



**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM  
AGENDA**

**11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009**  
**Solano Transportation Authority**  
**One Harbor Center, Suite 130**

**Suisun City, CA 94585**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>	Crystal Odum Ford, Chair
<b>II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (11:05 – 11:10 a.m.)</b>	
<b>III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (11:10 – 11:15 a.m.)</b>	
<b>IV. REPORTS FROM STA STAFF AND OTHER AGENCIES (11:15 – 11:20 a.m.)</b>	
<b>V. CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i> (11:20 – 11:25 a.m.)	
<b>A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of August 26, 2009</b> <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2009.</i> <b>Pg. 1</b>	Johanna Masielat

**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> Chair	<u>Paul Wiese</u>
<b>Benicia Breeze</b>	<b>Dixon Readi-Ride</b>	<b>Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST)</b>	<b>Rio Vista Delta Breeze</b>	<b>Vacaville City Coach</b>	<b>Vallejo Transit</b>	<b>County of Solano</b>

- B. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Matrix – October 2009** Elizabeth Richards
- Recommendation:  
*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the October 2009 TDA Matrix which includes the Cities of Fairfield and Rio Vista’s FY 2009-10 TDA claim amounts.*  
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**VI. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS**

- A. Lifeline/State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) and Proposition 1B** Liz Niedziela
- Recommendation:  
*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:*
- 1. Authorize the City of Dixon to claim an additional \$228,698 in STAF/Lifeline funds in FY 2009-10 to fund existing Weekday/Saturday service over a 3-year period; and*
  - 2. Authorize the City of Fairfield to receive \$6,529 in Proposition 1B/Lifeline funds for FY 2009-10 to fund bus shelter/stop improvements.*
- (11:25 – 11:30 a.m.)  
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- B. Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Application Scoring and Recommendation, and New Freedom Applications** Liz Niedziela
- Recommendation:  
*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:*
- 1. Support Vallejo Transit’s Route 5 JARC application; and*
  - 2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of support to MTC for this project.*
- (11:30 – 11:35 a.m.)  
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**VII. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

- A. STA’s Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities and Platform** Jayne Bauer
- Recommendation:  
*Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to distribute the Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities Platform for a 30-day review and comment period.*  
(11:35 – 11:40 a.m.)  
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## VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan Update** Elizabeth Richards  
*Informational*  
(11:40 – 11:50 a.m.)  
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- B. **Unmet Transit Needs Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11** Liz Niedziela  
*Informational*  
(11:50 – 11:55 a.m.)  
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- C. **Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues** Judy Leaks  
*Informational*  
(11:55 – 12:00 p.m.)  
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### NO DISCUSSION

- CD. **Funding Opportunities Summary** Sara Woo  
*Informational*  
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IX. **INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION** 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, November 18, 2009.**

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**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**August 26, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Consortium Present:** Crystal Odum Ford Vallejo Transit, Chair  
Jeff Matheson Dixon Read-Ride, Vice Chair  
Rob Sousa Benicia Breeze  
George Fink Fairfield and Suisun Transit  
Brian McLean Vacaville City Coach

**Also Present:** Daryl Halls STA  
Elizabeth Richards STA/SNCI  
Liz Niedziela STA/SNCI  
Judy Leaks STA/SNCI  
Jayne Bauer STA  
Johanna Masiclat STA

**Others Present:** *(In Alphabetical Order by Last Name)*  
Melissa Bryan Benicia Breeze  
Edwin Gato Vallejo Transit  
Kathy Sanders Solano 311  
Judi Yoder Solano 311

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by George Fink, and a second by Rob Sousa, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium approved the agenda with the exception to table Agenda Item VI.A, Modification to SolanoExpress Route 30. At the request of the City of Fairfield, this item was tabled because the modification to the route had already taken place and FAST was not ready to discuss the additional proposed change until further ridership data had been collected.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None presented.

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

**Caltrans:** None presented.

**MTC:** None presented.

**STA:** Jayne Bauer reminded the TAC that Friday, August 28, 2009 is the close of nomination submittals for the STA 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards. She distributed the Award Category Criteria. She also announced that a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to promote the October 30<sup>th</sup> Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II is almost complete and a copy will be provided to all cities when it is finished.

**Other:** Representatives from Solano 311 call center provided an overview of the Solano 311 services and structure for non-emergency single point of contact for citizen inquiries and offered to coordinate with transit operators.

#### **V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of May 27, 2009**

Recommendation:

Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2009.

**B. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Matrix – September 2009**

Recommendation:

Approve the September 2009 TDA Matrix which includes Solano County's FY 2009-10 TDA claim.

#### **VI. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**A. Modification to SolanoExpress Route 30**

At the request of the City of Fairfield, this item was tabled.

#### **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Report on Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II**

Liz Niedziela reported that a couple of Consortium members were recently added to the Planning Committee for the second summit scheduled to be held Friday, October 30, 2009. She cited that the Committee proposed having one of the panels be focused on the transit operators to provide a forum at the second summit and discuss transit service and options for addressing senior and disabled mobility issues raised at the first summit.

**B. Transit Consolidation Study – Implementation Plan Status – Benicia-Vallejo Consolidation and Coordination**

Elizabeth Richards provided an update in the development of the implementation plan of the Benicia-Vallejo Transit Consolidation and Coordination Study. She cited that the Benicia City Council unanimously voted to support joining the MOU on August 18<sup>th</sup> and action by the Vallejo City Council is to be scheduled in September.

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

Judy Leaks provided a year-end report of the nine major elements of SNCI's Program for FY 2008-09. She reported on the following: 1.) Customer Service, 2) Employer Program, 3) Vanpool Program, 4) Incentives, 5) Emergency Ride Home, 6) SNCI Awareness Campaign, 7) Bike to Work Campaign, 8) General Marketing, and 9) Partnerships.

**D. Vanpool Incentive Program**

Judy Leaks reviewed the current Vanpool Incentive Program. She indicated that with the opening of the first High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in Solano along I-80 in FY 2009-10, staff is proposing to add two new vanpool incentives. She stated that one incentive would encourage individuals to become the primary drivers of new vanpools and the other would recognize the efforts of long-term vanpool drivers while collecting information about the vanpools through a survey.

**E. Lifeline Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Status**

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the Lifeline funding (JARC, STAF, and Prop 1B) for Tier 1 projects in Solano County.

**F. Call for Projects – Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom, and Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA)**

Liz Niedziela reviewed the Call for Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 JARC and FTA Section 5317 New Freedom and TFCA. She stated that the JARC applications are currently due to the STA by August 31, 2009 and TFCA applications are due to BAAQMD by August 31, 2009.

**G. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues**

Judy Leaks provided an update to the Consortium on transit schedule status, marketing, promotions, and events.

**NO DISCUSSION**

**E. Legislative Update**

**F. Funding Opportunities Summary**

**IX. INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION**

**X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.



DATE: September 21, 2009  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services  
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA)  
Matrix – October 2009

**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, most agencies have shared in the cost of various transit services (e.g., Solano Paratransit and SolanoExpress intercity routes) that support more than one agency in the county through the use of a portion of their individual TDA funds.

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 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the state designated RTPA for the Bay Area, for approval. Because different agencies have been authorized to "claim" a portion of another agency's TDA for shared services (e.g. 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 evaluate the claims as part of their approval process. TDA claims submitted to MTC must be equal to or lower than shown on the TDA matrix prepared by STA.

**Discussion:**

The attached matrix (Attachment A) includes the updated TDA revenue estimates approved by MTC for FY 2009-10 in July. This includes reductions in the amount of funds estimated to be carried over from FY 2008-09 as well as the new TDA revenue that is expected to be generated. Combined, these create the TDA funds available for allocation for each jurisdiction. In total, \$18.1 million is available for allocation in FY 2009-10, \$14.5 million new and \$3.5 million carryover. The Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville are the only two agencies with TDA carryovers of \$2.2 million and \$1.3 million respectively. The other agencies generally submit TDA claims requesting allocation of all of their available TDA funds. The July estimate of \$18.1 million is \$1.8 million lower than the February estimate – a 10% reduction to the county overall.

In September, the STA Board approved the latest version of the FY 2009-10 TDA matrix which included the local jurisdictions contributions to the STA, the Intercity Transit Funding agreement contributions for FY 2009-10, and Dixon, Vacaville, Vallejo, and the County of Solano FY 2009-10 TDA claims. At this time, the Cities of Fairfield and Rio Vista have submitted the amount of TDA they will be claiming for operating transit capital and in Rio Vista's case, for streets and roads. Rio Vista is one of two agencies utilizing TDA for streets and roads. These amounts have been added to the TDA matrix. A FY 2009-10 TDA claim remains outstanding from the City of Benicia.

TDA funds are generated from a percentage of sales tax. Actual and estimates have been decreasing the past couple of years. STA staff will continue to monitor the TDA estimates, update the matrix accordingly, and bring these updates forward through the SolanoExpress Transit Consortium, STA TAC, and STA Board. Unless there is some contingency in their local transit budgets, local jurisdictions are cautioned to not request an allocation for the full TDA balance to avoid budget shortfalls if actual TDA revenue comes in lower than estimated. As local jurisdictions prepare their TDA claim, the TDA matrix will be updated and presented to the STA Board for approval prior to being forwarded to MTC.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Local jurisdictions' TDA claims must be consistent with the TDA matrix for Solano County to allow capacity for claims by other jurisdictions for shared-cost services.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the October 2009 TDA Matrix which includes the Cities of Fairfield and Rio Vista's FY 2009-10 TDA claim amounts.

Attachment:

- A. October 2009 Solano TDA Article 4/8 Matrix for FY 2009-10 (An enlarged colored version of this attachment has been provided to the STA TAC members under separate enclosure.

**FY2009-10 TDA Matrix - October version**

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FY 2009-10

AGENCY	TDA Est from MTC	Projected Carryover	Available for Allocation <sup>(1)</sup>	Paratransit							Intercity									STA Planning	STA/VV STIP swap	Transit Capital	Streets & Roads	Total	Balance	
				Local Service							FAST	FAST	FAST	Vjo T	Vjo T	Vjo T	FAST	FAST	VJO T							
				Paratransit	Benicia Breeze	Dixon Read-Ride	FAST	Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Vacaville City Coach	Vallejo Transit	Rt 20	Rt 30	Rt 40	Rt. 78	Rt. 80	Rt 85	Rt. 90	Intercity Subtotal	Intercity Subtotal							
07/22/09	07/22/09	FY 09-10	(4)			(4)				(5)				(8)	(8)	(10)		(11)	(12)							
Benicia	956,199	0	956,199								\$ 3,395	\$ 18,289	\$ 4,718	\$ (124,110)	\$ 37,551	\$ 7,231	\$ 3,774	\$ 30,177	\$ (79,327)	\$ 27,279					\$ (21,872)	978,071
Dixon	600,726	0	600,726			435,000					\$ 2,132	\$ 58,510	\$ 5,609	\$ 2,585	\$ 8,946	\$ 5,734	\$ 4,054	\$ 70,306	\$ 17,265	\$ 17,548		15,000			\$ 555,119	45,607
Fairfield	3,648,477	2,225,455	5,873,932	1,071,346			1,431,563				\$ 67,208	\$ 105,886	\$ 97,359	\$ 20,635	\$ 103,216	\$ 94,959	\$ 260,598	\$ 531,051	\$ 218,810	\$ 105,446		2,443,337			\$ 5,801,553	72,379
Rio Vista	275,841	37,666	313,507					154,697			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 7,364		14,740	25,000		\$ 201,801	111,706
Suisun City	963,547	0	963,547	246,253			544,264				\$ 12,206	\$ 13,669	\$ 26,100	\$ 5,386	\$ 25,430	\$ 24,288	\$ 38,244	\$ 90,219	\$ 55,104	\$ 27,707					\$ 963,547	0
Vacaville	3,311,904	1,333,530	4,645,434	344,227					505,269		\$ 140,611	\$ 84,744	\$ 81,412	\$ 15,492	\$ 57,050	\$ 22,753	\$ 50,808	\$ 357,575	\$ 95,295	\$ 96,254	\$ 750,000	1,196,320			\$ 3,344,940	1,300,494
Vallejo	4,138,709	0	4,138,709	468,296						1,728,471	\$ 17,616	\$ 37,339	\$ 11,875	\$ 141,753	\$ 537,601	\$ 182,105	\$ 16,919	\$ 83,750	\$ 861,459	\$ 120,921					\$ 3,262,897	875,812
Solano County	689,791	0	689,791	25,000							\$ 12,493	\$ 16,111	\$ 11,253	\$ 16,492	\$ 48,542	\$ 16,955	\$ 16,205	\$ 56,062	\$ 81,989	\$ 19,706			505,000		\$ 687,757	2,034
Total	14,585,194	3,596,651	18,181,845																						\$ 14,795,742	3,386,103

NOTES:

Background colors on Rt. Headings denote operator of intercity route  
Background colors denote which jurisdiction is claiming funds

- (1) MTC July 22, 2009 estimate; Reso 3886
- (2)
- (3)
- (4) Includes flex routes, paratransit, subsidized taxi
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)
- (8) Consistent with FY2009-10 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement and FY2007-08 Reconciliation
- (9)
- (10) Claimed for STA from all agencies per formula
- (11) Transit Capital purchases include bus purchases, maintenance facilities, etc.
- (12) 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: September 14, 2009  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst  
SUBJECT: Lifeline/State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) and Proposition 1B

**Background:**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 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.

MTC delegated the management of the Lifeline Program to the Congestion Management Agencies, including the STA. The STA selects the Solano Lifeline projects for funding and submitted these projects to MTC for approval. STA staff worked with MTC staff to transition the program to the STA from the issuance of the Call for Projects, establishing evaluation criteria jointly with MTC, approving projects for funding as well as monitoring and overseeing projects and programs. The STA administered the 2008 program with an original estimate of \$3.8 million, later reduced to \$2.9 million of Lifeline Funds provided by the MTC for Solano County over a three-year period. The STAF funding was reduced after the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 budget was finalized in the Fall of 2008 and further reductions were made with the suspension of STAF funds. While the additional cuts to STAF affected Tier 1 of the Lifeline Program, the suspension of STAF funds eliminated the equivalent of Tier 2 completely. The total STAF made available to Solano's Lifeline program was \$1,044,776 reduced from the original \$1.9 million.

The initial amount available from each fund source is reflected as follows:

\$1,910,640:	State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF)
\$1,457,414:	Proposition 1B funds
<u>\$ 416,834:</u>	<u>Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC)</u>
\$3,784,888	TOTAL

Priority projects identified through the Community Based Transportation Planning process or the 2002 Countywide Welfare to Work Transportation Plan were eligible for Lifeline funding. Priority for the limited Lifeline funds was given to Solano transit operators that were out of the Unmet Transit Needs process. As part of the Call for Projects, applicants were asked to establish project goals and to identify basic performance indicators to be collected in order to measure the effectiveness of the Lifeline projects.

This funding cycle was split into a two-tier programming cycle. The Tier I Programs will cover two years of funding and the Tier II will cover the third year. STA staff requested a consolidated competitive selective process for both Tiers, selecting the Tier II projects at the same time as the Tier I projects.

The Lifeline Committee (Attachment A) evaluated and prioritized the projects and developed a consensus recommendation. Projects were evaluated and ranked based on project need, their consistency with the priorities of the Community Based or Welfare to Work Transportation Plans, cost-effectiveness, implementation plan, budget, coordination and outreach. With anticipated further cuts by the State to the STAF funds, the Lifeline Advisory Committee ranked the recommended projects in a priority order of which projects to be funded first.

The project priority lists were approved by the STA Board in September and December 2008. The STA staff forwarded the applications to MTC. MTC certified that the projects were derived from the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Service Transportation Plan, and then forwarded the required applications for final approval and allocation to Caltrans.

**Discussion:**

With the reduced amount of STAF/Lifeline funds available, the first two priority projects (Vallejo Transit's Rt. 85 and Rt. 1) could be funded for three years and the third project (Dixon's Weekday/Saturday Readi-Ride service) could be partially funded for one year (Attachment B). Dixon received \$69,776 of the \$384,645 requested.

MTC recently announced that supplemental STAF/Lifeline funds have been made available and can be programmed for use. Using the prioritized list approved by the Board, the next project applicant would be Dixon Readi-Ride. Dixon has indicated the funds are still needed and would like to be the recipient of the \$228,698 in supplemental STAF/Lifeline funds designated for Solano.

All Prop 1B/Lifeline projects were funded. There is a supplemental amount of \$6,529 of Prop. 1B/Lifeline funds also being made available. The top priority was Dixon in this category who requested funding for a vehicle and received all the funds. The next priority project was the City of Fairfield for bus shelter/stop improvements. Additional funds could expand the number of bus stop/shelters that Fairfield could improve and STA staff recommends allocating the Prop. 1B/Lifeline funds to Fairfield.

**Fiscal Impact:**

STA is programming the supplemental STAF and Prop 1B Lifeline Funds that have been allocated to Solano County by MTC and Caltrans. There is no impact on the STA budget.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:

1. Authorize the City of Dixon to claim an additional \$228,698 in STAF/Lifeline funds in FY 2009-10 to fund existing Weekday/Saturday service over a 3-year period; and
2. Authorize the City of Fairfield to receive \$6,529 in Proposition 1B/Lifeline funds for FY 2009-10 to fund bus shelter/stop improvements.

Attachments:

- A. Lifeline Advisory Committee Members
- B. STA Board Recommendation Prioritized Plan for 2008 Solano Lifeline Projects and Proposal Supplemental Funding
- C. Solano Lifeline Project Descriptions



**LIFELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
2009**

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Cookie Powell, Dixon Community Action Council (CAC)

Gerry Raycraft, Children's Network

Gail Jack, County of Solano, Health and Social Services/Welfare to Work

Jamie Johnson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) member & Social Service  
Provider – Solano Diversified Services

Vacant, Member At- Large

Jeff Matheson, STA Intercity Transit Consortium & Dixon Read-Ride

**Solano County  
Recommended Lifeline Projects  
2009-2011**

ATTACHMENT B

<b>STAF Lifeline</b>			Tier 1		Tier 1	Tier 2		Total/Project
Operator	Project	New/Existing	Year 1	Year 2	Subtotal	Year 3		
1	Vallejo Route 85	Existing	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 375,000	
2	Vallejo Route 1	Existing	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000	
3	Dixon Saturday/Weekend	Existing	\$ 111,617	\$ 136,514	\$ 248,131	\$ 136,514	\$ 384,645	
4	Fairfield Route 30 Sat	Existing	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	
5	STA Spanish Tran	New	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	
6	Fairfield Downtown F	New	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 270,000	
7	Vallejo Taxi Scrip	Existing	\$ 55,292	\$ 55,292	\$ 110,584	\$ 20,411	\$ 130,995	
Sub total			\$ 581,909	\$ 681,806	\$ 1,263,715	\$ 646,925	\$ 1,910,640	
Total by Tier			\$ 1,263,715			\$ 646,925	\$ 1,910,640	
<b>Available</b>			<b>\$ 1,263,715</b>			<b>\$ 646,925</b>	<b>\$ 1,910,640</b>	
<b>Difference</b>			<b>\$ -</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
8	Benicia Route 22	Existing	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000	\$ 180,000	
9	Rio Vista Route 50	Existing	\$ -	\$ 50,000		\$ 52,000	\$ 102,000	

Actual Award	Shortfall	Proposed Supplemental Funding
\$ 375,000	0	
\$ 600,000	0	
\$ 69,776	\$ 314,869	\$ 228,698
\$ -	\$ 100,000	
\$ -	\$ 50,000	
\$ -	\$ 270,000	
\$ -	\$ 130,995	
\$ 1,044,776	\$ 865,864	

<b>Prop 1B Lifeline</b>			Tier 1			Tier 2		Total/Project
Operator	Project	New/Existing	Year 1	Year 2	Subtotal	Year 3		
1	Dixon Van	Existing	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000	
2	Fairfield Shelters	New/Existing	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 410,000	
3	Vallejo Shelters	New/Existing	\$ 85,147	\$ 275,863	\$ 361,010	\$ 400,004	\$ 761,014	
4	Vacaville Shelters	New	\$ 109,800		\$ 109,800		\$ 109,800	
5	Dixon Van (local m	Existing		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
6	Fairfield Replacement	Existing	\$ 41,600		\$ 41,600		\$ 41,600	
7	Fairfield Downtown F	New				\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Sub total			\$ 596,547	\$ 290,863		\$ 570,004	\$ 1,457,414	
Total by Tier			\$ 887,410			\$ 570,004	\$ 1,457,414	
<b>Available</b>			<b>\$ 887,410</b>			<b>\$ 570,004</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,414</b>	
<b>Difference</b>			<b>\$ -</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

Actual Award	Shortfall	Proposed Supplemental Funding
\$ 60,000	\$ -	
\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ 6,529
\$ 761,014	\$ -	
\$ 109,800	\$ -	
\$ 15,000	\$ -	
\$ 41,600	\$ -	
\$ 60,000	\$ -	
\$ 1,457,414	\$ -	\$ 6,529

**Summary of Solano County Lifeline Projects**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**STAF Lifeline - Recommended for Funding**

Priority Order	Operator	Project	New/ Existing	Description	Total
1	Vallejo	Route 85	Existing	To sustain service to intercity Route 85 which serves downtown Vallejo, Baylink Ferry, Sereno Transit Center, Discovery Kingdom, Green Valley Shopping Area, Solano Community College in Fairfield, and Solano Mall. This is the only route connecting Vallejo and Fairfield.	\$ 375,000
2	Vallejo	Route 1	Existing	To sustain service on Route 1 which connects downtown Vallejo with points northwest along the Broadway and Sonoma Boulevard corridors including Vallejo Middle and Senior High schools, South Vallejo Community Shopping Centers, and points south on the west side of I-80, including the Curtola Park and Ride and Sonoma Boulevard. This route primarily serves low income ridership.	\$ 600,000
3	Dixon	Sat/Weekday Service	Existing	Dixon Read-Ride is a general public dial-a-ride service operating within the Dixon City Limits. This project is to maintain the current revenue hours for Dixon Read-Ride on weekdays and continue Saturday service.	\$ 384,645
4	Fairfield	Route 30 Sat Service	Existing	Route 30 Saturday Service that connects riders from Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, and UC Davis. At UC Davis, a rider can transfer to the greater Sacramento area including the Sacramento International Airport. Route 30 is the only route connecting Dixon to other cities.	\$ 100,000
5	STA	Spanish Translation	New	This project is a countywide teamwork effort with four participating transit agencies (Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo) and Solano Transportation Authority to translate transit brochures and/or other informational materials into Spanish and distribute and display into key locations.	\$ 50,000
6	Fairfield	Downtown Flex Shuttle	New	This new project is to operate a flexible shuttle service between Suisun City and Fairfield. Areas serviced will include Suisun City Hall, AMTRAK, Fairfield City Hall, Solano County Administration, Social Services, Solano Mall, and the Fairfield Transportation Center.	\$ 270,000
7	Vallejo	Taxi Scrip	Existing	This project provides funding for the City of Vallejo's subsidized Taxi Scrip Program directing assisting residents of Vallejo who are 65 years of age or older, or who have a disability as defined under the Regional Transit Discount Card Program. This project is to restore the Vallejo Taxi Scrip Program to 50/50 subsidy program instead of the current 60/40.	\$ 130,995
					\$ 1,910,640

**STAF Lifeline - Not Recommended for Funding**

Priority Order	Operator	Project	New/ Existing	Description	Total
8	Benicia	Route 22	Existing	This project is to fund the Benicia Breeze Dial-A-Ride for service to Benicia Industrial Park.	\$ 180,000
9	Rio Vista	Route 50	Existing	To continue funding Rio Vista Breeze Route 50 service between Isleton, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Fairfield during the peak commuter periods, Monday through Friday.	\$ 102,000

### Summary of Solano County Lifeline Projects

**Prop 1B Lifeline - Recommended for Funding**

Priority Order	Operator	Project	New/ Existing	Description	Total
1	Dixon	Van	Existing	Capital Funding for the replacement of one 18 passenger Type III paratransit bus for the Dixon Read-Ride general public Dial-a-Ride system.	\$ 60,000
2	Fairfield	Shelters	New/ Existing	Improve 30 sites that include installation/repair of transit shelters, ADA curb cuts, concrete work, installation of benches, and other transit friendly amenities such as lighting and transit information.	\$ 410,000
3	Vallejo	Shelters	New/ Existing	Replace, install and enhance, up to 65 bus shelters and bus stops including amenities such as solar lighting, trash receptacles, signage and benches.	\$ 761,014
4	Vacaville	Shelters	New	Procurement and installation of 10 transit amenities within five low income/senior/elderly community areas throughout Vacaville. Transit amenities include: bus shelters with integrated benches, trash receptacles, map/schedule display case, solar lighting, and solar anti-graffiti warning device.	\$ 109,800
5	Dixon	Van (local match)	Existing	Local Match for the replacement of one 18 passenger Type III paratransit bus for the Dixon Read-Ride general public Dial-a-Ride system.	\$ 15,000
6	Fairfield	Replacement Vehicles	Existing	Replace two (2) paratransit vans with two higher capacity paratransit vans. The vehicles that are being replaced have two wheelchair and zero passenger capacity or no wheelchair and five (5) passenger capacity. The new vehicles will be able to hold 18 passengers and four (4) wheelchairs.	\$ 41,600
7	Fairfield	Downtown Flex Shuttle	New	Purchase a paratransit van to operate a flexible shuttle service between Suisun City and Fairfield. Areas serviced will include Suisun City Hall, AMTRAK, Fairfield City Hall, Solano County Administration, Social Services, Solano Mall, and the Fairfield Transportation Center.	\$ 60,000
					\$ 1,457,414



DATE: September 15, 2009  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst  
RE: Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Application Scoring and Recommendation, and New Freedom Applications

### **Background**

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds are directed to services that provide transportation to low income individuals. The JARC Program provides funding for projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment and employment-related activities, and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. JARC funding for small-urban and rural projects are administered by Caltrans and available in two categories:

- Approximately \$3 million for JARC small-urban projects
- Approximately \$1.4 million for JARC rural projects

Caltrans announced a Call for Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 JARC in March 2009. The application and information was posted on Caltrans's website and Solano Transportation Authority (STA) posted an announcement, information, and link to Caltrans on STA's website. Since Caltrans revised the application twice, they extended the initial due date from June 26<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Discussion**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans, delegated the scoring of the JARC applications to the Lifeline Administrators for the small urbanized areas. The three small-urban areas in Solano County are Benicia/Vallejo, Fairfield/Suisun and Vacaville.

JARC applications were due to the STA by August 31, 2009. STA received one application from Vallejo Transit for Route 5 to continue the extended service to Solano Community College in Vallejo. Route 5 provides fixed route services to and from Solano Community College in Vallejo providing access to both educational and employment opportunities. Vallejo Transit has previously been awarded JARC funding for Route 5 for the start-up services beginning August 2008. This proposal is seeking to continue the service.

STA's Lifeline Committee (Attachment A) met Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and invited the applicant to present their project. STA's Lifeline Committee scored the application giving the Route 5 project an average score of 89 out of 100. STA staff is presenting the Lifeline Committee recommendation to forward Vallejo Transit JARC application to the STA Board for approval. Since the recommendation is due to MTC by September 25<sup>th</sup>, STA will submit the Lifeline Advisory Committees recommendation in a draft form pending the STA Board approval.

MTC still needs to certify that the project is in the region's Coordinated Plan and obtain approval from the MTC Commission before submitting the project to Caltrans. All JARC projects will be awarded through a statewide competitive selection process. Caltrans will evaluate all JARC project applications through a JARC/New Freedom review committee to determine the extent to which the proposed projects meet the overall program goals and objectives. Caltrans anticipates announcing the recipients in January 2010 and awarding the funds in March 2010.

The JARC submittals for the rural projects are due directly to Caltrans by October 31, 2009.

New Freedom applications for small urban and rural areas are due to Caltrans postmarked by October 31, 2009. Several local jurisdictions are in the process of preparing New Freedom applications. This is a statewide competitive process with \$1.6 million for small urban areas and \$0.7 million available for rural areas. Discussions among the transit operators and STA staff are in progress to strategize and coordinate applications from Solano to maximize the likelihood of securing New Freedom funds. An update will be provided at the TAC and Consortium.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no impact on the STA budget.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to:

1. Support Vallejo Transit's Route 5 JARC application; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of support to MTC for this project.

Attachment:

- A. Lifeline Advisory Committee



**LIFELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
2009**

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Cookie Powell, Dixon Community Action Council (CAC)

Gerry Raycraft, Children's Network

Gail Jack, County of Solano, Health and Social Services/Welfare to Work

Jamie Johnson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) member & Social Service  
Provider – Solano Diversified Services

Vacant, Member At- Large

Jeff Matheson, STA Intercity Transit Consortium & Dixon Read-Ride

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DATE: September 16, 2009  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Jayne Bauer, Marketing and Legislative Program Manager  
RE: STA's Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities and Platform

**Background:**

Each year, STA staff monitors state and federal legislation that pertains directly to transportation and related issues. On January 14, 2009, the STA Board adopted its 2009 Legislative Priorities and Platform to provide policy guidance on transportation legislation and the STA's legislative activities during 2009. The STA Legislative Matrix (Attachment A) is highlighted with the year-end results of the state legislative activity.

**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 2010 Legislative Platform and Priorities for comment at the TAC and Consortium meeting in September.

STA staff will forward the Draft 2010 Legislative Platform and Priorities (Attachment B) with TAC and Consortium feedback to the Board in October, with a recommendation to distribute the draft document for a 30-day review and comment period. The Final Draft 2010 Legislative Platform and Priorities will be placed on the December 2009 STA Board agenda for consideration of adoption.

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to distribute the Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities Platform for a 30-day review and comment period.

Attachments:

- A. STA Legislative Matrix
- B. STA's Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities and Platform

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	<b>LEGISLATIVE MATRIX</b> <b>2009-2010 State and Federal Legislative Session</b> <i>September 16, 2009</i>	<b>Solano Transportation Authority</b> One Harbor Center, Suite 130 Suisun City CA 94585-2427 Phone: 707-424-6075 Fax: 707-424-6074 <a href="http://www.solanolinks.com/programs.html#lp">http://www.solanolinks.com/programs.html#lp</a>

AB = Assembly Bill; ACA = Assembly Constitutional Amendment; ASM = Assembly; SB = Senate Bill; SCA = Senate Constitutional Amendment; SEN = Senate

### STATE Legislation:

Bill Number/Topic	Location	Summary	Position
<a href="#">AB 277</a> <a href="#">Ammiano</a> (D)  Transportation: local retail transaction and use taxes: Bay Area.	Vetoed 08/31/09	The Bay Area County Traffic and Transportation Funding Act establishes a process for each of the 9 counties in the San Francisco Bay Area to impose a retail transactions and use tax for transportation purposes subject to voter approval. Existing law provides for a county transportation expenditure plan to be developed in that regard, with expenditures from tax revenues to be administered by a county transportation authority, or, alternatively, by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Existing law requires the membership of a county transportation authority to be specified either in the county transportation expenditure plan or in the retail transactions and use tax ordinance. This bill would delete the option of specifying the membership of the authority in the retail transactions and use tax ordinance.	<b>Watch</b>
<a href="#">AB 744</a> <a href="#">Torrico</a> (D)  Transportation: Bay Area high-occupancy vehicle network.	SEN Approps. 08/27/09	This bill would authorize the Bay Area Toll Authority to acquire, construct, administer, and operate a value pricing high-occupancy vehicle network program on state highways within the geographic jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, as specified. The bill would authorize capital expenditures for this program to be funded from program revenues, revenue bonds, and revenue derived from tolls on state-owned toll bridges within the geographic jurisdiction of MTC.	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">AB 1219</a> <a href="#">Evans</a> (D)  Public transportation: Solano Transportation Authority.	Chaptered (# 143) 08/06/09	<b>The Transportation Development Act, also known as the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act, provides for the allocation of local transportation funds in each county from 1/4 of 1% of the sales tax to various transportation purposes, including transportation planning, transit operations, and in some cases, local streets and roads. The act is administered by the transportation planning agency having jurisdiction and specifies the sequence of allocations to be made by that agency to eligible claimants. This bill would authorize the Solano Transportation Authority, a joint powers agency, to file a claim with the transportation planning agency for up to 2% of local transportation funds available to the county and city members of the authority for countywide transit planning and coordination relative to Solano County. Bill contains other related provisions and existing laws.</b>	<b>Sponsor and support</b>

Bill Number/Topic	Location	Summary	Position
<a href="#">ACA 9 Huffman</a> (D)  Local government bonds: special taxes: voter approval.	ASM Third reading 09/11/09	The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, or city and county to service bonded indebtedness, incurred to fund specified public improvements, facilities, and housing, and related costs, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable. This additional exception would apply only if the proposition approved by the voters results in bonded indebtedness that includes specified accountability requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<b>Support</b>
<a href="#">ACA 10 Torlakson</a> (D)  Taxation: Education Finance District: special tax	To ASM Third reading 09/11/09	Would amend the California Constitution to lower the constitutional vote requirement for approval of a special tax to be levied by an education finance district from two-thirds to a majority of the district voters. It is supported by several within the education community. The California Association of Realtors and California Taxpayers' Association are in opposition.	None
<a href="#">ACA 15 Arambula</a> (D)  Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval	ASM inactive file 09/11/09	Would lower the constitutional vote requirement for approval of a special tax to provide funding for local transportation projects from two-thirds to a 55% majority. The CA State Association of Counties, CA Transit Association, Sacramento Regional Transit District, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and Self-Help Counties Coalition are in support. The California Association of Realtors, Cal-Tax, and Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are in opposition.	<b>Support</b> 06/10/09
<a href="#">SB 205 Hancock</a> (D)  Traffic congestion: motor vehicle registration fees.  This became <a href="#">SB 83</a> (Hancock) 09/02/09	ASM Approps. Under submission 08/27/09  To enrollment 09/10/09	Existing law provides for the imposition by certain districts and local agencies of fees on the registration of motor vehicles in certain areas of the state that are in addition to the basic vehicle registration fee collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for specific limited purposes. The bill would authorize a countywide transportation planning agency, by a majority vote of the agency's board, to impose an annual fee of up to \$10 on motor vehicles registered within the county for programs and projects for certain purposes. The bill would require voter approval of the measure. The bill would require the department, if requested, to collect the additional fee and distribute the net revenues to the agency, after deduction of specified costs, and would limit the agency's administrative costs to not more than 5% of the distributed fees. The bill would require that the fees collected may only be used to pay for programs and projects bearing a relationship or benefit to the owners of motor vehicles paying the fee, and would require the agency's board to make a specified finding of fact in that regard. The bill would require the governing board of the countywide transportation planning agency to adopt a specified expenditure plan.	<b>Support</b>

Bill Number/Topic	Location	Summary	Position
<a href="#">SB 406</a> <a href="#">DeSaulnier</a> (D)  Land Use: environmental quality	Enrolled 09/15/09	This bill authorizes an additional fee (one or two dollars) on vehicle registration through an existing fee mechanism to be used for planning purposes related to SB 375 (Steinberg), and proposes new duties, membership, and funding for the Strategic Growth Council and the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council.	Support
<a href="#">SCA 6</a> <a href="#">Simitian</a> (D)  Taxation: educational entities: parcel tax.	SEN third reading 09/11/09	The bill would lower from 2/3 to 55% the threshold of voter approval necessary for school districts to enact parcel taxes. This is a companion measure to ACA 10. It is supported by several within the education community. The California Taxpayers' Association and California Association of Realtors are in opposition.	None
<a href="#">SCA 12</a> <a href="#">Kehoe</a> (D)  Public safety services: local government.	SEN third reading 09/11/09	The bill would lower from 2/3 to 55% the threshold of voter approval necessary for special taxes and bonded indebtedness for specified fire protection and public safety purposes. The California Professional Firefighters, California State Association of Counties, California Department of Forestry Firefighters, among others are in support. The California Taxpayers' Association and California Association of Realtors are in opposition.	None
<a href="#">SB 716</a> <a href="#">Wolk</a> (D)  Local transportation funds.	To enrollment 09/10/09	Existing law requires that 1/4% of the local sales and use tax be transferred to the local transportation fund of the county and be allocated, as directed by the transportation planning agency, for various transportation purposes. This bill would authorize a county, city, county transportation commission, or transit operator to file a claim for an allocation of funds for vanpool service operation expenditures and capital improvement expenditures, including for vanpool services for purposes of farmworker transportation to and from work.	Watch

**FEDERAL Legislation:**

Bill Number/Topic	Location	Summary	Position
<p><a href="#"><u>HR 1571</u></a>  <b>Tauscher (D-CA)</b>             Private investment in Commuter Vanpooling Act of 2009</p>	<p>Referred to HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HWYS &amp; TRANSIT 03/18/09</p>	<p>This bill would amend title 49, United States Code, to permit certain revenues of private providers of public transportation by vanpool received from providing public transportation to be used for the purpose of acquiring rolling stock, and to permit certain expenditures of private vanpool contractors to be credited toward the local matching share of the costs of public transportation projects.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HR 2454</u></a>  <b>Waxman (D-CA)</b>             American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009  <i>Safe Climate Act</i></p>	<p>7/7/2009: Read second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 97.</p>	<p>To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy. This bill would reduce US emissions 17 percent by 2020 from 2005 levels, with no allowances to transit agencies and local governments. Large MPOs and states would need to develop plans establishing goals to progressively reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions within 3 years of the bill's enactment. Strategies include: efforts to increase public transportation (including commuter rail service and ridership); updates to zoning and other land use regulations and plans to coordinate transportation and land use planning; construction of bike and pedestrian pathways to support "complete streets" policy and telecommuting; adoption of pricing measures and parking policies; and intermodal freight system planning.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>S 1156</u></a>  <b>Harkin (D-IA)</b>             Safe Routes to School Program Reauthorization Act</p>	<p>05/21/09 Referred to Senate committee; read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	<p>This bill would provide \$600 million annually to fund the program. Likely to be included in the surface transportation reauthorization bill, it would fund infrastructure improvements (sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes, and safe crossings), as well as educational, law enforcement, and promotional efforts to make it safer for children to walk and bicycle to and from school. The bill would also expand eligibility to include high schools, allow funds to be used to improve bus stop safety and expand access in rural communities; improve project delivery and reduce overhead by addressing regulatory burdens; and authorize research and evaluation of the program.</p>	<p>None</p>



# Solano Transportation Authority

## DRAFT 2010 Legislative Priorities and Platform

(For Review by STA TAC/Consortium on 09/30/09)

### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Pursue federal funding for the following priority projects and transit services:
  - A. New Authorization as submitted for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010
    1. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange
    2. Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements/Jepson Parkway Project
    3. Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement
    4. Vacaville Intermodal Station (Phase 2)
  - B. Appropriations as submitted for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010
    1. Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements/Jepson Parkway Project
    2. Fairfield Transportation Center
    3. Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement
    4. Vacaville Intermodal Station (Phase 2)
    5. SR 12 Major Investment Study
  - C. New Authorization as proposed for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016
    1. I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange (Phase 2)
    2. Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements
    3. Jepson Parkway Project
    4. North Connector West End at SR 12
    5. Fairfield Transportation Center
  - D. Appropriations as proposed for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011
    1. Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements/Jepson Parkway Project
    2. Fairfield Transportation Center
    3. Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement
    4. Safe Routes to School
    5. Dixon Intermodal/Parkway Blvd. Rail Crossing
    6. I-80 Corridor Vallejo Economic Development Plan
    7. Vallejo Ferry Station (Future phase)
    8. Curtola Transit Center (Phase 1)
2. Monitor and support, as appropriate, legislative proposals to increase funding for transportation infrastructure, operations and maintenance in Solano County.
3. Seek/sponsor legislation in support of initiatives that increase the overall funding levels for transportation priorities in Solano County.
4. Oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding from transportation projects.
5. Support initiatives to pursue the 55% voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures.
6. Support establishment of regional Express Lanes network (High Occupancy Toll) with assurance that revenues collected for the use of HOT Lanes are spent to improve operations and mobility for the corridor in which they originate.

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7. Sponsor Express Lanes (High Occupancy Toll) demo project on the I-80 corridor.
8. Monitor the implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, including the development and issuance of implementing rules by the California Air Resources Board and the State Office of Planning and Research.
9. Pursue and support opportunities to exempt projects funded by local sales tax measures from the provisions of SB 375 (Steinberg).
10. Support legislation to finance cost effective conversion of public transit fleets to alternative fuels.
11. Support efforts to protect and preserve funding in Public Transportation Account (PTA) base, Prop. 42 and secure spillover funds to transportation.
12. Monitor any new bridge toll proposals, support the implementation of projects funded by Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) and AB 1171.
13. Support federal and state legislation framed by California Consensus Principles (Item XIV) that provides funding for movement of goods along corridors (i.e. I-80, SR 12, Capitol Corridor) and facilities (i.e., Cordelia Truck Scales).

### LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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

1. Support legislation promoting bicycling and bicycle facilities as a commute option.
2. Support legislation providing land use incentives in connection with rail and multimodal transit stations – Transit Oriented Development.
3. 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.
4. Support legislation that increases employers' opportunities to offer commute incentives.
5. 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.
6. Support establishment of regional Express Lanes network (High Occupancy Toll) with assurance that revenues collected for the use of HOT Lanes are spent to improve operations and mobility for the corridor in which they originate. (Priority #6)

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7. Sponsor Express Lanes (High Occupancy Toll) demo project on the I-80 corridor. (Priority #7)

### II. Climate Change/Air Quality

1. Monitor the implementation of the 2004 Ozone Attainment Plan by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. Monitor the implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, including the development and issuance of implementing rules by the California Air Resources Board and the State Office of Planning and Research. (Priority #8)
3. Pursue and support opportunities to exempt projects funded by local sales tax measures from the provisions of SB 375. (Priority #9)
4. 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.
5. Support legislation providing infrastructure for low, ultra-low and zero emission vehicles.
6. Monitor and comment on regulations regarding diesel fuel exhaust particulates and alternative fuels.
7. Support policies that improve the environmental review process to minimize conflicts between transportation and air quality requirements.
8. Monitor energy policies and alternative fuel legislation or regulation that may affect fleet vehicle requirements for mandated use of alternative fuels.
9. Support legislation to provide funding for innovative, intelligent/advanced transportation and air quality programs, which relieve congestion, improve air quality and enhance economic development.
10. Support legislation to finance cost effective conversion of public transit fleets to alternative fuels. (Priority #10)
11. Support income tax benefits or incentives that encourage use of alternative fuel vehicles, vanpools and public transit without reducing existing transportation or air quality funding levels.
12. Support federal climate change legislation that provides funding from cap and trade programs to local transportation agencies for public transportation.

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### III. Congestion Management

1. Monitor 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. Environmental

1. Monitor legislative and regulatory proposals related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, including those that would impact existing and proposed transportation facilities such as State Route 12 and State Route 113.
2. Monitor proposals to designate new species as threatened or endangered under either the federal or state Endangered Species Acts. Monitor proposals to designate new "critical habitat" in areas that will impact existing and proposed transportation facilities.
3. Monitor the establishment of environmental impact mitigation banks to ensure that they do not restrict reasonably-foreseeable transportation improvements.

### VI. Ferry

1. Protect the existing source of operating and capital support for Vallejo Baylink ferry service, most specifically the Bridge Tolls-Northern Bridge Group "1st and 2nd dollar" revenues which do not jeopardize transit operating funds for Vallejo Transit bus operations.
2. Monitor implementation of SB 1093 (Vallejo Baylink Ferry transition to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, or WETA) and support efforts to ensure current level of service directly between Vallejo and San Francisco.

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### VII. 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 federal and state discretionary funding made available for transportation grants, programs and projects.
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, and support timely allocation of new STIP funds.
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 efforts to protect and preserve funding in Public Transportation Account (PTA) base, Prop. 42 and secure spillover funds to transportation. *(Priority #11)*
6. Seek/sponsor legislation in support of initiatives that increase the overall funding levels for transportation priorities in Solano County. *(Priority #3)*
7. Support measures to restore local government's property tax revenues used for general fund purposes, including road rehabilitation and maintenance.
8. Support legislation to secure adequate budget appropriations for highway, bus, rail, air quality and mobility programs in Solano County.
9. Support initiatives to pursue the 55% or lower voter threshold for county transportation infrastructure measures. *(Priority #5)*
10. 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. *(Priority #6)*
11. Support federal and state legislation framed by California Consensus Principles (Item #XIV) that provides funding for movement of goods along corridors (i.e. I-80, SR 12, Capitol Corridor) and facilities (i.e., Cordelia Truck Scales). *(Priority #13)*
12. Support ongoing efforts to protect and enhance federal funding as reauthorized 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 as framed by California Consensus Principles (Item XIV), 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, 2010.

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14. 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.
15. 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, and for transit operations.
16. Monitor the distribution of state transportation demand management funding.
17. 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. (Priority #4)
18. 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.

### VIII. Liability

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

### IX. 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.

### X. Project Delivery

1. Monitor 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, design-build authority, and a reasonable level of contracting out of appropriate activities to the private sector.
3. Support legislation and/or administrative reforms that result in cost and/or timesavings to environmental clearance processes for transportation projects.

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4. Continue to streamline federal application/reporting/monitoring requirements to ensure efficiency and usefulness of data collected and eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicative requirements.

### *XI. 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 expansion of intercity, and development of regional and commuter rail service connecting Solano County to the Bay Area and Sacramento regions.
6. Monitor the implementation of the High Speed Rail project.

### *XII. Safety*

1. Monitor legislation or administrative procedures to streamline the process for local agencies to receive funds for road and levee repair and other flood protection.
2. Monitor implementation of the Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone designation on SR 12 from I-80 in Solano County to I-5 in San Joaquin County, as authorized by AB 112 (Wolk).
3. Support legislation to further fund replacement of at-grade railroad crossings with grade-separated crossings.
4. Support legislation to further fund Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Transit programs in Solano County.

### *XIII. 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.

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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 Urbanized Areas (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, ferry and rail. (Priority # 12)

### XIV. Federal New Authorization Policy

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission presented a report outlining a new long-term strategic transportation vision to guide transportation policymaking at the national level. The Solano Transportation Authority supports the principles contained in the Commission's "Transportation for Tomorrow," released in January 2008, specifically as summarized below:

#### Recommended Objectives for Reform:

- Increased Public and Private Investment
- Federal Government a Full Partner
- A New Beginning

#### Major Changes Necessary to Accomplish Objectives:

1. The federal program should be performance-driven, outcome-based, generally mode-neutral, and refocused to pursue objective of genuine national interest. The 108 existing surface transportation programs in SAFETEA-LU and related laws should be replaced with the following 10 new federal programs:
  - Rebuilding America – state of good repair
  - Global Competitiveness – gateways and goods movement
  - Metropolitan Mobility – regions greater than 1 million population
  - Connecting America – connections to smaller cities and towns
  - Intercity Passenger Rail and Water Transit – new regional networks in high-growth corridors
  - Highway Safety – incentives to save lives
  - Environmental Stewardship – both human and natural environments
  - Energy Security – development of alternative transportation fuels
  - Federal Lands – providing public access on federal property
  - Research and Development – a coherent national research program

National, state and regional officials and other stakeholders would establish performance standards, develop detailed plans for achievement, and develop detailed cost estimates to create a national surface transportation strategic plan. Only projects called for in the plan would be eligible for federal funding.

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2. Congress should establish an independent National Surface Transportation Commission (NASTRAC), modeled after aspects of the Postal Regulatory Commission, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, and state public utility commissions to perform two principal planning and financial functions:
  - a. Oversee various aspects of the development of the outcome-based performance standards.
  - b. Establish a federal share to finance the plan and recommend an increase in the federal fuel tax to fund that share.
3. Project delivery must be reformed by retaining all current environmental safeguards, but significantly shortening the time it takes to complete reviews and obtain permits.
4. Major revenue reform is necessary:
  - a. All levels of government and the private sector must contribute their appropriate shares.
  - b. User financing must be implemented.
  - c. Budgetary protections for the Highway Trust Fund must be put in place.
  - d. Legislation must be passed to keep the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund solvent and prevent highway investment from falling below the levels guaranteed in SAFETEA-LU.

### Between 2010 and 2025:

- a. Federal fuel tax should be raised and indexed to the construction cost index.
- b. Federal user-based fees (such as freight fees for goods movement, dedication of a portion of existing customs duties, ticket taxes for passenger rail improvements) should be implemented to help address the funding shortfall.
- c. Congress needs to remove certain barriers to tolling and congestion pricing by modifying the current federal prohibition against tolling on the Interstate System to allow:
  - i. Tolling to fund new capacity, with pricing flexibility to manage its performance.
  - ii. Congestion pricing in metropolitan areas with populations greater than 1 million.
- d. Congress should encourage the use of public-private partnerships to attract additional private investment to the surface transportation system.
- e. State and local governments need to raise motor fuel, motor vehicle, and other related user fees.

### Post-2025:

- a. A vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee should be implemented.

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DATE: September 22, 2009  
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 Update

**Background:**

Various regional and State capital transit funding opportunities have become 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. In addition the County will also receive funding from Prop 1B/Lifeline Funding for Transit Operators. Until this year, State Transit Assistance funds were also expected.

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 resulted in \$944,000 being allocated to three transit projects in Solano.

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. Through the first call for Prop. 1B/Lifeline projects in 2008, \$1,457,414 were distributed.

The 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. In 2007, STA staff met with project sponsors for the transit fleet needs. Sponsors submitted requested information relating to transit fleets including unfunded capital needs. The STA board approved the Plan and directed it be updated every two years. At this time, STA staff is proposing to begin the process of updating this Transit Capital Plan.

**Discussion:**

The 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital 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 were prioritized into Tier 1 and Tier 2 categories. The 2007 plan is shown on Attachment A.

This prioritization was used as the basis of submitted projects for MTC’s 2007 initial Call for Projects for the Proposition 1B Transit Capital which resulted in the award of the following:

Fairfield-Suisun Transit (5 vehicles)	\$400,000
Vacaville Transit (5 vehicles)	\$240,000
Vallejo Transit (20 vehicles)	<u>\$304,082</u>
TOTAL	\$944,082

In March 2009, a revised estimated Prop 1B was released with an additional \$531,829. MTC strongly encouraged programming these funds. The funds were allocated to Vallejo to assist in their hybrid bus procurement.

The Prop. 1B funding secured made a considerable reduction in the Tier 1 transit fleet needs. Allocation requests for the next round will likely be due to MTC and Caltrans in November 2009.

Prop 1B/Lifeline funds have also been allocated and taken care of some further capital needs. Transit vehicles and bus stop improvement projects will be funded with the allocation of \$1,457,414 of Prop 1B/Lifeline funds.

In addition to transit fleet and transit facilities needs, there were also Minor Transit Capital needs identified; the 2007 list is shown on Attachment B. Over the next few months, STA staff will work with transit operator staff to update these lists and priorities in preparation for upcoming funding opportunities.

**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:**

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. 2007 10-Year Transit Fleet Investment Plan
- B. 2007 10-Year Minor Transit Capital Needs

**ATTACHMENT A**

**10-YEAR TRANSIT FLEET INVESTMENT PLAN - 2007**

**STA FLEET REPLACEMENT COST SUMMARY  
(2007 Dollars)**

<b>TIER 1 FLEET REPLACEMENT -- Five Years ending FY 2011-12</b>			
<b>Fleet Type</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Unfunded Local Match</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,350,000</b>	<b>\$5,270,000</b>

<b>TIER 2 FLEET REPLACEMENT -- Five Years ending FY 2015-2016</b>			
<b>Fleet Type</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Unfunded Local Match</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$40,050,000</b>	<b>\$8,010,000</b>

**STA TRANSIT CAPITAL PLAN - Minor Capital - 2007**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**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: September 21 2009  
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium  
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst  
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11

**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, two out of eight jurisdictions plan to use TDA funds for streets and roads (Rio Vista and the County of Solano) in FY 2009-10. 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 the received written comments, 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.

**Discussion:**

For FY 2009-10, MTC held a public hearing in December 2008 and received written comments. MTC has summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to the STA to coordinate a response. After working with Solano's transit operators, STA prepared a response for submittal to MTC.

On March 25, 2009, the STA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommendation. On April 8, 2009, the STA Board reviewed and unanimously approved STA staff's recommended response and this was submitted to MTC. MTC is expected to present the responses to the Programming and Allocations Committee in November.

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. Making a positive finding of no reasonable transit needs will allow MTC to process the streets and road element of the TDA claims from Rio Vista and the County of Solano. For FY 2009-10, all TDA claims for local streets and roads are held by MTC until this process is completed.

MTC has begun establishing the process for FY 2010-11. MTC staff received approval at the September 9, 2009 Program and Allocation Committee meeting to proceed with the Solano County Unmet Needs Public Hearing. MTC will be working with STA staff to establish a date and location for the public hearing as well as outreach for the Unmet Transit Needs process. The TAC, Consortium, and Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) will be included in this notification.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.



DATE: September 24, 2009  
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 September 21. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.

**Marketing/Promotions**

The 2009 Solano Commute Challenge (SCC) continues. Currently, 43 employers have registered and 570 employees have signed up. Based on receipt of August Commute Logs, over 375 of those participants are using a commute alternative. Participants are encouraged to carpool, vanpool, take transit, walk or bike 30 or more workdays August through October.

SNCI program staff continues to resupply the commuter info display racks throughout Solano and Napa counties with current SolanoExpress brochures and transit schedules. Several transit agencies have seasonal schedules and staff sent a significant number of schedules to all display rack locations.

**Events**

SNCI staffs information booths at events where transit information is distributed along with a range of other commute options information. Staff conducted a pre-Solano Commute Challenge event at Alza in Vacaville, and is busy scheduling events for the month of October. Transit materials were sent to Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton for their annual transportation event that will take place October 1. The summer Farmers Markets season, where transit and ridesharing information is distributed, is wrapping up. Staff attended farmers markets in Fairfield, Vacaville, Vallejo, Napa and St Helena.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.

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DATE: September 18, 2009  
 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
TIGER Grants for Surface Transportation	None available. All questions must be submitted in writing via email to: <a href="mailto:TigerTeam@dot.gov">TigerTeam@dot.gov</a> .	N/A <sup>1</sup>
Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program (for Sacramento Metropolitan Area)*	Gary A. Bailey, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (916) 874-4893	<b>None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.</b>
Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (for San Francisco Bay Area)*	Anthony Fournier, BAAQMD (415) 749-4961	<b>None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.</b>
Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)*	Sylvia Fung, Caltrans (510) 286-5226	<b>October 8, 2009</b>
FTA Grant Program – 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program <i>for Rural Projects</i>	Tracey Frost, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	<b>October 31, 2009</b>

FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program <i>for Rural Projects</i>	Tracey Frost, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	<b>October 31, 2009</b>
FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program for <i>small urbanized areas</i>	Tracey Frost, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	<b>October 31, 2009</b>

\* New funding opportunity

<sup>1</sup>Note regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (also referred to as “Stimulus Bill”): The ARRA has some competitive grant programs, which are separate from ARRA funds available through Caltrans and MTC. Details and guidelines regarding the competitive ARRA grants are continuing to be developed. Please visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/basic.do> and browse by category for the most up-to-date information as it may change after the date of this report.



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grants

**Anticipated Application Deadline Not Available**

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

This summary of the ARRA TIGER Grants for Surface Transportation 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 transportation agencies.

Program Description: This program will provide grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will assist in surface transportation infrastructure projects.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.5 billion is available nationwide through September 30, 2011 for the Secretary of Transportation to make grants on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects. \$20 million minimum; \$300 million maximum.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Further Details: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/>  
The U.S. Department of Transportation is in the process of developing criteria for this program. Caltrans, MTC, and STA will work with the cities and County of Solano to allocate the funds when the criteria are available.

Program Contact Person: Mr. Leslie T. Rogers, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Region 9  
(415) 744-3133

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,  
(707) 399-3214  
swoo@sta-snci.com

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program**

For Sacramento Metropolitan Area

**Application Due On First-Come, First-Served Basis**

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

This summary of the Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement 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: Private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Program Description: The Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ERP), an extension of the Carl Moyer Program, provides grant funds to replace Tier 0, high-polluting off-road equipment with the cleanest available emission level equipment.

Funding Available: Approximately \$10 million is available.

Eligible Projects: Examples:

- Install particulate traps
- Replace older heavy-duty engines with newer and cleaner engines and add a particulate trap
- Purchase new vehicles or equipment that is cleaner than the law requires
- Replace heavy-duty equipment with electric equipment
- Install electric idling-reduction equipment

Further Details: <http://www.airquality.org/mobile/moyererp/index.shtml>

Program Contact Person: Gary A. Bailey, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District,  
(916) 874-4893  
gbailey@airquality.org

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,  
(707) 399-3214  
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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
**Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program**  
For San Francisco Bay Area  
**Application Due On First-Come, First-Served Basis**

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

This summary of the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment 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: Private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Program Description: Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program provides incentive grants for cleaner-than-required engines, equipment and other sources of pollution providing early or extra emission reductions. Eligible projects include cleaner on-road, off-road, marine, locomotive and stationary agricultural pump engines.

Funding Available: Approximately \$20 million is available.

Eligible Projects: Examples:

- Install particulate traps
- Replace older heavy-duty engines with newer and cleaner engines and add a particulate trap
- Purchase new vehicles or equipment that is cleaner than the law requires
- Replace heavy-duty equipment with electric equipment
- Install electric idling-reduction equipment

Further Details: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Carl-Moyer-Program.aspx>

Program Contact Person: Anthony Fournier, Environmental Planner, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), (415) 749-4961, [afournier@baaqmd.gov](mailto:afournier@baaqmd.gov)

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant, (707) 399-3214, [swoo@sta-snci.com](mailto:swoo@sta-snci.com)



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

**Application Due October 8, 2009**

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

This summary of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) 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:** The applicant for HSIP funds is an agency that assumes responsibility and accountability for the use and expenditure of federal-aid highway funds. The applicant must be a city or a county within the State of California. Exceptions to this requirement will be reviewed by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Headquarters - Division of Local Assistance (HQ-DLA) on a case-by-case basis.

**Program Description:** HSIP funds are eligible for work on any publicly-owned roadway or bicycle/pedestrian pathway or trail that corrects or improves the safety for its users.

**Funding Available:** Approximately \$50 million statewide is available for HSIP projects.

**Eligible Projects:** Examples (not limited to):

- An intersection safety improvement
- Pavement and shoulder widening (including addition of a passing lane to remedy an unsafe condition)
- Installation of rumble strips or other warning devices
- Improvement for pedestrian or bicyclist safety or for safety of persons with disabilities
- Conducting road safety audits
- Construction of a traffic calming feature
- Transportation safety planning
- Improvement of highway signage and pavement markings

**Further Details:** <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm>

**Program Contact Person:** Sylvia Fung, Local Assistance Engineer (Caltrans),  
(510) 286-5226  
[sylvia\\_fung@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sylvia_fung@dot.ca.gov)

**STA Contact Person:** Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,  
(707) 399-3214  
[swoo@sta-snci.com](mailto:swoo@sta-snci.com)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

# Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Rural Projects

Application Due October 31, 2009

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

This summary of the FTA 5316 – 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:** Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

**Program Description:** The FTA 5316 JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment activities and employment related activities and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

**Funding Available:** Approximately \$1.4 million is available for JARC rural projects.

**Eligible Projects:**

<u>Operating:</u>	<u>Capital:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Late night/weekend service</li><li>• Guaranteed ride home service</li><li>• Shuttle service</li><li>• Expanded fixed-route public transit routes</li><li>• Demand-responsive service</li><li>• Ridesharing/carpooling activities</li><li>• Voucher programs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)</li><li>• Promotion of operating activities</li><li>• Vehicles</li><li>• Mobility management activities</li></ul>

**Further Details:** <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant**

FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Rural Projects

**Application Due October 31, 2009**

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

This summary of the FTA 5317 – 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:** Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

**Program Description:** The FTA 5317 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 currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

**Funding Available:** Approximately \$0.7 million is available for New Freedom Rural Projects.

Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

**Eligible Projects:**

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

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant**  
 FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Small Urbanized Area  
 Application Due October 31, 2009

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**Funding Available:** Approximately \$1.6 million is available for New Freedom Small Urbanized Area Projects.

Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

**Eligible Projects:**

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