Birgitta Corsello, County of Solano
George Bartolome, Chair, Solano County PCC (c/o Elizabeth Richards, STA)

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DATE: March 14, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Policy Priorities

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is in the process of updating its long-range transportation plan – the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). MTC has set four broad themes to be addressed in the RTP process. Those themes, and supporting ideas, are summarized below.

1. Link Transportation and Land Use (Bay Area FOCUS)
 - A. Higher Density
 - B. Adjacent to Public Transit
 - C. Mix of Residential, Employment, Shopping, School and Recreational
2. Define a regional role in Climate Change
 - A. How can the Transportation share of Carbon Dioxide emissions be reduced
3. Implement Transportation Network Pricing
 - A. Paying to drive a single occupant vehicle into a congested area
4. Improve Transportation Equity
 - A. Making sure the poor have access to transportation and jobs

STA staff and several of the Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) have recommended MTC address additional issues in the RTP update, specifically:

1. Corridor Mobility and Safety (I-80 & SR 12)
2. Senior and Disabled Transportation
3. Mobility and Safety for our Children (Safe Routes to Schools)
4. Preserve the System (maintenance of local streets and roads and transit capital replacement)
5. Local flexibility and recognition that each County has distinctive and somewhat different transportation needs

One of the major tasks of the RTP update process is to identify projects that may help advance the goals of the RTP. MTC has recently completed a call for projects from transit operators and congestion management agencies, and is analyzing the potential of those projects to meet regional performance goals. In addition, MTC has identified 7 regional projects, including Transportation for Livable Communities, Lifeline and Regional Rail Right-of-Way, that will also be evaluated. The total cost for these projects is approximately \$7 billion in 2007 dollars.

The RTP goals MTC has identified are:

- Reduce Congestion (20% below 2007 levels)
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (10% per capita below 2007 levels)
- Reduce Air Emissions
 - pm10 – 24% below 2007 levels
 - CO2 – 40% below 1990 levels
- Improve Affordability (10% reduction in combined transportation and housing costs for low income households)

Discussion:

MTC is now beginning to analyze the projects submitted by the transit operators and CMAs. Their initial analysis of the effectiveness of the identified projects in meeting the goals and objectives of the RTP will be shared with the Bay Area Partnership TAC, the CMAs and the MTC Planning Committee. MTC will perform a quantitative analysis on those items that can be modeled, and a policy-level qualitative analysis for those proposals that do not lend themselves to modeling. The analysis will be released in early May, and lead to a 6-week regional discussion of investment option trade-offs.

STA staff is proposing to base its response to the MTC policy analysis on the following principles:

Maintain the Existing System. The condition of regional and local roadway and transit capital has been allowed to deteriorate. Before any new investments are made, the existing investments must be protected by adequate maintenance and periodic replacement.

Local Decisionmaking and Local Implementation. The CMAs and the cities and counties have the best understanding of local needs, and are responsible for implementing programs. The overall theme of the RTP should be set at the regional level, but the implementation should be done at on a corridor and local level.

Efficiency Before Expansion. Make moderate investments in more efficient use of the regional transportation system before initiating major expansions of roadways.

Improve Corridor Mobility. MTC has focused on the maturity of the core urban area freeway system, but the periphery system has room and need to grow. The RTP should allow CMAs to identify and plan for that system expansion before it is needed. This includes rail and water corridors that can take pressure off of road corridors.

Regional Clean Air Strategy. MTC and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District should collaborate with the CMAs and local jurisdictions to develop a clean air strategy. The current partnership between the BAAQMD should be expanded in this endeavor.

Priority Development Areas (PDAs). The PDA process of identifying and helping fund high density transit oriented development should be structured to allow all portions of the region to participate, not just the core inner-Bay communities. Funding for existing programs such as Transportation for Livable Communities should not be diverted to pay for PDAs.

Attainable Milestones. The RTP needs to set out clearly measurable and attainable milestones so that we can measure progress towards long-term goals.

Focus on Goals, not Tools. The RTP needs to first identify goals (such as a regional HOV network) and then discuss tools options to attain those goals (generate revenue from HOT lanes to finance the HOV network) as proposed by MTC.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to adopt the principles identified above for guiding STA's input and discussion of MTC's RTP investment trade-offs.

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DATE: March 14, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Summary Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Transit Funds

This report will be provided under separate cover.

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DATE: March 18, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
RE: SolanoExpress Transit Marketing Plan Update

Background:

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) coordinates intercity transit service marketing for the Baylink Ferry and Routes 20, 30, 40, 80, 85 and 90, and the proposed new Route 70. STA received approximately \$330,000 in RM2 marketing funds during FY 2007-08 from MTC. These funds must be obligated by June 30, 2008 and used only to market RM2 routes which include the Baylink Ferry and Routes 40, 80, 85, and 90. The funds include \$70,000 specifically to market the new Route 70 once it is started. To include all the intercity routes on some marketing strategies, these funds will be supplemented by SolanoExpress marketing funds. Both funds are in the current STA budget. In FY 2008-09, SolanoExpress funds will be used exclusively as the RM2 marketing funds will have expired.

STA has been and will continue to work with MIG, the STA's current contracted marketing consultant, who is familiar and experienced with both the STA and Solano transit marketing as they worked with the STA to design and produce the 2006 SolanoExpress marketing campaign. The STA Board approved the SolanoExpress Transit Marketing Plan for FY2007-08 and FY2008-09 at the March 12 Board Meeting.

Discussion:

Staff met with MIG to discuss and begin the initiation of the overall transit marketing plan. The suggested focus of the campaign is to try Solano Express as an alternative to rising fuel costs and to encourage an environmental/green message. Promoting the new Route 70 in conjunction with the other routes is underway. Overall marketing materials and new schedules are being developed for Route 70. In addition to this, MIG has two products underway – an updated intercity, countywide map and a campaign to increase weekend ridership on the Baylink ferry. Staff has inventoried the transit agencies to determine locations such as bus interiors, exteriors and shelters for advertising and display of the countywide transit map (see Attachment). Staff is planning for an initial roll out of the SolanoExpress marketing campaign the first week of April.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. RM2 Marketing 2007-2008 Potential Bus Ad and Shelter Locations

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RM2 MARKETING 2007-2008
 BUS ADS AND SHELTERS

	Amounts	Bus Interior	Bus Exterior	Shelter	Cost/Month	Set up	Size
Benicia	5		Sides		\$ 100	\$100	19" x 80"
Vacaville	3		Sides		\$ 190	\$100	22" x 96"
Vacaville				Ulatis near Community Center	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Burton Dr. Near County Apts	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Leasure Town near Gilley Way	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Park & Ride near Davis	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Davist St. Near Park & Ride	\$ 70		
25 Vacaville				Transit Plaza on Cernon (lighted)	\$ 110		
Vacaville				Nut Tree Road	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Peabody Road Near Marshall	\$ 70		
Vacaville				Merchant St. - City Hall	\$ 110		
Vacaville		25					
Vallejo	3		Wraps				
Vallejo				5 Locations in Vallejo			
Vallejo	10		Sides (MCI)				
Vallejo	10		Sides (Gilligs)				

Date 1/22/08

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DATE: March 20, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Programs
Nancy Whelan, Nancy Whelan Consulting
RE: 10-Year Capital Investment Plan – Minor Transit Capital

Background:

In October 2007, STA began developing a Capital Investment Plan (CIP) to serve as a guide for programming decisions and to document capital priority needs in the County. The Capital Investment Plan was presented in two parts. The first part addressed major capital investments for highway and transit facilities. The second part addressed transit fleet and minor transit capital projects. The STA Board approved the recommended 10-Year Investment Plan for highway and transit facilities and transit fleet replacement on December 12, 2007. The approved major transit facilities and transit fleet replacements are shown in Attachments A and B. Attachment C lists additional major transit capital projects that were not included in the approved major transit facilities list.

Transit capital projects for which specific environmental clearance is not required have been considered minor capital for purposes of the Capital Investment Plan. Examples of minor transit capital include bus stop improvements, support equipment, office equipment, and bus facility improvements. Minor transit capital projects have not been addressed in terms of priorities for future funding. The draft list of minor transit capital is included in Attachment D.

Discussion:

This item was on the January 2, 2008 and February 27 Consortium agendas. In January, there was no time to discuss and the Consortium deferred it to the next meeting. At the time, it was also noted that it appeared that not all transit operators had submitted their minor transit capital project list and were encouraged to do so. Projects have now been submitted by all transit operators.

To begin the discussion of how to approach prioritizing minor transit capital projects, staff developed a process for developing the CIP and prioritization criteria. The process is shown in Attachment E. The draft prioritization criteria are shown in Attachment F and G. These were presented and discussed to some degree in February. Some specific issues that staff raised were discussed at the February Consortium meeting:

1. Are all items included in the list of projects to be considered for prioritization? That is, has the universe of projects been identified?

All jurisdictions have submitted a list of projects.

2. Should STA's CIP include fully funded projects, or should the STA CIP focus exclusively on projects needing funding that is programmed at the discretion of STA? Including fully funded projects would show the full range of transit capital needs in the County and might add flexibility in funding transit capital priorities.

After discussion, the Consortium decided to include the full range of transit capital needs including fully funded projects.

The two remaining topics below that are related to the CIP development process and prioritization criteria were not discussed and should be at the next meeting.

3. Should the prioritization criteria be applied to major transit capital projects and fleet projects?
4. Should projects be further segregated between projects that are Tier 1, beginning construction in the next 5 years, and Tier 2, beginning construction in the next 10 years? Is this distinction addressed in the project readiness criteria?

Staff has begun applying the prioritization criteria to the project list and will have a draft for discussion by the Consortium meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The 10-Year Investment Plan for major and minor transit capital is intended to guide future programming actions by the STA Board.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. 10-Year Investment Plan for Highway and Major Transit Capital Projects
- B. STA Fleet Replacement Cost Summary
- C. Major Transit Capital Project Not Included in the Approved List
- D. STA Transit Capital Plan – Minor Capital (To be provided under separate cover.)
- E. Draft CIP Development Process
- F. Potential Capital Project Prioritization Criteria
- G. Potential Criteria for Applying Available Revenues to Projects
- H. Sample Evaluation of Unfunded Minor Capital projects (to be sent out under Separate Cover)

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	ISTIP 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	Canyon Road and north gate improvements	\$5.6 M	\$4.6 M
		South gate improvement	\$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	Waterman 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 Sunsum 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	\$6.4 M	\$1.1 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 - FY 09-10 Phase 4 - FY 10-11 Phase 5 - FY 10-11	\$13.7 M	\$10.5 M
Benicia	1680 Industrial Park 'n Ride	Phase 2, RM 2 Funding	\$1.25 M	0
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	Curtofa 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 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

10-YEAR TRANSIT FLEET INVESTMENT PLAN

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**Major Capital Projects Not Included in Adopted Plan**

SPONSOR	PROJECT		TOTAL COST	UNFUNDED
Benicia	Ferry Dock in Downtown Benicia	Future	\$1,775,000	\$1,775,000
Benicia	Intermodal Station	Future	\$40,000,000	\$31,775,000
Rio Vista	Water Taxi Service	Future	\$1,755,000	\$1,755,000
Vallejo	Rehab Major Ferry Comp	FY 05-06	\$245,546	\$49,109
Vallejo	Bus Maintenance Facility	FY 06-07	\$43,536	\$8,707
Vallejo	Dredging	FY 08-09	\$900,000	\$180,000
Vallejo	Dredging	FY 10-11	\$900,000	\$900,000
Vallejo	Ferry Terminal Rehab	FY 10-11	\$500,000	\$500,000
Vallejo	Float Rehab/Paint	FY 10-11	\$700,000	\$700,000
Vallejo	Dredging	FY 15-16	\$900,000	\$900,000
Vallejo	Passenger Float Overhaul Mooring	FY 15-16	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

DRAFT CIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

STEPS		STATUS
Step 1:	Establish the term of the CIP	Ten Year Investment Plan established as FY 2007-08 – FY 2017-18
Step 2:	Identify the universe of projects	Projects identified in Project Details forms prepared by cities and transit agencies for STA. Issues to be discussed: 1. Are all items included? 2. Should STA's CIP include fully funded projects?
Step 3:	Estimate costs and schedules	Project costs and schedules provided in Project Details forms.
Step 4:	Establish criteria for prioritizing projects	Draft project prioritization criteria attached for discussion.
Step 5:	Apply evaluation criteria and prioritize projects	Sample application of draft criteria to be presented at Consortium/TAC meeting
Step 6:	Identify revenues available and apply funding criteria	General process and prioritization used for recently available Prop 1B and STIP funds in STA 10 Year Investment Plan. Prioritization criteria to be applied to CIP projects for future revenues.
Step 7:	Apply revenues to projects and create funding plans	To follow prioritization and funding steps.
Step 8:	Develop 10 year CIP revenue and expenditure plan	To follow previous steps.
Step 9:	Update CIP at least every two years	Update to coincide with other capital investment plans, the STIP and other major funding cycles.

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SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Rank	CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION
1	Regulatory Compliance/ Legally Mandated	Projects that address specific and clearly identifiable regulatory compliance issues that are legally mandated. Examples of legal requirements include ADA, Air Quality, CEQA, local building codes.
2	Safety and Security	Projects that mitigate or eliminate identified safety and security risks within the transit system. Project must demonstrate a clear resolution to a safety or health risk for patrons and/or employees.
3	Replacement or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Assets	Projects that replace, exchange, substitute, and/or rehabilitate an existing asset which is beyond its useful life.
4	Systematic Replacement or Rehabilitation of Deteriorated Assets	Projects that replace, exchange, substitute, and/or rehabilitate an existing asset at the optimal point in its lifecycle (e.g., at the end of its useful life or at the optimal point for rehabilitation).
5	Enhancement	Projects that enhance and enrich the quality of the existing transit system, improving system reliability and service delivery.
6	Expansion/New Service	Projects that expand, augment and increase the capacity of the existing transit system or add new service to the transit system that isn't currently being provided.

**POTENTIAL CRITERIA for
APPLYING AVAILABLE REVENUES TO PROJECTS**

Threshold Criteria:

- Project must be in transit operator's adopted SRTP/CIP
- Project or project element must meet funding eligibility requirements

Evaluation Criteria:

- Projects that are underway and/or projects that have existing funding commitments will take priority over those that don't have funding commitments
- Projects that reduce operations and maintenance costs and/or generate revenues
- Project readiness and ability to deliver project on schedule
- Project is near fully funded and application of available revenues will fully fund the project, resulting in significant leveraging of funds.



DATE: March 18, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: FY 2008-09 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status

Background:

In June 2006, the Solano Transportation Authority Board authorized the development of an Intercity Transit Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 in response to a request from several members of the Transit Consortium. This agreement was the result of the work of the Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Working Group comprised of representatives from STA, Solano County, and each city in Solano County.

Initially the ITF Working Group focused on development of a uniform methodology for shared funding of intercity transit services. However, rising costs and potential service changes broadened the scope of the ITF Working Group to include service coordination and streamlining services along parallel routes. Service changes to the intercity route structure and operation were agreed upon and implemented in early FY 2006-07. In the FY 2007-08 ITF agreement, further service changes were proposed and are in the process of being implemented.

The FY 2007-08 ITF agreement addressed funding for seven major intercity routes. In preparation for next fiscal year, staff has engaged the ITF in the development of the FY 2008-09 ITF agreement.

Discussion:

The first step in developing the FY 2008-09 agreement is to determine how the intercity routes funded through the FY 2007-08 ITF agreement are performing at mid-year. In the FY 2007-08 ITF agreement, monitoring of intercity route performance is required by the intercity operators. Their mid-year data was due to STA by February 1. Based on this deadline, STA staff had planned to hold an initial Intercity Transit Funding Working Group (ITFWG) meeting in mid-February. However, the mid-year data that was requested in January by the STA, was not received until the third week in February.

The first ITFWG meeting was held March 17. At that meeting the mid-year data was reviewed as well as other intercity transit route performance data. In general, intercity services are performing well in terms of ridership and farebox recovery. Costs are tracking at, or in some cases below, budgeted costs. The two intercity transit operators reviewed potential major issues for FY2008-09 that may affect costs. Fairfield/Suisun Transit is in the process of bidding out its contracted transportation for both fixed-route and paratransit. FST staff is proposing that service changes are likely on Routes 30 and 90. Vallejo Transit, like other operators, is wrestling with the volatile cost of fuel and is considering a fuel surcharge to help its transit budget balanced.

Other items discussed included reconciliation of FY2006-07 and the development of a reconciliation process for FY2007-08 and years forward. Further data is needed to reach a resolution on how to reconcile FY2006-07 which is to be provided by the operators to the STA by March 31. In addition, FY2007-08 Cost Allocation Models are to be submitted by the Intercity Transit Operators by March 31 as well. The next meeting of the ITFWG was set for March 10.

A schedule and the status of development of the FY 2008-09 ITF agreement is attached.

Fiscal Impact:

The Intercity Transit Funding agreement will identify funding for major intercity services in FY 2008-09.

Recommendation:

Informational

Attachments:

- A. FY 2008-09 ITF Agreement Development Schedule

**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
 FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09
 INTERCITY TRANSIT FUNDING
 TASK SCHEDULE
 (March 19, 2008)**

TASK		TIME FRAME	STATUS As of 3/19/08
1	Operators report on July – December FY 08 performance	January 2008	Received mid February
2	Operators identify any potential FY 07-08 budget amendments	Feb/Mar 2008	Mid-year performance reviewed @ 3/17 mtg
3	Discuss potential service and fare changes for FY 08-09	Feb/Mar 2008	Discussed at 3/17 mtg
4	FY 08-09 fund estimates (TDA, STAF) available from MTC	February 2008	Feb 2008
5	Update population data	March 2008	
6	Jurisdictions draft FY 08-09 budgets	March 2008	
7	Operators prepare FY 08-09 CAM	March 2008	Due March 31
8	Discuss FY 08-09 cost sharing formula	March 2008	
9	Approve cost sharing formula and inputs	April/May 2008	
10	Draft and finalize FY 08-09 agreement	May 2008	
11	Prepare TDA matrix and STAF program	May 2008	
12	Operators submit final FY 07-08 performance report	August 2008	
13	Operators submit data for reconciling FY 07-08 budget vs. actual costs	November 2008	

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DATE: March 18, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Transportation Development Act (TDA)
Matrix Status

Background:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4/8 funds are distributed to cities and counties based upon a population formula and are primarily intended for transit purposes; however, TDA funds may be used for streets and roads purposes in counties with a population of less than 500,000 if it is annually determined by the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) that all reasonable unmet transit needs have been met.

In addition to using TDA funds for member agencies' local transit services and streets and roads, several agencies share in the cost of various transit services (e.g., Solano Paratransit and major intercity routes) that support more than one agency in the county through the use of a portion of their individual TDA funds.

Discussion:

Although each agency within the county and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) submit individual claims for TDA Article 4/8 funds, STA is required to review the claims and submit them to the Solano County Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) for review prior to forwarding to MTC, the state designated RTPA for the Bay Area, for approval. Because different agencies are authorized to "claim" a portion of another agency's TDA for shared services (e.g., Paratransit, STA transportation planning, Express Bus Routes, etc.), a composite TDA matrix is developed each fiscal year to assist STA and the PCC in reviewing the member agency claims. MTC uses the STA approved TDA matrix to give its claim approvals. TDA claims submitted to MTC must be equal to or lower than shown on the TDA matrix.

At the March Consortium meeting, the first draft of the FY 2008-09 TDA Matrix is being presented. The FY 2008-09 revenue estimate and carryover are based on MTC's Feb 2008 estimate that has been approved by the MTC Commission. Member agency TDA contributions to the STA are shown; these are consistent with the STA Board approved methodology.

Much of this draft matrix is driven by the parallel effort of the Intercity Transit Funding group which is developing a cost-sharing agreement for intercity routes (see separate report) and Solano Paratransit cost-sharing. Solano Paratransit is managed by the STA, operated by Fairfield/Suisun Transit, and funded by five local jurisdictions. For the past several years, the annual funding contributions have been consistent with the approved

methodology outlined in the multi-year agreement. At the request of some of the Solano Paratransit funding partners, an alternative cost-sharing arrangement may also be analyzed for consideration.

The TDA matrix will be updated and brought forward as these cost-sharing agreements are resolved.

Recommendations:

Informational

Attachment:

- A. Draft 1 of Solano TDA Article 4/8 Matrix for FY 2008-09

AGENCY	TDA Est from MTC	Projected Carryover	Available for Allocation ⁽¹⁾	Paratransit		Local Service						Intercity			STA Planning	Transit Capital	Streets & Roads	Total	Balance			
				Demand Resp & Misc.	Local Paratransit	Solano Paratransit	Benicia Breeze	Dixon Road-Ride	F-S Transit	Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Vacaville City Coach	Vallejo Transit	Interagency	Interagency						Interagency		
	02/27/08	02/27/08	FY 08-09	(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)			
Benicia	1,030,887	-13,963	1,016,924																0	\$ 29,078	62,846	
Dixon	651,561	-2,538	649,023																	0	\$ 19,137	62,865
F-S	3,893,008	1,396,983	5,289,991																	0	\$ 113,038	62,850
Rio Vista	288,889	92,922	381,811																		\$ 8,438	62,373
Solano	1,033,250	-7,175	1,026,075																		\$ 29,573	62,303
Vallejo	3,563,163	906,276	4,469,439																		\$ 102,245	4,567,184
Vacaville	4,484,004	-317,296	4,166,708																		\$ 128,780	4,295,488
Benicia	743,180	7,127	750,307																		\$ 21,134	771,441
Total	16,687,940	2,062,336	17,750,276	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 451,425	\$ 451,424	17,301

NOTES:
 Background colors on RL Headings denote operator of Intercity route
 Background colors denote which jurisdiction is claiming funds

- (1) MTC Feb 27, 2008 estimate; Raso
- (2) Subsidized Taxi Service, Lifeline project matches, etc
- (3) Claimed by FST for all agencies.
- (4) Includes paratransit, subsidized taxi, transit capital
- (5) Includes local fixed-route and demand-responsive service, subsidized taxi
- (6) Includes Vallejo local fixed-route, ferry, paratransit and taxi script operations
- (7) Route 20 is claimed by FST for all agencies except Vacaville
- (8) Route 40 is claimed by FST for all agencies except Vacaville
- (9) Claimed for STA from all agencies
- (10) Transit Capital purchases include bus purchases, maintenance facilities, etc.
- (11) TDA funds can be used for repairs of local streets and roads if Solano County does not have transit needs that can reasonably be met.

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DATE: March 14, 2008
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Bike to Work Week May 12-16, 2008

Background:

May 12-16, 2008 marks the fourteenth (14th) annual Bike to Work campaign in the Bay Area. Bike to Work (BTW) Day is Thursday, May 15th. The goal of this campaign is to promote bicycling as a commute option by encouraging individuals to pledge to bike to work (or school, or transit) at least one day during Bike to Work Week. Prizes, energizer stations, and participant rewards are just some of the methods of encouragement. Last year over 1,000 individuals participated in BTW in Solano and Napa Counties.

In addition to the week's activities, there are two additional activities to honor cyclists. The Team Bike Challenge is a competition where teams compete to see who can travel the most days by bicycling during the month of May. The team with the most points wins a grand prize. The Bike Commuter of the Year Award honors a resident from each county who is committed to biking. This person epitomizes the health, environmental, social, and economic benefits of bicycling.

STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) staff is organizing the campaign in Solano and Napa counties. Staff has been participating in regional Bike to Work Technical Advisory Committee meetings and coordinating locally with the Solano County and Napa County Bicycle Advisory Committees.

Discussion:

To increase awareness about the Bike to Work (BTW) campaign, staff performs outreach to employers, the bicycle community, and the general public. Regional materials and prizes are being incorporated and localized as needed. Local sponsors have also been secured to add value and increase interest in the campaign.

A mailing of BTW campaign materials will be sent by mid-April to major employers in Napa and Solano Counties. BTW pledge forms will be distributed by mail, events, displays, and newspaper inserts. Posters will be distributed throughout the community. Web pages are in the process of being added to STA's website so that individuals may register on-line as well as learn where energizer stations will be located. Articles and advertisements for this event will be placed in several community publications.

Team Bike Challenge/Bike Commuter of the Year

Solano County is challenged to increase the participation in the Team Bike Challenge from 3 teams last year to 8 teams this year. Staff will encourage employers and the community to promote the Team Bike Challenge during follow-up calls and face-to-face meetings. The SNCI program is requesting nominations from Solano and Napa Counties

for the Bicycle Commuter of the Year. There is a winner selected from each county. All winners are recognized throughout the Bay Area. SNCI staff will accept nominations or they can be submitted electronically at www.511.org, the deadline is April 30.

Bike to School

Staff will also coordinate this year's event with the "Safe Routes to School" program efforts by conducting "Bike to School" events that will complement Bike to Work events. Staff is proposing to work with five schools in Solano County, holding "safety events" in April followed by "Walk and Bike to School" days during Bike to Work Week. The safety events will be instructed by willing police department staff or trained non-profit staff (e.g., Cycles of Change, etc.). The "Walk and Bike to School" events will include energizer stations safety and incentives for students who have walked and biked to school.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: March 17, 2008
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 was distributed to all Solano and Napa operators the week of March 17th. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.

Marketing/Promotions: SNCI is continuing plans for the Bike to Work Day (BTWD) spring promotion, which will take place in May 2008. The 2008 official logo has been designed. SNCI has ordered marketing materials like posters, brochures, and entry forms for the promotion. SNCI will coordinate with "Safe Routes to School" efforts to conduct "Bike to School" events that will complement Bike to Work events. Further detail is provided in a separate Consortium report. If there are any bicycle issues related to transit (bus bike racks, lockers at Park and Ride lots, etc) that a transit operator would like promoted or addressed as part of the campaign, please advise SNCI.

SNCI continues to resupply the commuter info display racks throughout Solano and Napa counties with current SolanoExpress brochures and transit schedules.

Events: SNCI staffs information booths at events where transit information is distributed along with a range of other commute options information. In February, staff coordinated and attended the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) Employer Transportation Summit. The final employer recognition event of the Solano Commute Challenge took place at the Genentech-Vacaville Campus luncheon honoring Genentech as the "Most Outstanding Workplace." Staff is gearing up for the spring event season with multiple events already scheduled in April.

Recommendation:

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DATE: March 14, 2008
 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
Traffic Light Synchronization Program	David Van Dyken, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (916) 654-4823	March 28, 2008
FY 2006** Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)	Bill Walker, Caltrans (916) 654-9986	April 2, 2008
FY 2006** New Freedom Program	Bill Walker, Caltrans (916) 654-9986	April 2, 2008
Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) Round 10*	Sri Srinivasan, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) (510) 817-5793	April 5, 2008
California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF)*	Robert Nelson, Caltrans (916) 322-2680	April 11, 2008
2008 Carl Moyer Program: Multidistrict Project Solicitation	Grace Garcia, Air Resources PAC (916) 323-2781	April 11, 2008
High Risk Rural Roads	John Brewster, MTC (510) 286-6485	April 18, 2008
Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program	Joyce Parks, Caltrans (916) 653-6920	April 2008 (tentative)

* New funding opportunity

** Accelerated call for projects for FY 2006 apportionment



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP)

Applications Due March 28, 2008

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

This summary of the Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) 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 regional agencies in the state of California are eligible to apply.

Program Description: The intent of the TLSP is to improve safety, operations and the effective capacity of local streets and roads.

Funding Available: Prop 1B provides \$250 million.
\$150 million of that is allocated to the City of Los Angeles (pursuant to SB 88)
\$100 million is available on a competitive basis statewide

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects are traffic light synchronization projects or other technology-based improvements to improve safety, operations and the effective capacity of local streets and roads.

Typical projects include (but not limited to):

- Signal coordination on major corridors to increase traffic flow efficiency and air quality benefits

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/sysmgtp/TLSP/>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
FY 2006 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program
 Applications Due April 2, 2008

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

This summary of the FY 2006 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) 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 transit operators.

Program Description: The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program provides funding for projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment and employment-related activities.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1,417,641 is available statewide:
 The maximum grant amount per project is \$200,000. Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.
 Note: These funds will NOT carry forward.

- Eligible Projects:
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| <p><u>Operating:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late night/weekend service • Guaranteed ride home service • Shuttle service • Expanded fixed-route public transit routes • Demand-responsive service • Ridesharing/carpooling activities • Voucher programs | <p><u>Capital:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) • Promotion of operating activities • Vehicles • Mobility management activities |
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Further Details: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/FTA/new_freedom.htm

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FY 2006 New Freedom Program

Applications Due April 2, 2008

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

This summary of the FY 2006 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: Cities and transit operators.

Program Description: The New Freedom Program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide new transportation services for individuals with disabilities, above and beyond the minimum required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1,101,680 is available statewide:

 The maximum grant amount per project \$125,000. Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.
 Note: These funds will NOT carry forward.

Eligible Projects:

<p><u>Operating:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of hours for paratransit service • Enhancement of services • Voucher programs • Volunteer driver programs 	<p><u>Capital:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of accessibility equipment beyond ADA requirements • Purchasing accessible vehicles to support taxi, vanpooling, and/or ridesharing programs • Mobility management activities
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Examples:

- AC Transit: Paratransit Inventory – \$144,000
- City of Benicia: Taxi Scrip Program Extension – \$15,000
- Contra Costa County Transportation Authority: Comprehensive Mobility Options Inventory – \$35,000

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Pavement Management and Technical Assistance Program
(P-TAP) Round 10
Applications Due April 5, 2008

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

This summary of the Pavement Management and Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) 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: All eligible Bay Area cities and counties are encouraged to apply.

Program Description: The P-TAP provides Bay Area jurisdictions with assistance and expertise in implementing and maintaining a pavement management program (PMP).

Funding Available: Approximately \$800,000 is available for programming. The minimum grant amount awarded is \$7,500 with a cap of \$40,000 maximum awarded per jurisdiction.

- Eligible Projects:
- Pavement Management Program (PMP) projects
 - MTC PMP/Geographical Information System (GIS) linkage projects
 - Pavement design projects including the development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)
 - Other projects related to pavement management will be considered pending availability of funds

Further Details: <http://www.mtcpms.org/ptap/ptap10.html>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Prop 1B Transit Security
(California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF))
Applications Due April 11, 2008

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

This summary of the California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF) 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 of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield and Vallejo.

Program Description: The CTAF is funded by the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 1B) to address transit system safety, security, and disaster response.

Funding Available:	City of Benicia	\$2,159
	City of Dixon	\$692
	City of Fairfield	\$12,078
	City of Vallejo	\$98,887

Eligible Projects: The CTAF grant can be used for:

- Capital Expenditures
- Capital projects that increase the capacity of transit operators to prepare for disaster-response transportation systems that can move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the aftermath of a disaster.
- Equipment that meets the useful life requirement for capital assets specified in California Government Code 16727(a)

Further Details: http://www.ohs.ca.gov/grants_prop1B_transit.html

Program Contact Person: Robert Nelson, Program Representative (Governor's Office of Homeland Security), (916) 322-2680
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
2008 Carl Moyer Program: Multidistrict Project Solicitation
Due April 11, 2008

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

This summary of the 2008 Carl Moyer 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:** Agencies with projects that operate in more than one air district or that impact air quality in more than one air district as a result of air pollutant transport.
- Program Description:** The purpose of this program is to help reduce toxic air pollutants.
- Funding Available:** The Air Resources PAC (ARB) has earmarked up to \$4,320,000 for multidistrict project solicitation.
- Eligible Projects:** Projects that offset the incremental costs of reduced emission technologies.
- Further Details:** <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/multidistrict.htm>
- Program Contact Person:** Grace Garcia, ARB, (916) 323-2781
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- STA Contact Person:** Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant, (707) 399-3214
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

High Risk Rural Roads Grant

Due April 18, 2008

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

This summary of the High Risk Rural Roads grant 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: Agencies that own, operate, or maintain eligible rural roadways.

Program Description: The purpose of this program is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions on rural roads by correcting or improving hazardous roadway locations or features.

Funding Available: Approximately \$8.25 million is available for FY 2008-09; with a maximum federal reimbursement amount of \$900,000 for any project.

Eligible Projects: For a project to be eligible for HR3 funds, the project location must be on a roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector, or a rural local road. To search and verify the functional classification of a roadway, visit the following:
<http://web1.dot.ca.gov/hq/hpms/Page1.php>

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HR3/>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

Applications Due March 2008 (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 2007-08 call for projects is currently unknown, but anticipated for January 2008.

Funding Available: Approximately \$46 million is available for FY 2007-08; each of the twelve (12) Caltrans Districts will receive at least \$1 million; 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>

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