



**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
AGENDA**

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2009
Solano Transportation Authority
One Harbor Center, Suite 130**

Suisun City, CA 94585

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF PERSON</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Crystal Odum Ford, Chair
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (10:05 – 10:10 a.m.)	
III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (10:10 – 10:15 a.m.)	
IV. REPORTS FROM STA STAFF AND OTHER AGENCIES (10:15 – 10:25 a.m.)	
• Presentation Bay Area Transit Safety Coordination	Bill Morris, AC Transit
V. CONSENT CALENDAR	
<i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i>	
(10:25 – 10:30 a.m.)	
A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of September 30, 2009	Johanna Masielat
<i>Recommendation:</i>	
<i>Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2009.</i>	
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CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

Rob Sousa	Jeff Matheson	George Fink	John Andoh	Brian McLean	Crystal Odum Ford	Paul Wiese
Benicia Breeze	Dixon Read-i-Ride	Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST)	Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Vacaville City Coach	Chair Vallejo Transit	County of Solano

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None.

VII.

- A. STA Climate Change Activities and Development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for Solano County**
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(10:30 – 10:35 a.m.)
Pg. 5 Robert Macaulay
- B. Regional Disaster Planning – Mass Transportation and Evacuation**
Informational
(10:35 – 10:40 a.m.)
Pg. 11 Robert Macaulay
- C. Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**
Informational
(10:40 – 10:45 a.m.)
Pg. 13 Elizabeth Richards
- D. Toll Increase Options for the Seven State-owned Bay Area Bridges**
Informational
(10:45 – 10:50 a.m.)
Pg. 51 Elizabeth Richards
- E. MTC Draft Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3866) Comment Period**
Informational
(10:50 – 10:55 a.m.)
Pg. 59 Liz Niedziela
- F. SolanoExpress 2008-2009 Annual Ridership Report**
Informational
(10:55 – 11:05 a.m.)
Pg. 65 Liz Niedziela
Crystal Odum Ford,
Vallejo Transit
George Fink, FAST
- G. Transit Passenger Comment Cards Summary FY 2008-09**
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Pg. 73 Liz Niedziela
- H. Benicia Vallejo Transit Consolidation Status**
Informational
(11:10 – 11:15 a.m.)
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- I. Intercity Transit Ridership Survey Status** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(11:15 – 11:25 a.m.)
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- J. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues** Judy Leaks
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(11:25 – 11:30 a.m.)
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NO DISCUSSION

- K. Funding Opportunities Summary** Sara Woo
Informational
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VIII. INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION Group

- IX. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES** Group
1. Status of Taxi Program Brian McLean

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.**

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INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the meeting of
September 30, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Odum Ford called the regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium to order at approximately 11:15 a.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority Conference Room.

Consortium Present: Crystal Odum Ford (By phone) Vallejo Transit, Chair
Jeff Matheson Dixon Read-Ride, Vice Chair
Melissa Bryan Benicia Breeze
Scott Butler Fairfield and Suisun Transit
John Andoh Rio Vista Delta Breeze
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)*
Edwin Gato Vallejo Transit
Michael Setty Consultant, Public Transit
Jeanine Wooley Vallejo Transit

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Scott Butler, and a second by Brian McLean, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium approved the agenda.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

IV. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC, AND STA STAFF

Caltrans: None presented.

MTC: None presented.

STA: Judy Leaks announced that Caltrans is opening Interstate 80 Westbound Carpool Lane on Thursday, September 29, 2009.

Jayne Bauer reminded the Consortium of the 12th Annual Awards on November 4, 2009 at the Jelly Belly Grand Ballroom.

Elizabeth Richards distributed the On Board Transit Survey.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by John Andoh, and a second by Scott Butler, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved consent calendar item A and B to include noted changes (Cities of Rio Vista and Vallejo) to the FY 2009-10 TDA Matrix (October 2009).

A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of August 26, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2009.

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

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.

VI. ACTION – FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Lifeline/State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) and Proposition 1B

Liz Niedziela reviewed the STA Board recommendation prioritized plan for 2009-2011 proposal supplemental funding. She cited that the City of Dixon would like to be the recipient of the \$228,698 in supplemental STAF/Lifeline funds in FY 2009-10 to fund existing Weekday/Saturday service over a 3-year period. She added that the City of Fairfield would receive the supplemental amount of \$6,529 in Prop 1B/Lifeline funds for FY 2009-10 to fund bus shelter/stop improvements.

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.

On a motion by Brian McLean, and a second by Scott Butler, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

B. Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Application Scoring and Recommendation, and New Freedom Applications

Liz Niedziela reviewed the application from Vallejo Transit for Route 5 to continue the extended service to Solano Community College in Vallejo. She specified that MTC still needs to certify that the project is in the region's Coordinated Plan and obtain approval from MTC Commission before submitting the project to Caltrans. She cited that the JARC submittals for the rural projects are due directly to Caltrans by October 31, 2009.

Discussion among the transit operators and STA staff took place to strategize and coordinate applications from Solano to maximize the likelihood of securing New Freedom funds.

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.

On a motion by George Butler, and a second by Brian McLean, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

VII. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. STA's Draft 2010 Legislative Priorities and Platform

Jayne Bauer requested comments and/or feedback from Consortium members on the Draft 2010 Legislative Platform and Priorities. She cited that staff will forward the draft form to the STA Board in October, with a recommendation to distribute the draft document for a 30-day review and comment period.

Recommendation:

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

On a motion by Brian McLean, and a second by Scott Butler, the Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium unanimously approved the recommendation.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan Update

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the two main components of the 10-Year Transit Fleet and Minor Transit Capital Investment Plan: Highway and Major Transit Facilities and Minor Transit Capital/Transit Fleet. She identified the prioritization that was used as the basis of submitted projects for MTC's 2007 Call for Projects for Prop 1B Transit Capital. She indicated that in the next few months, staff will work with transit operator staff to update the lists and priorities in preparation for upcoming funding opportunities.

B. Unmet Transit Needs Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 and FY 2010-11

Liz Niedziela announced that MTC has begun establishing the process for FY 2010-11. She added that MTC staff received approval at the September 9, 2009 Program and Allocation meeting to proceed with the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing. She cited that 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.

C. 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

D. Funding Opportunities Summary

IX. INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION

X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.



DATE: December 7, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: STA Climate Change Activities and Development of a Sustainable
Communities Strategy (SCS) for Solano County

Background:

There is substantial concern in the public, media, scientific and academic communities and amongst state and federal lawmakers that human-caused emissions of Greenhouse Gasses (GHG) are resulting in an increase in global temperatures. These temperature changes result in changes to the climate, including raising sea levels and disrupted precipitation patterns.

There are a number of State of California initiatives dealing with GHG emissions and climate change that impact STA, including the California Global Warming Initiative (aka AB 32), the Governor's Executive Order on climate change and, most recently, SB 375. In addition, STA partners with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) to administer clean air fund programs, some of which address GHG emissions. Finally, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan identifies climate change as an area of major programmatic focus and MTC plans to commit significant regional transportation funds to implement a Bay Area climate change program.

Discussion:

STA and Solano County local agencies are already taking a number of steps that serve not only to reduce traffic congestion, but also to reduce emissions of GHG and other air pollutants, and to promote community (specifically childhood) health. Those steps are noted below and contained in Attachment A:

What we are doing now:

1. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program
2. Safe Routes to School Program
3. Alternative Fuel Fleets
4. STA Solano County T-PLUS Program
5. Benicia Climate Action Plan

What we are planning to do:

1. Solano Air Emission Inventory and Action Plan – County and remaining six cities
2. Safe Routes to Transit Plan
3. Safe Routes to School Phase 2 – Participation of all schools
4. Implementation of Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans
5. State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon Transit/TDM Corridor
6. Solano County Priority Development Areas Implementation along I-80 Smart Corridor

The STA has been tasked by the City County Coordinating Council to work with the County to develop a Countywide Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for SB 375. At the December Board Meeting, staff will seek feedback on our development of SCS for Solano County.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time. Implementation of programs will each have their own fiscal impact analysis.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. Solano Climate Action Plan

STA CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

What we are doing now:

1. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Programs. STA, in partnership with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA), provides rideshare and vanpool support services and markets the Solano Express Intercity Transit bus service through the Solano Napa Commuter Information Program. SNCI has developed a partnership with nearly 500 employers in the two counties, and works with them on rideshare coordination and marketing. Twenty-six new vanpools traveling to, through, or from Solano, Napa, Yolo or Sacramento counties were formed in 2008, with 8 vanpools coming to employers in Solano County. SNCI administers two vanpool incentives including a vanpool seat subsidy for new vans and back-up driver incentives. STA is the local sponsor for Bike to Work Day. Solano County residents and employees are offered an incentive to cover 60% of the cost of a new bicycle, up to \$100, for commuting to work. SNCI programs are funded in partnership with the BAAQMD and the YSAQMD.

STA conducts a yearly employer-based Commute Challenge to encourage employer-based commute alternatives. The 2009 campaign is just concluding. For 2008, a total of 39 employers participated; 545 employees participated, and 302 met the challenge of using a commute alternative for at least 30 days over a three-month period.

2. Safe Routes to School Program. STA has developed a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan, involving every school district in Solano County. The SR2S Plan addresses the 4Es of Engineering, Encouragement, Education and Enforcement. STA is now working with each district, and 29 individual schools, to implement Phase 1 SR2S programs such as Bike Rodeos and Walk-and-Roll events, as well as projects such as radar feedback signs and street crossing safety improvements.
3. Alternative Fuel Fleets. There are several Alternative Fuel programs in Solano County. The City of Vacaville has developed a national reputation for alternative fuels because of its electric and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicle incentive programs; this program is also open to residents of Dixon, Rio Vista and eastern Solano County. In addition, Vacaville has purchased and runs a fleet of CNG buses for local transit, and operates electric vehicles for many daily City tasks. STA has secured a Congressional earmark for purchase of additional clean fuel buses for Solano Express intercity transit routes.
4. STA Solano County T-PLUS Program. In partnership with MTC, STA's T-PLUS program provides technical and financial assistance to STA member agencies to plan and implement transportation and land use strategies that promote smart growth concepts. To date, the STA has provided \$125,000 in planning grants and approximately \$4.4 million in capital grants under the STA's Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program. Projects include development of a TLC

Toolkit and TLC workshops with each city, development of an expanded traffic model to include transit and alternative modes, partners in planning, Development of the award-winning Jepson Parkway TLC Corridor Plan and the North Connector TLC Corridor Concept Plan, and active involvement in creation of the Planning for the Northern California Megaregion - Coordinating Transportation and Land Use in the I-80/Capitol Corridor Plan (also known as the I-80 Smart Growth Corridor plan).

5. Benicia Climate Action Plan. The City of Benicia has conducted a Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory, and adopted a comprehensive Climate Action Plan. While this is not an STA project, it is the first Climate Action Plan in the county, and does address several STA issues such as ridesharing. The STA will seek to assist Benicia in the implementation of their Climate Action Plan.

What STA is planning to do:

1. Solano Air Emission Inventory and Action Plan. Building on the success of the Benicia Climate Action Plan, STA and the County of Solano, in coordination with Solano City-County Coordinating Council, will conduct an inventory of air emissions (primarily GHG) for remaining 6 cities, and develop a transportation-sector emission reduction useable by all 7 cities and Solano County. The inventory and emission reduction plan is funded by the YSAQMD and MTC. STA will support Benicia's efforts to seek funds to implement transportation-related elements of their adopted Climate Action Plan. This project will be completed by the end of 2010.
2. Safe Routes to Transit Plan. STA will develop a countywide Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) Plan, based upon intercity transit centers and designated Priority Development Areas. The SR2T Plan will include an inventory of traffic accidents, crimes and other safety issues around the selected centers and development of an action plan to reduce hazards and increase the attractiveness of transit as a commute choice. This ties in with the on-going Solano Rail Crossing Inventory and Improvement Plan, being developed in partnership with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority. Development of the Safe Routes to Transit Plan will begin in 2010, and is expected to take 6 to 9 months.
3. Safe Routes to School Phase 2. Work with school districts to expand the number of schools with detailed transportation studies, so that at least 80 schools have complete walking audits and local maps by the end of Fiscal Year 2011. Implement additional safety programs and construct additional improvements. Continue to contract for program coordinator position to assist school districts in project delivery. STA will work with MTC and other local agencies to expand SR2S programs and share effective techniques.
4. Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans. STA has developed, and is updating, master plans for bicycle and pedestrian transportation. The bicycle master plan includes implementation of MTC's regional bicycle plan. It provides cross-county connectivity, as well as access to inter-city transit centers and Priority Development Areas. The update will be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2009-10.

5. Proposed State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon Transit/TDM Corridor. The soon-to-be expanded SR 12 through Jameson Canyon will largely solve traffic bottlenecks for this corridor, but it will also open up the possibility of a low-delay transit corridor between Solano and Napa counties. Currently, there is no transit service on this portion of SR 12. Because of the history of cooperation through Solano-Napa Commuter Information and the moderate distances involved, this may be a prime opportunity to create a transit corridor involving new bus service between Fairfield and Napa, and to create a more vibrant Transportation Demand Management program including additional rideshare matching between Solano residences and Napa jobs. In addition, STA and NCTPA are developing a SR 12 Jameson Canyon trail plan to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian connections in this corridor.

6. Solano County Priority Development Areas Implementation. STA is actively working with the 5 Solano cities that have designated PDAs (1 in Benicia, 1 in Vallejo, 1 in Suisun City, 4 in Fairfield and 2 in Vacaville) to develop appropriate transportation and land use projects in these locations. STA is also working with the cities of Benicia and Vallejo to develop 2 new PDAs. The Vallejo project is especially important because it will help implement ideas from the I-80 Smart Growth Corridor plan.

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DATE: December 4, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Robert Macaulay, Director of Planning
RE: Regional Disaster Planning – Mass Transportation and Evacuation

Background:

The Bay Area under the Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP), received a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security to develop a Bay Area disaster response plan (and supporting County plans), focusing on four areas: Mass Transportation and Evacuation, Debris Removal, Mass Care and Shelter, and Mass Fatalities. STA staff has been involved in the development of the Mass Transportation and Evacuation and the Mass Care and Shelter elements of the plan. While the plan is designed around a specific earthquake scenario, the information developed will be useful to a wider range of large-scale disasters.

STA staff also participated as observers in an earthquake response table top exercise in October sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). Vallejo Transit and City of Vallejo staff were active participants in this exercise.

Discussion:

In both the development of the RCPGP emergency plan and the October table top exercise, the issue has arisen regarding county-wide coordination of transit services during a major disaster. Vallejo Transit is integrated into the Bay Area response system, but no other Solano County transit providers are so involved.

Both the RCPGP consultant and the Solano County Office of Emergency Services (OES) have asked STA to consider taking on a formal role as a transit services coordinator as a part of the overall Solano County emergency management structure, and reporting to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during a declared disaster. The responsibilities of a EOC transit coordinator are not spelled out at this time.

Before STA could commit to a role supporting the Solano EOC, a detailed discussion of resources and coordination would be needed through the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium. However, the involvement of the transit providers would probably be similar to that of police and fire agencies through the state-wide mutual aid program. Mutual aid agencies sign a memorandum of understanding promising to commit available resources when called upon to do so by the California Emergency Management Agency during a declared emergency, and are eligible to receive such aid in return. Resources sent in response to a mutual aid request are under the command of the requesting agency, but are also fed and sheltered by that agency.

In a mass transportation and evacuation scenario, it is likely that Solano buses and drivers would be used to help transport evacuees out of the Bay Area, as well as to transport disaster response workers into and around the Bay Area to conduct search and rescue and recovery actions. In a situation where other areas of the Bay Area were hit hard but Solano County was not, a transit coordination center could help identify those providers who had buses and drivers available for out-of-county deployment. If Solano were a hard hit area, the transit coordination center could help support the County OES' requests for additional transit vehicles and drivers to provide for local service.

The next step is for STA staff to meet with Solano OES staff to discuss specific needs and responsibilities, and to then bring these back to the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium, STA TAC, and Solano City Manager for further review and discussion prior to agendaizing for the STA Board.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

Informational.



DATE: December 8, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority works on a wide spectrum of transportation issues. These include mobility for senior citizens and disabled persons. The STA Board-appointed Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) is responsible for reviewing and provides input to the STA Board on transportation studies concerning seniors, the disabled, and paratransit services and makes recommendations on the funding priorities of paratransit capital grants. The SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is comprised of Solano County's six transit operators, Solano County and STA and coordinates on a variety of transit plans, services, and issues including senior and disabled transit services.

In 2004, STA completed a countywide Senior and Disabled Transit Plan. It projected that by 2030 the proportion of the County's population aged 65 and over would more than double from 9% at the time of the study to 19%. The study noted that as people age, they become less likely to maintain their driver's license while still needing to be mobile.

The STA Board Chair and County Supervisor Jim Spering requested and received support from the STA Board to have STA assist in organizing a countywide public forum specifically on the topic of Senior and Disabled Transportation. The STA staff took the co-lead on organizing this event in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the County of Solano and the Senior Coalition of Solano County. The first Summit was held on June 26, 2009, from 9am – 2pm at the Joseph Nelson Community Center in Suisun City.

Over 150 people attended the first Summit. Participants were users and major stakeholders who provide transportation programs and services to seniors and disabled individuals. Attendees also included staff from State legislative offices, MTC and local City Councilmembers. Public, private, and non-profit transportation service staff was also there.

The objective of the first Solano Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit was to identify and discuss transportation needs which are not being met, or are at risk for not being met.

The goals of the initial Summit were to:

1. Inform one another (users, providers, stakeholders, decision-makers) as to what the challenges, trends and opportunities are related to transportation for seniors and the disabled;

2. Release the State of the Senior and Disabled Transportation System powerpoint. This document was created based on information gathered prior to the meeting through the use of online and printed surveys (one targeted at transportation service users and one targeted at transportation service providers). An estimated 500 individuals responded.

To follow-up on the issues raised, a Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II was held on Friday, October 30th to provide a forum to explore solutions to the challenges facing transportation services and programs for senior and disabled individuals in Solano County (see Attachment A). Over 140 people attended Summit II. Participants were users and major stakeholders who provide transportation programs and services to seniors and disabled individuals. Attendees also included staff from State legislative offices, MTC and local City Councilmembers. Public, private, and non-profit transportation service staff was also there. Solano transit operators were involved with the planning of this event and were a main part of the event's program. Each operator presented an overview of the transit services provided by their agency.

- Jeff Matheson - Dixon Redit-Ride
- Brian McLean – Vacaville City Coach
- George Fink – Fairfield and Suisun Transit
- Crystal Odum Ford – Vallejo Transit
- Melissa Bryan – Benicia Breeze
- John Andoh – Rio Vista Delta Breeze
- Paul Wiese - Solano County – Unincorporated Area
- Rev. Robert Fuentes – Faith In Action
- Leanne Martinsen – Area Agency on Aging

The transit operators heard the issues presented at the first summit and immediately starting meeting on a regular basis and collaboratively working together to address some of the issues and concerns. A Solano County Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide was designed and distributed at the Summit (see Attachment B). In coordination with other agencies, the City of Vacaville took the lead on developing and producing this guide. This comprehensive resource guide provides information on the many transportation programs and coordinated services offered in Solano County for seniors and the disabled; upon the transit operators' request, the STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) program will become responsible as the primary point of contact and for updating of this guide.

Some future projects include a unified countywide Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit application and a unified Paratransit ADA card to provide more consistency. The most innovative future change presented was providing intercity paratransit options with taxis. Phase 1 of the intercity taxi scrip program will provide ambulatory paratransit passengers the option to use taxis to travel between cities in Solano County for 15% of the normal taxi cost. New Freedom grant applications have been submitted to support this new service which the STA has supported (see Attachment C). This option is planned to be available in early 2010. Phase 2 will extend the program to non-ambulatory paratransit users traveling intercity. The timeline for Phase 2 is contingent on the purchase of accessible vehicles for the taxi operators. Phase 3 will provide local taxi service to both ambulatory and non-ambulatory certified ADA passengers.

Prior to the transit operators' presentation, MTC staff presented the background and intent of the Federal ADA and the requirements it placed on public transportation (see Attachment D). Following the transit operators' panel, there was a Challenges and Innovations panel. On this panel, Corinne Goodrich and Bonnie Nelson described the senior and disabled transportation

services and programs in San Mateo and Alameda counties respectively. They described the obstacles their counties faced concerning seniors and disabled transportation, programs that have been established, and the steps they took to secure a new funding source for these programs through a sales tax with specified funding for senior and disabled transportation programs.

Discussion:

At both summits, there was interest expressed and concerns raised about how to continue the dialogue and partnerships' exhibits at the two summits. Supervisor Spering proposed the development of a new STA Board Advisory Committee consisting of a variety of stakeholders in the senior and disabled community. The Committee's purpose would be to provide a countywide forum for coordination and funding of senior and disabled transportation services (Attachment E).

Comment cards were available at the Summit and 40 people completed one. The overall response to the summit and the presentations were positive (Attachment F). A section of the comment card allowed people to request additional information on various services as well as express interest in being on the proposed new committee. The STA and the transit operators will work together to respond to the requests for further information. Many individuals expressed interest in participating as members on the proposed new committee. Staff recommended the STA Board authorize and approve establishment, purpose and membership categories of the new committee.

At the November 18, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), this proposed action received unanimous support to forward a recommendation to the STA Board to authorize and approve establishment, purpose and membership categories of the new committee. At the December 9 STA Board meeting, the Board approved the following recommendations:

Approve the following:

1. The formation of an Advisory Committee to address senior and disabled transportation issues in Solano County; and
2. Committee membership and purpose as outlined in Attachment E.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II Event Program
- B. Senior & Disabled Transportation Guide
- C. Letters of Support of Grant Applications
- D. PowerPoint of ADA Paratransit Overview
- E. Proposed Committee Purpose and Membership
- F. Summary of Summit II Event Comments

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“Arriving at one point is the starting point to another.”

John Dewey

**SENIOR AND
DISABLED
TRANSPORTATION
SUMMIT II**

SOLANO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

Joseph Nelson Community Center, Suisun City

Sponsored by:

Solano Transportation Authority, Metropolitan Transportation
Commission, Solano County and the Senior Coalition of Solano County

A forum to explore solutions to the challenges facing transportation services and programs for senior and disabled individuals in Solano County

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Supervisor Jim Spering
9:05 am	Opening Comments Assemblymember Mariko Yamada
9:10 am	Overview of Transit ADA Requirements and Background Kristen Mazur
9:30 am	Transit Operators Solution Panel Moderator: Jeff Matheson <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brian McLean• George Fink• Crystal Odum Ford• Melissa Bryan• John Andoh• Paul Wiese• Rev. Robert Fuentes• Leanne Martinsen
10:45 am	Video of Transit Services Guide
10:50 am	Challenges and Innovations Panel Moderator: Daryl Halls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bonnie Nelson• Corinne Goodrich
11:50 am	Lunch
12:10 pm	Keynote Speaker Senator Lois Wolk
12:30 pm	Ways to Stay Engaged and Be Part of the Solution Supervisor Jim Spering
12:45 pm	Open Forum and Feedback Councilmember Dilenna Harris
1:05 pm	Closing Remarks Supervisor Jim Spering
1:10 pm	Adjourn

Program Participants

Lois Wolk, State Senator, California Fifth District

Mariko Yamada, State Assemblymember, California Eighth District

Dilenna Harris, Councilmember, City of Vacaville

Kristen Mazur, Paratransit Program Coordinator, Metropolitan Transportation
Commission

Transit Operators' Solutions Panel:

Jeff Matheson, Public Works and Community Services Director, City of Dixon

Brian McLean, Transit Manager, City of Vacaville

George Fink, Transit Manager, City of Fairfield

Crystal Odum Ford, Transportation Superintendent, City of Vallejo

Melissa Bryan, Transportation Program Coordinator, City of Benicia

John Andoh, Transit Coordinator, City of Rio Vista

Paul Wiese, Engineering Manager, Solano County

Reverend Robert Fuentes, Executive Director, Faith in Action

Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano

Challenges and Innovations Panel:

Daryl K. Halls, Executive Director, Solano Transportation Authority

Bonnie Nelson, Transit Consultant, Alameda County Transportation Improvement
Authority

Corinne Goodrich, Strategic Development Manager, San Mateo County Transit District

**We would like to hear from you - please fill out a comment card.
Stay up-to-date on transit information at www.solanolinks.com**

Notes

Thank you to our Sponsors who donated materials, facilities, refreshments and filmed the event!



700 Texas Street
Fairfield

at Vacaville, Westwind
Gardens and Rancho Solano

Thanks to the members of our Summit Planning Committee:

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NON-PROFIT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Non-profit transportation services are available which can provide transportation for seniors and disabled persons at no or reduced cost.

Area Agency on Aging Senior

Escort Program (707) 643-1798

Provides transportation for low income Vallejo residents age 60+. Donations are accepted.

Fairfield Senior Volunteer Driver

Program (707) 428-7556

Provides transportation for ambulatory seniors by small van to senior centers, doctor/dentist appointments and pharmacies in specific areas of Fairfield. Reservations required.

Faith in Action/Ride With Pride

(707) 469-6667
Provides free rides, door-to-door for seniors to appointments and events throughout Solano County. First come, first served. Donations are accepted.

American Cancer Society

(707) 425-5006
Provides transportation for ambulatory Solano County cancer patients. Call (800) 227-2345 a minimum of 72 hours in advance (required).

INTERCITY SERVICES

(877) 974-3322
The Capitol Corridor train service stops in Suisun City seven days a week. Trains operate between Sacramento, Oakland and San Jose with multiple stops. Trains and stations are ADA accessible. Visit www.capitolcorridor.org for details.

GREYHOUND BUS LINES

(800) 231-2222
(Spanish) (800) 531-5332
Operates between Vallejo, Suisun City and Vacaville, and throughout the United States.

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Private transportation providers are privately owned businesses, providing transportation services for a fee. These service providers are not publicly subsidized. The information listed below is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement of these private businesses.

Americare Alliance (707) 447-7734

AA Medical Transportation (707) 552-1193

Garcia's Transportation (707) 689-6609

Murphy Medical Transport (707) 580-1429

Stan's Chaperone Service (707) 761-4430

**Sully's Non-Emergency
Transport** (707) 290-6349

INTER-COUNTY SERVICES

SolanoExpress connects Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Francisco and Yolo counties.

Napa VINE connects Vallejo to the Napa Valley.

YoloBus connects Vacaville, Winters and Davis.

VINE (800) 696-6443

Yolo Bus (530) 666-2877

SolanoExpress (800) 535-6883

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) (510) 464-7134
Serves Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco and San Mateo counties.

Several SolanoExpress buses connect Solano to BART stations – from Fairfield and Vallejo to El Cerrito del Norte station; from Vacaville/Fairfield/Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek stations; from Vallejo/Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek stations. To learn more about how BART makes it easier for seniors and persons with disabilities to use BART, visit www.BART.gov.



Solano County



SENIOR & DISABLED Transportation Guide



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(800-535-6883)

www.commuterinfo.net

Effective October 2009

Transportation in Solano County



This guide has been designed as a comprehensive resource of the many transportation programs and coordinated services offered in Solano County for seniors and the disabled.

To help you fully utilize these resources we encourage you to contact Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI). SNCI can help create a personalized transit trip plan as well as provide general transportation information.

You can reach SNCI by calling 800-53-KMUTE (800-535-6883) or by visiting www.commuterinfo.net



FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT

For individuals who can walk to a bus stop, board and exit a bus with or without a mobility device, fixed-route transit offers a low cost transportation alternative. All buses have lifts for wheelchairs.

Operating Hours, Fares, Special Programs and Promotions

Special programs and promotions for seniors and disabled persons are available such as discounted fares, passes and other fixed route transit offers. For more information within your community contact your local transit agency:

Benicia Breeze	(707) 745-0815
Dixon Read-Ride	(707) 678-5020
Fairfield & Suisun Transit	(707) 422-2877
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	(707) 374-2878
SolanoExpress	(800) 535-6883
Vacaville City Coach	(707) 449-6000
Vallejo Transit	(707) 648-4666
Vallejo Baylink Ferry	(707) 643-3779
(Service to San Francisco)	

Dispatchers are available to help you plan your trip, provide guidance on which bus route would get you to your destination quickest and where you can find the bus stop closest to your location.

PARATRANSIT SERVICE

Paratransit is an origin-to-destination transportation service for persons who are disabled as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Eligibility, Obtaining Applications, Fares and Requesting a Trip

Eligibility for origin-to-destination paratransit service is simple. A short application must be completed. The questions are designed to help understand the applicant's ability to use accessible fixed route transit.

Once your application has been reviewed and eligibility is determined, you will receive an ADA Paratransit card and a Paratransit Riders Guide which explains paratransit service guidelines. Paratransit service is available within your community as well as between the cities of Solano County.

Contact your local transit agency (phone numbers to the left) to obtain an application and information on fares and to request a trip. If you live in rural areas of Solano County please call (707) 784-6765.

REDUCED-FARE TAXI

If you are a senior or ADA qualified individual able to enter and exit a taxi cab without assistance, the reduced fare or taxi scrip program may be the right fit for you. This program provides the rider with a deeply discounted taxi ride.

Eligibility and Purchasing Taxi Tickets

Eligibility is determined through the completion of a short application. Please call the transit agency in your city for more information. For locations to purchase reduced fare taxi tickets contact your local transit agency:

Benicia Breeze	(707) 746-4300
Dixon Read-Ride	(707) 678-5020
Fairfield & Suisun Transit	(707) 428-3298
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	(707) 374-2878
Vacaville City Coach	(707) 449-5170
Vallejo Transit	(707) 648-4345

Scheduling Your Taxi Ride

In Vacaville/Dixon	(707) 449-8294
In Fairfield/Suisun	(707) 428-4400
In Vallejo/Benicia	(707) 642-4421
In Rio Vista	(707) 374-6572



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October 28, 2009

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1120 N Street, Room 3300
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

RE: Letter of Support for City of Dixon’s ADA Plus Services and Taxi Scrip Program

Dear Ms. Frost:

I am writing on behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to convey our support for the City of Dixon’s ADA Plus Services and Taxi Fare Scrip Program. This project will allow a disabled person, who is capable of using a taxi cab, to travel seamlessly between Dixon and other cities in Solano County with more flexibility to meet their lifestyle.

In response to issues raised at a Countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit held on June 26, 2009, and sponsored by STA, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, County of Solano and the Solano Senior Coalition, the public transit operators of Solano County have been working collaboratively in the development of a countywide Intercity Taxi Scrip program. Dixon’s program is designed to complement existing ADA paratransit services and provide mobility well beyond the mandated service levels. The other Solano jurisdictions, located in Small Urbanized Areas, plan to implement a complementary taxi scrip program simultaneously. Taxis can provide same day scheduling to accommodate unexpected urgent medical needs, for example, as well as offer mobility on days and after hours when there is no paratransit. This program will provide a level of independence and freedom for person with disabilities that is not currently available.

The STA urges your funding of this program through the New Freedom Grant Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Richards, STA’s Director of Transit and Rideshare Services at (707) 429-5109.

Sincerely,

James P. Sporing, Chair
Supervisor
County of Solano – District 3

Cc: Daryl Halls, STA Executive Director



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RE: Letter of Support for Solano Intercity Taxi Reduced Fare Scrip Program

Dear Ms. Frost:

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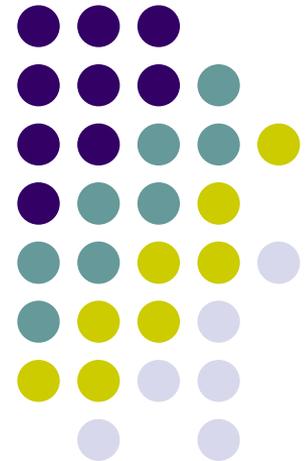
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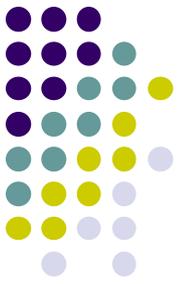
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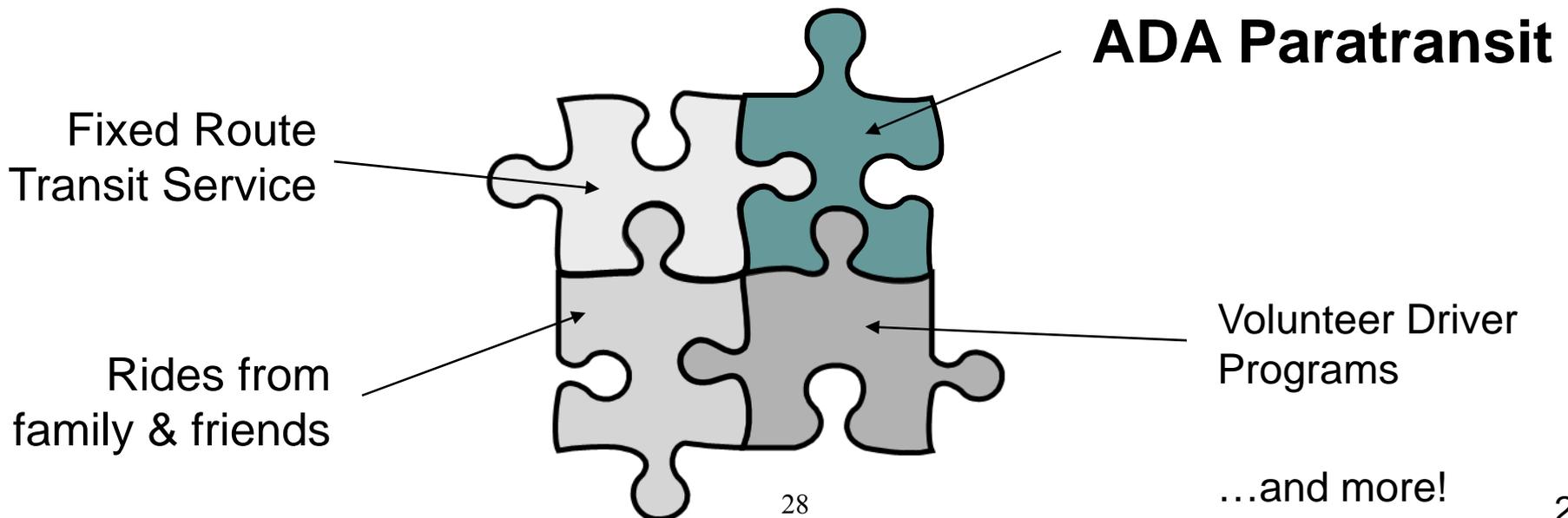


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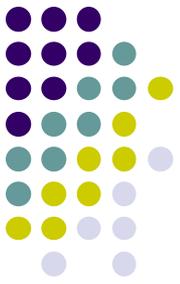
ADA Paratransit: One Piece of the Puzzle



- There are a range of transportation services available to seniors and persons with disabilities



Important Transportation Definitions



- **Fixed Route:** service provided along a prescribed route according to a fixed schedule
- **Demand responsive:** any service which is not fixed route (e.g., door-to-door service, general public dial-a-ride)
- **ADA complementary paratransit** (a.k.a. “ADA paratransit” or “paratransit”): a certain type of demand responsive service that is required by the law

ADA Overview



1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Intent:

- Civil rights legislation to end discrimination against persons with disabilities
- To assure that persons with disabilities have equality of opportunity, a chance to fully participate in society, are able to live independently, and can be economically self sufficient



ADA Overview

1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

- **Public Transportation:** Prohibits public entities from denying individuals with disabilities the opportunity to use public transportation services, if the individuals are capable of using the system.



ADA Overview

Specific actions to avoid discrimination:

- Vehicles used in fixed route service must be accessible
- New facilities (e.g., transit stations) must be accessible
- Public entities which provide fixed route public transportation service **also** must offer comparable paratransit service to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed route system → ADA Paratransit
- ...etc.



ADA Overview

What makes a service “accessible”?

- Physical access to vehicles and buildings
- Ramps, lifts and other accessibility hardware need to be properly designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and accommodate different mobility aids
- Proper training of personnel
- Proper maintenance of equipment
- Making public information and communications systems accessible to persons with vision and hearing impairments

When is ADA Paratransit Service Required?



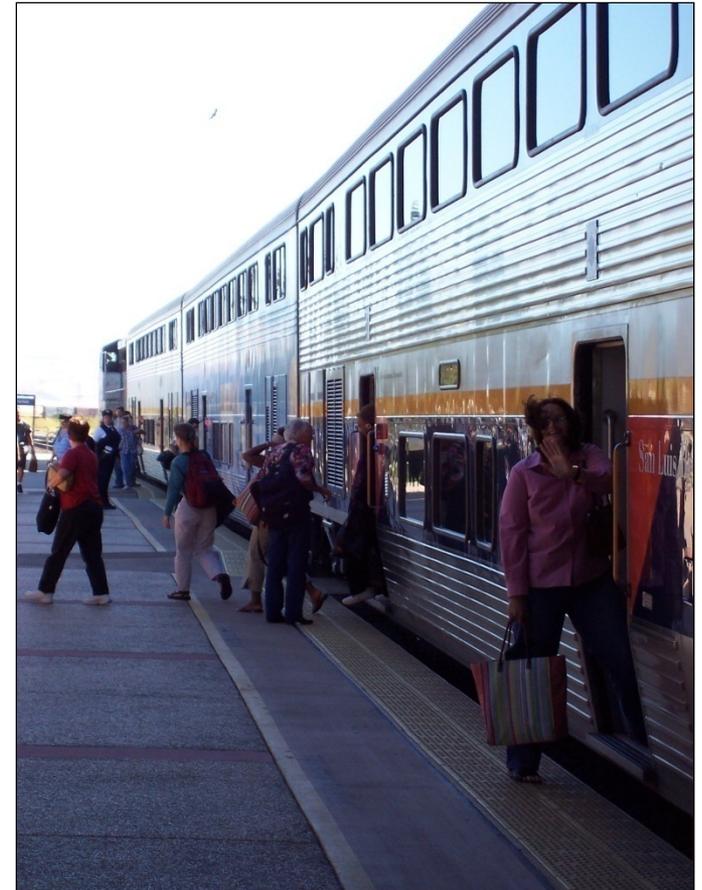
- Only required if the fixed route service is operated by a ***public entity***, AND
- Only required if the fixed route service is ***open to the general public***, AND



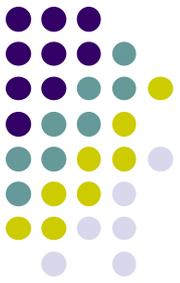
When is ADA Paratransit Service Required?



- Only required for ***certain types*** of fixed route service. The following are excluded:
 - Commuter rail
 - Intercity rail
 - Commuter bus
 - Airport shuttles
 - University shuttles



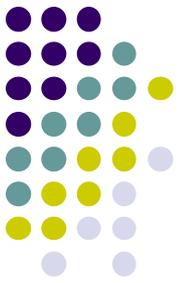
To Whom Must ADA Paratransit Service be Provided?



Three categories of eligibility:

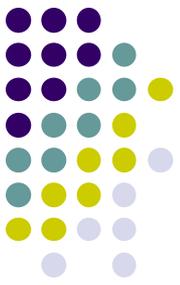
- 1) Any individual with a disability who is unable, as the result of a physical or mental impairment, to use the fixed route system on their own (i.e., cannot “navigate the system”)

To Whom Must ADA Paratransit Service be Provided?



- 2) Any individual with a disability who needs the assistance of a wheelchair lift or other boarding device, and the fixed route on which they want to travel is not yet accessible

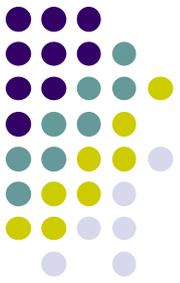
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- 3) Any individual with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition that prevents them from getting to or from a bus stop or station on the fixed route system



To Whom Must ADA Paratransit Service be Provided?



- Place of residence is not relevant to eligibility
- A person's eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Different levels

of eligibility:

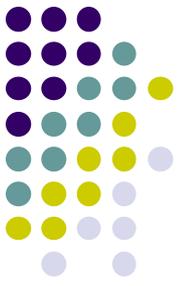
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Temporary

Conditional



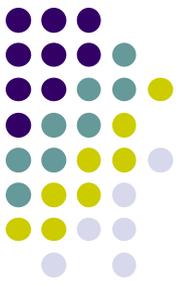
What Level of Service Is Required?



- Level of service must be ***comparable*** to that provided on the fixed route system
- Six criteria for determining comparability...

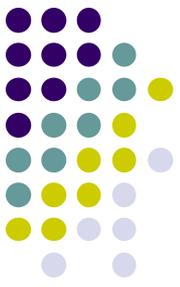


What Level of Service Is Required?



ADA Paratransit service must:

1. Operate in the same ***service area*** as the fixed route system
2. Have a ***response time*** that is comparable
3. Have comparable ***fares***
4. Have comparable ***days and hours of service***
5. Meet requests for any ***trip purpose***
6. Not limit service availability because of ***capacity constraints***



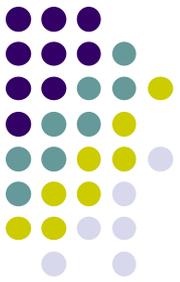
In Conclusion...

- **The ADA's ultimate goal:** transit services for persons with disabilities will largely be provided by integrated, accessible fixed route services
- However, the law recognizes that:
 - A fully accessible fixed route system will take time to implement
 - A small sub-group of persons with disabilities will not be able to navigate fixed route systems, even when they are fully accessible



In Conclusion...

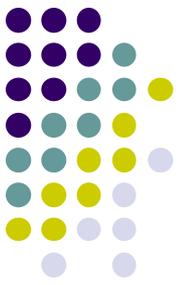
- There are transportation needs which go beyond the scope and intent of the ADA
- Agencies are not prohibited from providing service that exceeds ADA requirements
- The regulations do not prohibit agencies from providing a different level of service to non-ADA eligible users of the paratransit system



In Conclusion...

- While providing a more comprehensive service should be a goal, priority must be given to meeting the minimum requirements established under the ADA
 - Eligible individuals have a ***civil right*** to ADA paratransit service

What is MTC's Role in Paratransit?

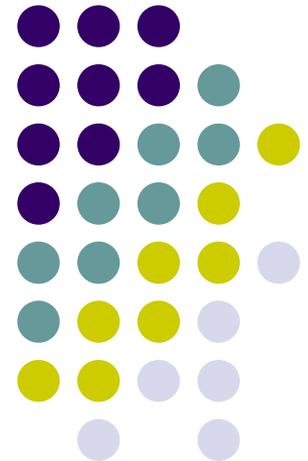


- Manage grant programs for projects that go “beyond the ADA”
- Provide State Transit Assistance funds to counties for paratransit operations (before state budget cuts)
- Fund capital projects that meet ADA standards (e.g., bus replacements, accessibility improvements)
- Allow federal capital funds to be used for paratransit operations
- Fund the Regional Paratransit Program, including a Paratransit Eligibility Program and Regional Eligibility Database that is shared by all transit operators in the region
- Manage the Bay Area’s telephone- and web-based 511 traveler information service, including information about “accessible and senior transportation”

ADA Paratransit

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**PROPOSED
Advisory Committee
for
Solano Seniors, Elderly and Disabled**

Purpose: To provide a countywide forum for coordination and funding of senior and disabled transportation services

Tasks:

- Provide forum for senior and disabled transportation Issues;
- Identify and advise STA, County of Solano, Cities and Senior Coalition on transportation issues for seniors and disabled individuals;
- Provide forum for coordination of senior and disabled transit services and funding for transit providers and non-profits;
- Develop funding priorities for senior and disabled transportation issues to the STA and serve as advisory committee for update on seniors and disability mobility study ; and
- Development of short-term and long-term funding strategy for seniors and disabled transportation.

MEMBERSHIP:	
Transit Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benicia Breeze • Dixon Redit-Ride • Fairfield and Suisun Transit • Rio Vista Delta Breeze • Vacaville City Coach • Vallejo Transit
County of Solano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Services • Transportation
Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Action • Area Agency on Aging
Paratransit Coordinating Council Representative	
Senior Coalition	
Solano Community College	
Medical Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiser • North Bay • Sutter Solano • Dialysis Center • Skilled Nursing Facility
STA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • 2 Board Member Liaisons
Members at Large (Eight)	One appointed by each Mayor and one by the Board of Supervisors

Solano Transportation Authority Board



Advisory Coordinating Council
for
Solano Seniors, Elderly and Disabled



Transit
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Medical
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Non-
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County of
Solano

Senior
Coalition

Solano
Community
College

STA

Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II
Participant Comment Card Summary

Residence						
Benicia	3					
County Unincorp.	0					
Dixon	3					
Fairfield	12					
Suisun City	5					
Rio Vista	0					
Vacaville	5					
Vallejo	12					
Was the information presented on the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements for transit helpful to you?	Yes	No	Did not answer			
	36	0	4			
Did you find the Transportation Provider Panel and discussion useful?	Yes	No	Did not answer			
	32	2	6			
Please identify your most important mobility issue:						
Don't Drive		Access				
Limited Mobility		Cost				
On Time Performance		Transfers/Connections				
Are you interested in trying the Reduced-Fare Taxi Program when it gets established?	Yes	No	Did not answer			
	31	1	8			
On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) and to 5 (strongly agree), please rate the following: I find the Senior and Disabled Transportation Guide useful.	1	2	3	4	5	Did not answer
	0	1	1	19	15	4
I would like to learn more about:						
Paratransit Services	13					
Fixed Bus Services	7					
Reduced Fare Taxi	17					
Non-profit Transportation	13					
Volunteer Drive Program	2					
Other	3					
I am interested in serving on the newly formed advisory committee.	Yes	No	Did not answer			
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DATE: December 7, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Toll Increase Options for the State-owned Bay Area Bridges

Background:

The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) is authorized to increase the toll on the seven state-owned toll bridges in the Bay Area to pay for the completion of the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program. Additionally, AB 1175 which was recently passed and becomes effective January 1, 2010 adds the seismic retrofits of the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges to the Seismic Retrofit Program.

BATA is required to hold public hearings in regard to proposed toll increases for seismic improvements before taking any action. BATA has planned three public hearings, one each in Oakland, San Mateo, and Concord which conclude December 3rd. On December 9th, MTC staff will be presenting a recommendation on the toll option to the BATA Oversight Committee. Action on the toll increase is scheduled for January 2010. Three toll increase options have been proposed.

Tens of thousands of Solano residents commute out of county, primarily to destinations in the Bay Area which require daily bridge crossings: the Carquinez/Zampa Bridge or the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. Solano commuters who travel to San Francisco or other points along the Peninsula cross a second bridge – usually the Bay Bridge. These commuters who drive alone will be required to pay the increased bridge tolls.

A large percent of Solano residents commute by way of car/vanpooling (20%) or transit (5%). Carpools with 3 or more individuals cross bridges toll-free during peak hours so many of these High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) commuters would normally not be affected by a bridge toll increase. However, of the three toll increase options, two include tolls for car/vanpools for the first time.

Discussion:

The major reasons cited for the need for a toll increase are: 1) cost of Dumbarton and Antioch seismic retrofit; 2) traffic decreases and resulting loss of revenue; and 3) increased debt and operations cost. The funding strategy to address these increased costs and reduced revenues include pursuing cost savings, improving toll violation collections and seeking new fund sources including increased tolls.

Each of the proposed toll increase option aim to generate \$165 million annually (see Attachment A, Toll Revenue Options). A summary of the current tolls and proposed options are presented below:

	Current	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	All 7 bridges	All 7 bridges	All 7 bridges	6 bridges	Bay Bridge
Autos	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	Peak \$6; Off-pk \$4; \$5 wkends
Carpools (3+); Peak periods only	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$3	\$3
Trucks (5-axle truck)	\$2.25	\$4.60	\$7.00	\$4.60	\$4.60

According to BATA, over 10 million eligible carpools cross the bridges each year. Two of the three proposals would charge 3+ carpools a toll for the first time - \$3.00. In addition, carpools would only receive the discounted toll if they use a FasTrak transponder in a carpool lane when crossing a bridge. If the new toll and the required use of a transponder does not decrease carpooling, \$30 million of bridge toll revenue is projected to be generated annually by carpools under Options 1 and 3.

STA staff surveyed several other bridge and toll road tolls in the country to compare to the bridge toll options proposed by BATA (Attachment B). In California, the Golden Gate Bridge toll is currently \$6 for autos and \$0 for carpools. In New York, the New York City bridge tolls ranged from \$8 - \$11 for autos and \$2-\$2.66 for carpools (25% of the auto cost). Several bridges in urban areas are toll free for all users: Seattle, Portland, and Washington D.C.

Carpool/Vanpool

By definition, carpools and vanpools do not receive public subsidy as they are private vehicles operated by private, volunteer drivers who operate and maintain these vehicles. They receive no capital or operating funds. Yet, car/vanpools carry large volumes of people across bridges. Over the Bay Bridge, Caltrans reports 21,717 people cross the bridge, during the peak period in 6,736 are car/vanpools vehicles as compared to 26,338 people who cross in 22,903 single vehicles. Thus, car/vanpools carry 44% of the people who cross the bridge in 23% of the vehicles.

Maintaining a high level of car/vanpooling is a publicly cost-effective method of relieving bridge congestion. Staff recognizes that the time may have come for congestion pricing and toll charging for carpools to some degree. None of the research identifies anywhere in the nation that car/vanpools are charged more than a third of the auto rate. At \$3.00, the Bay Area proposals would result in carpools paying 50-60% of the regular toll. Staff recommends a discount to car/vanpools where the car/vanpool toll is 50% or less of the single auto toll.

Under the current bridge toll policy, “commuter buses” do not pay a toll 24 hours a day. Large Commuter Vanpools (11-15 passengers) are considered “commuter buses” in the bridge toll policy definitions. Many Commuter Vanpools from Solano travel to San Francisco and San Mateo counties, thus crossing two bridges regularly. Many of these are destined to United Airlines Maintenance facility of which the work day consists of not only the traditional work hours, but also swing and night shifts resulting in the commute periods outside the peak. In recent years, Commuter Vanpools have been required to use a transponder that has been specifically programmed not to charge a toll when they travel during the off-peak. Under any new proposal, it would be important to ensure that this is maintained and differentiated from car/vanpools with 3-10 passengers who would qualify for reduced toll only during the peak periods.

Solano Priority for Net Revenues

MTC staff has not stated if there are projected to be net revenues that would be generated from this proposed toll increase, STA staff is recommending the Board consider identifying and submitting priority projects under public comment should revenues become available. STA staff recommends submitting the following priorities: Capitol Corridor Rail Line and Overcrossing and Rail Stations, I-80 Corridor Improvements, SolanoExpress and TDM Capital and Operating, and Vallejo Station and Ferry Capital and Operating.

At the December 9, 2009 STA Board meeting, the following recommendations were approved:

1. Support a toll increase option that sets a carpool toll at 50% or less of the auto toll rate;
2. Support maintaining the current 24-hour toll-free status for large Commuter Vanpools;
3. Support phasing in the toll increase for trucks over three years.
4. Toll Bridge Revenue Priority Projects for Solano County as listed in Attachment C; and
5. Authorize the STA Chair to submit a comment letter to MTC on the proposed toll increase.

Fiscal Impact:

No impact on the STA budget.

Recommendations:

Informational.

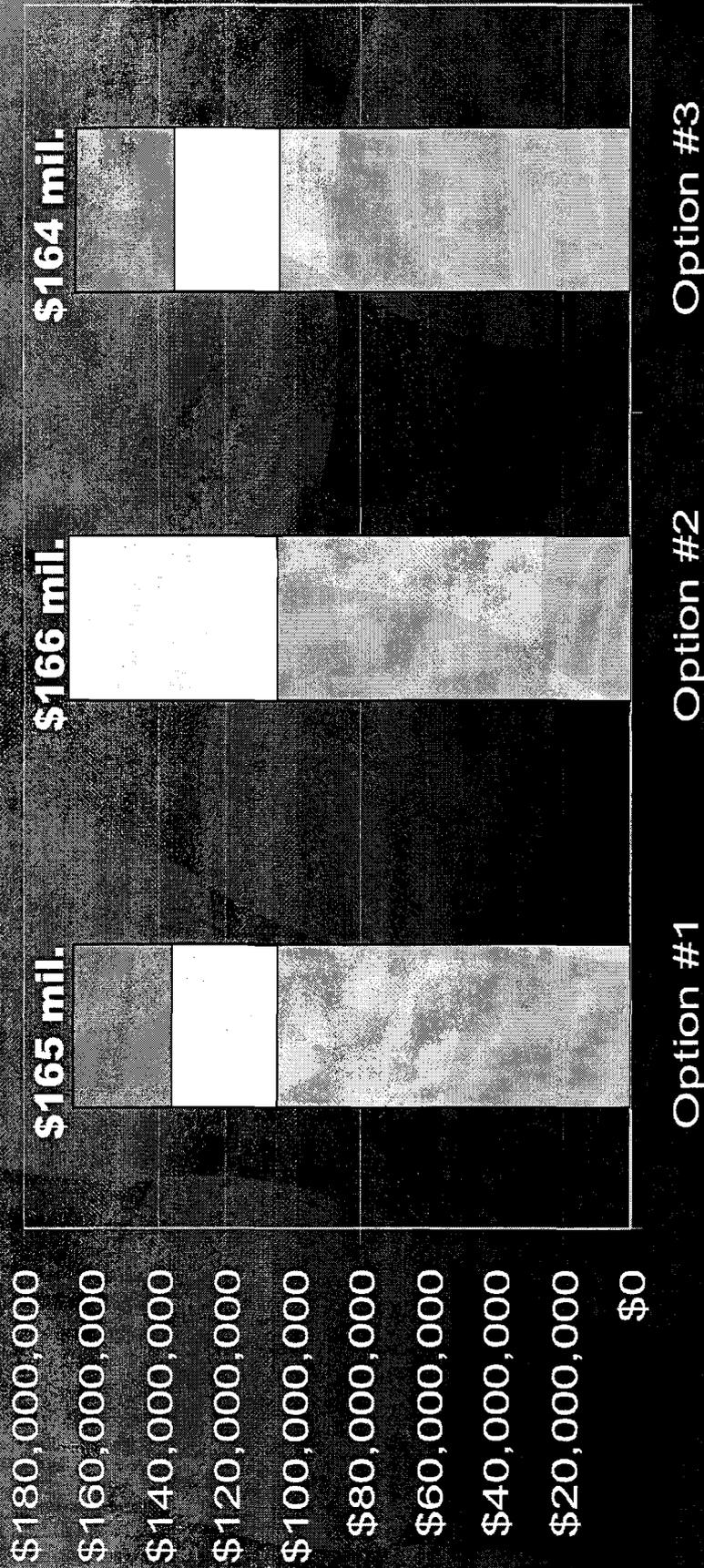
Attachments:

- A. Toll Revenue Options
- B. Nationwide bridge toll comparison
- C. Priority Projects for Excess Toll Revenue

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Toll Revenue Options

Toll Revenue Generation Estimates



Option #1 — \$5 for autos, \$3 for carpools, & \$6 per axle for trucks.

Option #2 — \$5 for autos; \$0 for carpools, & \$10 per axle for trucks.

Option #3 — 6 Bridges: Same as Option #1; Bay Bridge \$6 for autos in peak and \$4 for autos in non-peak (M-F), \$5 for autos on weekends.

Toll Revenue Options

Comparison of Carpool Toll Rates

Agency/ Facility Type	Cash Toll	Charges for Carpools?	Carpool Toll	Occupancy
BATA (Bridges)	\$4.00	No	\$0	3+/2+
GGB (Bridge)	\$6.00	No	\$0	3+
MTA Verrazano Narrows (Bridge)	\$11.00	Yes	\$2.66*	3+
PANYNJ (Bridges/Tunnels)	\$8.00	Yes	\$2.00*	3+
TCA (Toll Road)	\$5.50	Yes	\$5.25	—

* Must use staffed lanes and meet enrollment requirements.

- Most other toll roads surveyed do not have reduced rates for carpools.

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Priority Projects for Excess Toll Revenue

- Capitol Corridor Rail Line and Overcrossing Improvements and Dixon Rail Station Improvements
- I-80 Corridor Improvements
- SolanoExpress and TDM Program Capital and Operating
- Vallejo Baylink Ferry Station and Operating

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DATE: December 16, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
SUBJECT: MTC Draft Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3866)
Comment Period

Background/Discussion

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the region's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan. The Plan identifies coordination requirements with which transit operators must comply. If an operator does not comply, MTC may withhold, restrict or reprogram certain funds. Any transit operator who receives funds from MTC is subject to these coordination requirements.

The Partnership Transit Coordination Committee (PTCC) meeting in November 23 served as MTC's official notification to transit agencies on their proposed modification to the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Attachment A).

The purpose of the updating the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res.3866) (Attachment B) is to reestablish the expectation and requirements for each transit agency with respect to implementing the recommendations of the Commission's Transit Connectivity Plan 2006. Any agency that is an eligible recipient of funds subject to allocation or programming by MTC is subject to these requirements.

Listed below is an outline of the Operator Implementation Requirements. A more detailed description can be found in Attachment B.

A. Operator Implementation Requirements

1. Implementation Requirements
 - a. 511 Transit Information Requirements Participation
 - b. Regional Transit Hub Signage Program Requirements
 - c. TransLink Implementation Requirements
 1. Participation Requirements
 2. Fare Media
 3. Regional TransLink Communication and Marketing Activities
 - d. Maintenance of Existing Coordinated Services
 1. Regional Transit Connection (RTD) Discount Card Program
 2. ADA Paratransit Eligibility Program
 3. Interagency ADA Paratransit Services
 4. Regional Emergency Management Plan
 5. Regional Links/Express Bus/Feeder Bus Services
2. Requirements for Intragency ADA Paratransit Services
3. SB 602 Fare and Schedule Coordination Requirements
4. Preserve Unconditional Ability to Post and Promote Transit Information

- B. Consultation Process
- C. Cost Sharing
- D. Sanctions

The deadline for receiving comments is Wednesday, December 23, 2009. MTC will incorporate feedback as appropriate into the final draft for Commission approval in February 2010. All comments should be submitted in writing to the attention of Pierce Gould at MTC or via email at pgould@mtc.ca.gov.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact on the STA budget.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. MTC Draft Memorandum on the Update of Transit Coordination Implementation Plan
- B. MTC Resolution No. 3866 (Note: This attachment was provided to the Consortium members under separate enclosure. You may obtain a copy by contacting the STA at (707) 424-6075.)



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Memorandum

TO: Partnership Transit Coordination Committee

DATE: November 18, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1223

RE: Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution 3866)

MTC is convening a meeting of the Partnership Transit Coordination Committee (PTCC) on November 23, 2009 to notify transit operators of its intent to update the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan and solicit preliminary feedback. Attached is a draft memorandum to MTC's Operations Committee regarding the update and a draft copy of Res. 3866 for review.

Key Issues

The majority of the plan's provisions related to the 511 Information program and Hub Signage Program reflect the technical advisory input of transit staff. While any feedback on the draft plan at the meeting is welcome, staff would like feedback especially on the following provisions:

1. Requirement for transit operators to provide MTC and other transit operators unrestricted access to provide and promote transit information services inside transit facilities.
2. Requirements for TransLink[®] implementation. These include:
 - The operator requirements from the TransLink[®] Interagency Participation Agreement;
 - The TransLink[®] fare media transition schedules; and
 - The requirements for Marketing and Youth/Senior Discount Programs.

After the PTCC meeting, all comments should be submitted in writing to the attention of Pierce Gould at MTC or via email at pgould@mtc.ca.gov. The deadline for receiving comments is Wednesday, December 23, 2009. Feel free to contact Pierce with questions at 510.817.5863.

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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: December 4, 2009

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1223

RE: Update of Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution 3866)

Staff is initiating an update of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan. The revised plan (Res. 3866) will replace the existing plan (Res. 3055). The deadline for receiving comments is Wednesday, December 23, 2010. Staff will incorporate feedback as appropriate into the final draft for Commission approval in February.

Background

The following state statutes and Commission actions establish MTC's authority related to the coordination of the region's transit services:

- SB 602 – Directs MTC to adopt rules and regulations to promote fare and schedule coordination for all public transit systems within its jurisdiction, including joint fare revenue sharing agreements between connecting systems.
- SB 1474 – Authorizes MTC to consolidate functions to improve efficiency of regional transit service, and improve service coordination and effectiveness in corridors of regional significance through reduction of duplicative service and institution of coordinated service across transit boundaries. Authorizes MTC to withhold State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for non-compliance.
- Transportation Development Act (TDA) – Authorizes MTC to adopt rules and regulations for submission of TDA claims and encourages operators to establish maximum coordination of public transportation services, fares, transfer privileges and all other related matters.
- Regional Measure 2 (SB 916) – Requires MTC to develop a regional transit connectivity plan and requires compliance with the plan as a condition of receiving RM2 funds.
- MTC Programming and Allocation Authority – Enables MTC to determine whether or not to program or allocate funds consistent with Commission policy, including but not limited to STA, TDA, RM2, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transit Capital Priorities funds.

In 1998, MTC adopted its first Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3055), including specific expectations for transit operator compliance. The Commission last amended the plan in April 2006 to incorporate the Transit Connectivity Plan by reference.

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Transit Coordination Implementation Plan Provisions

The revised Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (Res. 3866) would replace Res. 3055, with the following changes:

- Significant overhaul of organizing structure to allow for targeted updates of project-specific implementation requirements in the future;
- Supports implementation of the Transit Connectivity Plan;
- Clarifies key implementation requirements for the region's transit agencies;
- Updates the list of transit operators to include all transit agencies that receive funds subject to Commission programming or allocation actions;
- Reiterates requirement of reciprocal agreements between every connecting operator for fare revenue sharing and schedule coordination per SB 602;
- Creates policy that transit operators allow the display of regional transit information on their property;
- Updates MTC policy to apply transit coordination requirements to all funds subject to Commission programming and allocation action.

Res. 3866 describes transit operator responsibilities for the following regional projects:

1. 511 Transit Information Requirements – Specifies requirements to support the 511 Transit information service, including data sharing and storage policies for real-time transit information. This policy was developed in consultation with the 511 Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Real-Time Transit Information TAC.
2. Regional Transit Hub Signage Program Requirements – Specifies standards for wayfinding signs, transit information displays and real-time transit information displays developed with the Transit Connectivity TAC. Clarifies operations and maintenance, replacement and ownership responsibilities for signs documented in Res. 3771.
3. TransLink[®] Implementation Requirements – Specifies roles and responsibilities to implement and pay for TransLink[®], establishes transition schedules from existing fare media to TransLink[®] and marketing/distribution programs. Staff has analyzed the effectiveness of proposed transition schedules at achieving higher transaction volumes and lower operating costs as detailed in attached PowerPoint. (Note: PowerPoint still under development.)
4. Maintenance of Existing Coordination Services – Requires transit agencies maintain existing coordination services not affected by adoption of the Transit Connectivity Plan.

The proposed policy would authorize the Operations Committee to amend, add, or delete projects in the future, subject to consultation with affected transit agencies.

Schedule

Staff worked with various technical advisory committees to create draft requirements. The Partnership Transit Coordination Committee (PTCC) meeting on November 23 served as MTC's official notification to transit agencies. Staff intends to request Committee approval of Res. 3866 in February 2010. The schedule leading to approval includes the following milestones:

November 23	PTCC Meeting – Release draft Res. 3866 for comment
December 2, 3, 7	Transit Finance Working Group, EDAC, Partnership TAC
December 9	MTC Advisory Council

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December 11	Information/discussion item for MTC Operations Committee
December 23	Deadline for receiving comments on draft Res. 3866
February 12	Approval and Referral item for MTC Operations Committee
February 24	Commission approval and adoption of Res. 3866

This draft plan is submitted for information only at this time. Staff will return in February with the final draft for this Committee's referral to the full Commission.

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DATE: December 4, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: SolanoExpress 2008-2009 Annual Ridership Report

Background

Funding for Intercity Transit Routes 20, 30, 40, 78, 80, 85, and 90 is provided by the Intercity Transit Funding agreement among six cities, the County of Solano and STA. Collectively, these seven routes have been marketed as SolanoExpress. Fairfield and Suisun Transit's (FAST) Route 30 and 90 and Vallejo Transit's new Route 78 comprise three of the seven SolanoExpress Routes funded through this agreement and are managed by the STA through operating agreements with FAST and Vallejo Transit.

The seven SolanoExpress routes deliver varying levels of service ranging from weekday peak period only to all day, seven days/week service. In turn, ridership on these routes ranged from nearly 50,000 annual passenger trips (Rt. 20, 30, 40) to over 400,000 (Rt. 80). The other three routes (Rt. 78, 85 and 90) carry between nearly 100,000 to over 200,000 passengers trips annually (see Attachment A).

Discussion:

In FY 2008-2009, the overall ridership for SolanoExpress intercity routes exceeded one million riders with an increased ridership of **1.7%** from the previous fiscal year. The first six months of the year had a significant increase in ridership. The mid-year ridership statistics (July –December 2008) had an overall increase of 14% in comparison to the same time period from the previous year. The intercity routes were able to retain the new passengers that began taking transit during the fuel spike earlier in the year and also attracted more passengers. In the following six months, the unstable economy with the unemployment rate rising, gas prices declining and stabilizing, and the increase of fares started to negatively impact the intercity ridership. The ridership for the intercity routes declined 5% compared to the same time period from the previous year (January – June 2008).

The significant ridership increase during the first six months of FY2008-09 strongly contributed to the *annual* SolanoExpress intercity ridership increase as compared to the prior year. Vallejo Transit's Routes 80 and 85 both maintained their ridership with a .4% and 3% increase respectively and FAST's intercity routes' ridership increased 5% to 23% (Attachment B).

The transit operators have finalized the year end numbers needed to determine farebox ratio. All the intercity routes exceeded the 20% farebox recovery ratio: Routes 20, 30 40, and 85 have a fare box recovery ratio of 28-31% (Attachment C). Route 30 which travels from Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, Davis, to Sacramento is the only route showing a lower farebox recovery rate from the previous year. The reason the farebox ratio went down

even though ridership increased by a strong 23% was due to the additional service on Saturday that was identified as a priority project in the Dixon Community Based Transportation Plan and the additional morning and afternoon weekday peak trip. The peak trips provided more flexibility to Sacramento commuters, and eliminated the over-capacity problems that Route 30 was experiencing.

The strongest farebox performers are Vallejo Transit's Route 80 and FAST's Route 90 with 48% and 49% respectively. Route 90 increased by 5% while Route 80 increased by 12%. While ridership for Route 80 increased by only 1%, Vallejo Transit was successful in making this route more cost efficient by reducing service during non-peak time from every 15 minutes to 30 minutes while still maintaining ridership.

Vallejo Transit new SolanoExpress Route 78 that travels from Vallejo, Benicia, to Pleasant Hill BART and Walnut Creek BART stations had a good initial year making the RM2 required farebox ratio of 20%. RM2 regulations require that a new RM2 service makes the farebox ratio of 20% by the third year and Route 78 achieved this requirement in its first year. Based on its initial year of service, Route 78 ranked 4th of 7 SolanoExpress routes in total ridership. Attachment D shows Rt. 78's ridership during FY2008-09 during which it operated nine months (Oct thru June).

Timeline of SolanoExpress Route Changes in FY 2008-09

In the past 12 months, there have been some adjustments and enhancements to the intercity routes to improve service and efficiency. Below is a brief timeline of the changes that took place last fiscal year.

On July 1, 2008, FAST added an additional morning and afternoon peak trip on Route 30 to serve Sacramento commuters. These trips provide more flexibility to Sacramento commuters, but also eliminated the over-capacity problems that Route 30 had experienced for several months in the morning peak.

On August 3, 2008, Vallejo Transit reduced the frequency of service on Route 80 that serves El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The reduction of service frequency was during non-peak hours from every 15 minutes to 30 minutes starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. This reduction of service was implemented to address the increasing financial impact of fuel and other costs.

On September 6, 2008, FAST added Saturday service to Route 30 for the first time. This new service started with three roundtrips between Fairfield and Davis with stops in Vacaville and Dixon. At UC Davis, riders will be able to connect with YoloBus to travel to Sacramento International Airport or downtown Sacramento. The need for Saturday service for Dixon residents was identified as a transportation gap in the Dixon Community Based Transportation Plan. The funding to cover the cost of this service for 2 years was secured from the first cycle of Lifeline funding.

On October 5, 2008, Vallejo Transit made additional changes to Route 80 that serves El Cerrito del Norte BART station. The route began running every 30 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. The schedule was also been adjusted for the route to run on the quarter or half hours departing from York and Marin and El Cerrito Del Norte BART for the majority of the runs.

On October 6, 2008 Vallejo Transit started the new express service Route 78. Route 78 is an express bus service in the I-780 corridor connecting Vallejo and Benicia to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek BART stations.

On November 1, 2008 FAST implemented a service change to Route 90. Route 90 added an additional 5:00 p.m. trip departing from El Cerrito del Norte BART station to accommodate peak ridership demands and eliminated a low performing trip in the non-peak to offset cost.

On January 19, 2009, Vallejo Transit adjusted the departure time by two minutes from Walnut Creek BART on Route 78 to improve the connectivity to BART.

On April 1, 2009, Fairfield and Suisun Transit increased fares on four intercity routes due to increased operating costs and to help maintain a 20% fare box ratio. The daily fare increased by 25 cents and the monthly passes increased between 13% - 36% depending on the particular zone pass.

The STA through RM2 marketing grant offered a buy one monthly pass and get the next month free to promote Route 78 in October 2008 and June 2009. Campaign advertising promoted Benicia to BART in 22 minutes.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

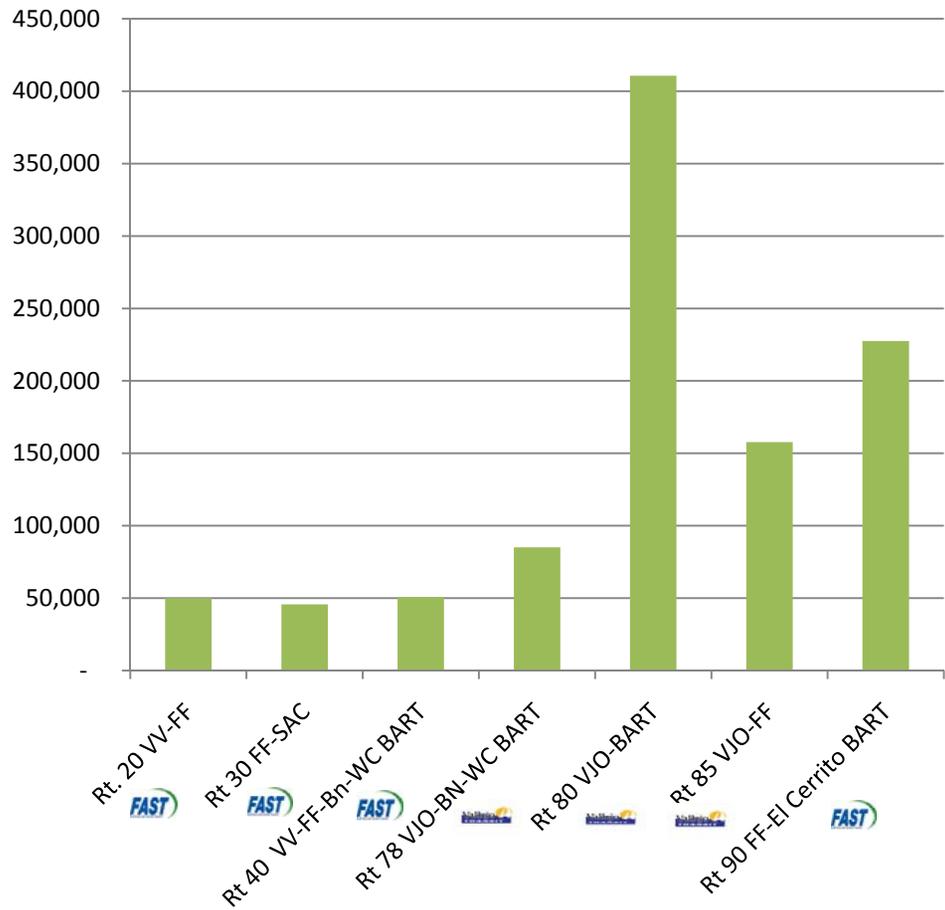
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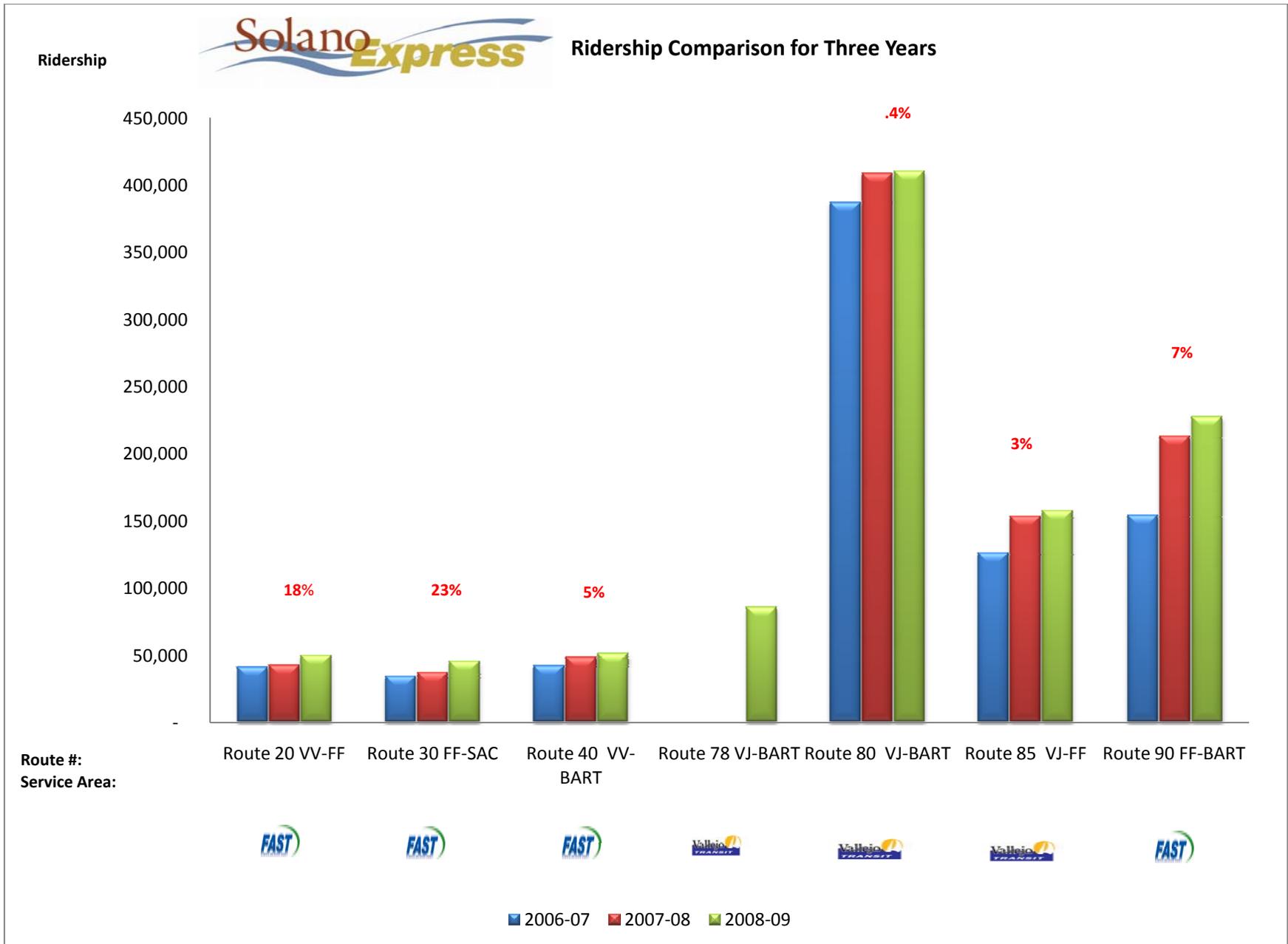
Attachments:

- A. SolanoExpress Ridership FY2008-09 (July-June)
- B. SolanoExpress Ridership Three Year Comparison
- C. SolanoExpress Farebox Ratio Comparison for FY 2007-08 to 2008-09
- D. Route 78 Ridership by Month

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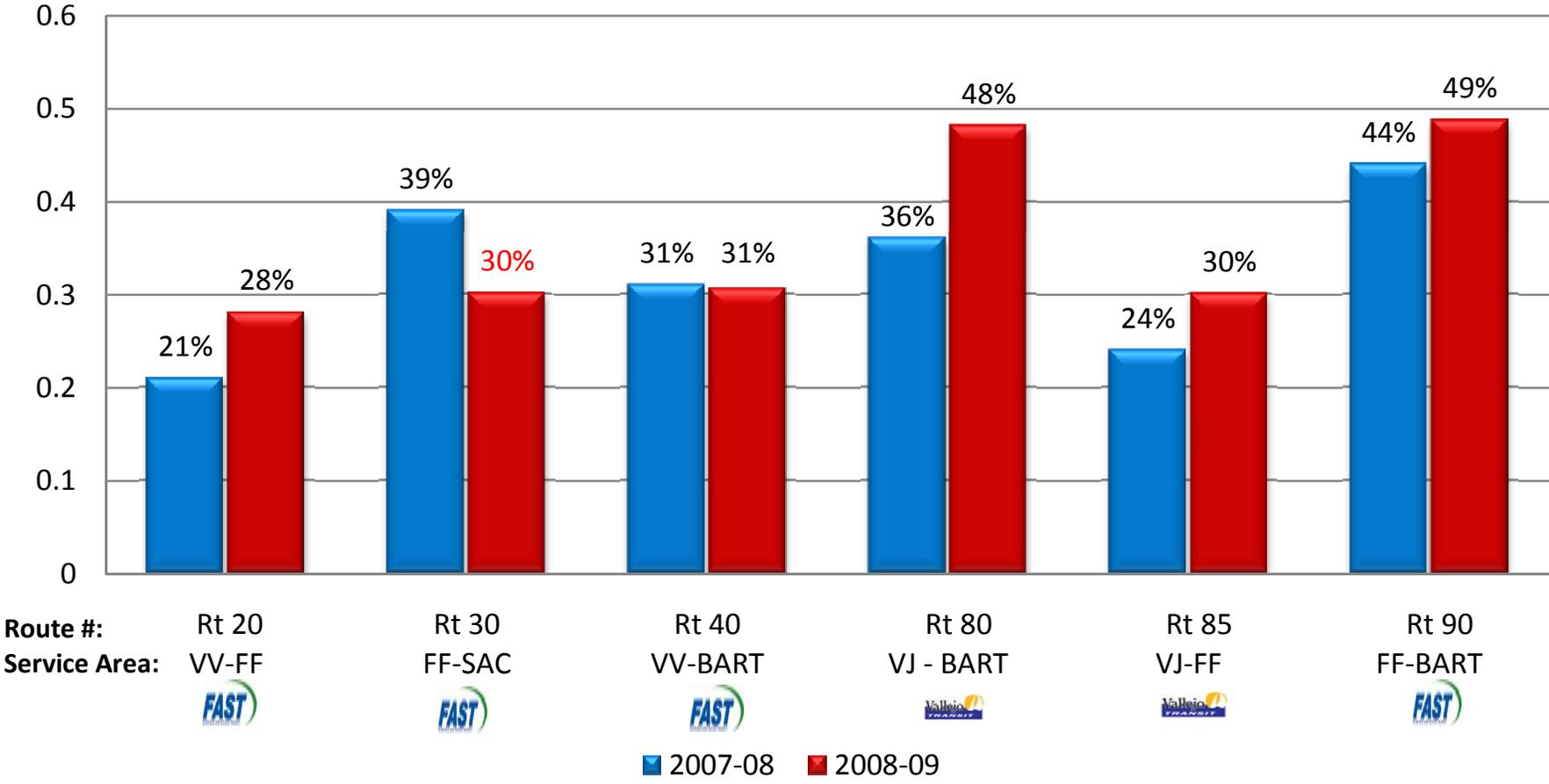
FY 2008-09 Ridership



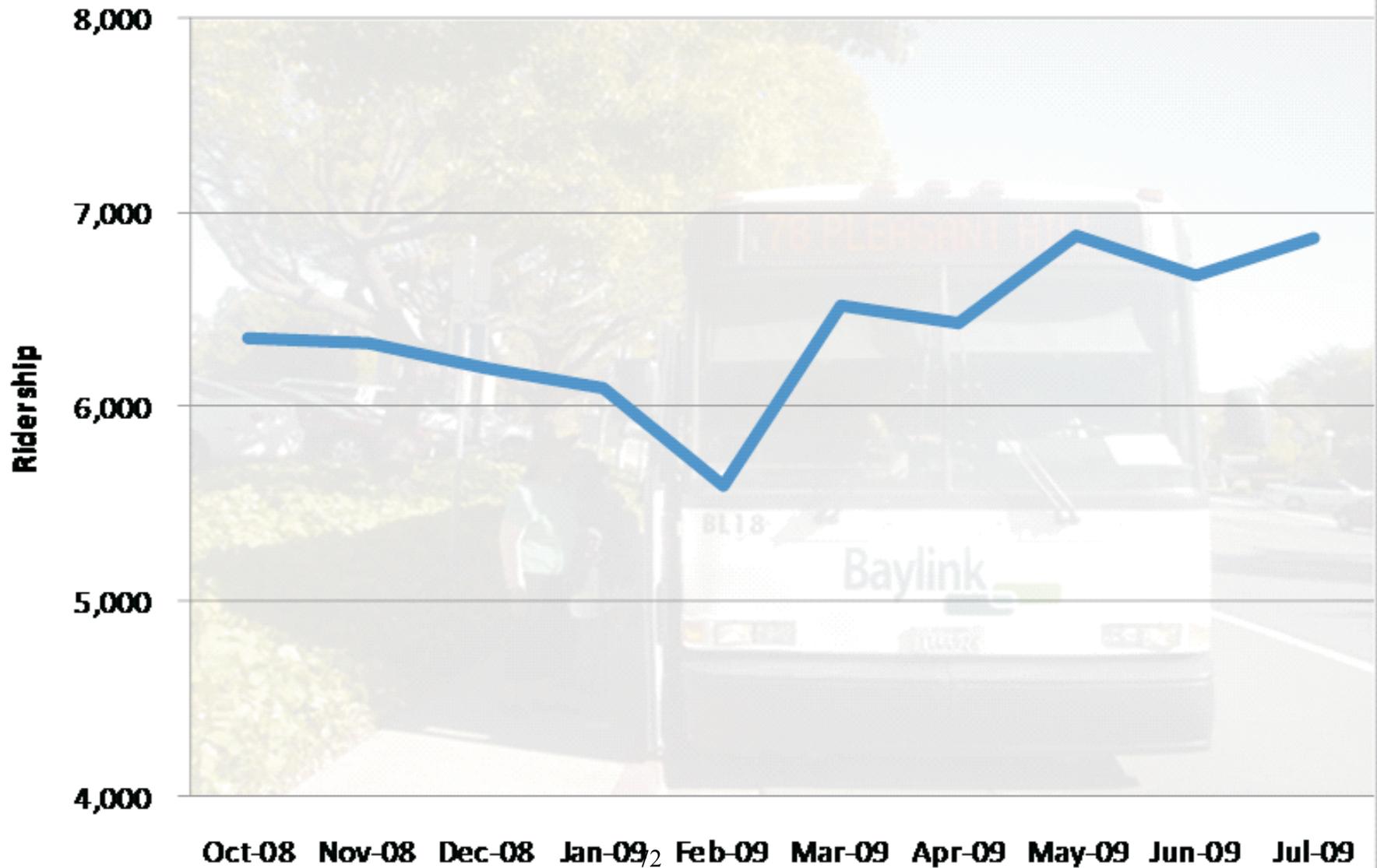




Farebox Ratio Comparison for FY 2007-08 and 2008-09



Route 78 Vallejo - Benicia - BART





DATE: December 4, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Transit Passenger Comment Cards Summary FY 2008-09

Background:

The STA staff started supplying transit operators and the public with SolanoExpress passenger comment cards in Fall 2006. By displaying these comment cards on buses, transit passengers are given a convenient tool to make comments on their transit experience. The cards are pre-addressed to the STA and postage paid making it simpler for the passenger to write down their comments and then drop it in the mail. Passengers' feedback provides the transit operators another avenue to monitor their transit system.

Discussion:

The passenger comment cards (Attachment A) seek information about the transit service, both positive and negative. The SolanoExpress comment cards ask the passenger to identify transit operator, route, date, and time. This information assists the transit agency in researching the issue or incident and implementing corrective actions if needed. The comments card also invites passengers to make suggestions to the service. These suggestions assist transit operator in noting what improvements may be needed from the passengers' perspective. Lastly, the comment cards allow the passenger to provide compliments. It is important for transit operator to receive feedback on what the passengers perceive as good service. When comments are received, they are categorized by the following:

1. Concerns
2. Suggestions
3. Exceptional Service

One comment card may have more than one category of comments. For the time period of July 2008 – June 2009, STA received comments from **305** passengers which resulted in **351** distinct comments. Passengers' comments received by mail, e-mail or phone were also tracked and included in this analysis. The summary of these comments were categorized by transit agency, service and type of comment (Attachment B).

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments

- A. SolanoExpress Comment Card (sample)
- B. Summary of Comments for July 2008 – June 2009
- C. Summary of Comments Chart

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**Passenger
Comment Card**



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Date _____

Time _____

Operator *(circle one)*

Benicia Breeze Dixon Read-Ride Fairfield/Suisun Transit

Rio Vista Delta Breeze Vacaville City Coach Vallejo Transit

Route _____ **I ride this bus**

(circle one) daily weekly occasionally

Tell us what you thought about this transit service today!

What was exceptional about your transit trip today?

Is there anything we could improve upon?

Name, address, phone and/or email *(optional)*

Would you like to be contacted? *(circle one)* yes no

Visit www.solanoexpress.com
to give more feedback or sign up for rider alerts!

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FAST Route 20				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	3	3
Suggestion	Service	More frequent service	2	2
Exceptional Service				0
			Grand Total	5

FAST Route 30				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	6	10
	Signage/Information	No signage in SAC and UCD	2	
	Safety	Driver speeding, driving erratic	2	
Suggestion	Service	Earlier and later service	1	1
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver compliment	2	2
			Grand Total	13

FAST Route 40				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Transfer difficulties	1	1
Suggestion	Service	More frequent service in evenings & weekends	2	2
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver compliment	1	1
			Grand Total	4

FAST Route 90				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	Driver speeding	2	22
	Schedule	Getting to Suisun difficult	4	
		Early/Late Bus	4	
	Cleanliness	Bus dirty	1	
	Service	Transfer difficulties	3	
Information	No bus schedules/no comment cards	8		
Suggestion	Service	Another bus leaving BART after 5:00 pm	4	24
		Weekend & later service	5	
		More stops at Suisun Amtrak	1	
		Do not use small buses on route	3	
	Fare Media	Lower fares, single fare media, more outlets	3	
		Do not raise fares	3	
Information	Provide more information/incentives/newsletter	3		
Bike Racks	Need bike racks	2		
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Good service	21	31
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	10	
			Grand Total	77

FAST Local Service				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Bus do not run often after school	1	10
		New Base Route a mess	2	
		Early/Late Bus	2	
		No one answers information line	1	
		Transfer Difficulties	1	
	Amenities	No parking available/no shelter	2	
Cleanliness	Bus dirty	1		
Suggestion	Service	More service	3	3
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	No stress, comfort, ease	1	5
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	4	
			Grand Total	18

Vallejo Transit Route 78				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Customer Service	Driver Issues	4	13
	Schedule	Transfer difficulties	4	
	Service	Early/Late Bus	3	
	Signage	Confusing signs at PH BART	2	
Suggestion	Service	Southampton Stop	2	3
		Stop at Kohl's	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver Compliment	2	2
Grand Total				18

Vallejo Transit Route 80				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	Driver speeding	2	48
	Schedule	Early/Late Bus	31	
	Customer Service	Driver Issues	5	
		Bus Wrap -Can't see out	4	
	Service	Crowded Bus	6	
Suggestion	Customer Service	Add WI-Fi	1	7
		Prohibit Cell Use	2	
	Fare Media	Lower fares, single fare media	2	
	Information	Update Website & Schedules	2	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Good Service	10	18
	Exceptional Driver	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	8	
Grand Total				73

Vallejo Transit Route 85				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Service	Early/Late Bus	12	16
	Customer Service	Rude Driver	2	
	Information	No bus schedules/Bad information	2	
Suggestion	Schedule	Weekends run every hour	2	4
	Customer Service	Need bench at Cordelia	2	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Great service to Six Flags	2	3
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	1	
Grand Total				23

Vallejo Transit Local Service				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Safety	WC restraint tie improperly	1	14
	Service	Early/Late Bus	12	
		Takes too long	1	
Suggestion	Customer Service	Need more benches	1	8
	Service	Sunday Service	6	
		Plan & organize routes better	1	
Exceptional Service	Dependable Service	Great Service	4	8
	Customer Service	Friendly, courteous, informative, helpful	4	
Grand Total				30

Benicia				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Dial-a-Ride	Dial-a -Ride does not operate all day	1	4
	Service	Early/Late Bus	1	
	Customer Service	Transfers for Route 78	2	
Suggestion	Local -Route 21 & 22	More frequent service	3	5
	Local	Add a stop on H Street	1	
	Route 75/78	Don't eliminate Southampton stop to BART	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver was friendly and helpful	5	5
Grand Total				14

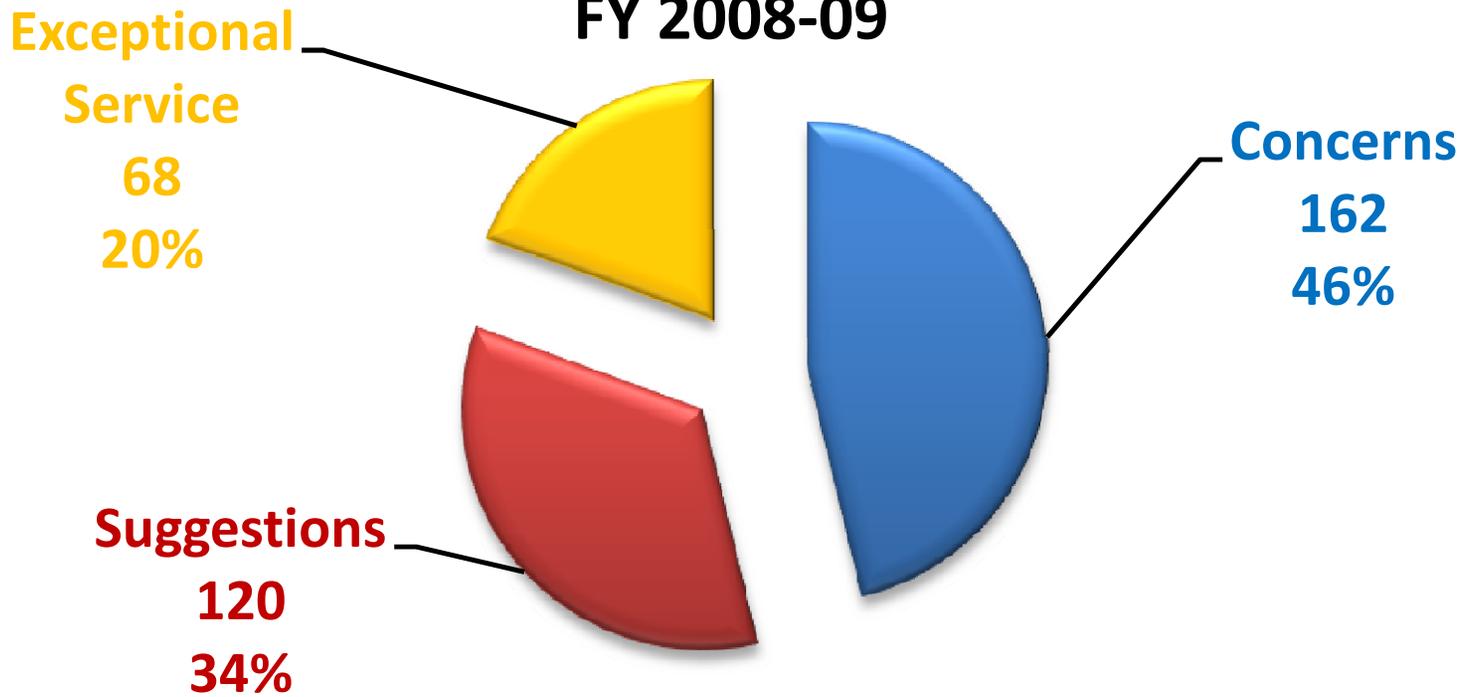
RM2 Marketing Campaign				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Marketing	Remove ads from buses	1	1
Suggestion	Customer Service	More promotions	5	5
Exceptional Service	Marketing	Ferry Duo	19	42
		10-Ride Promotion	23	
Grand Total				48

Solano Paratransit				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Scheduling problems	9	19
	Service	Excessive Ride	2	
		Stranded	2	
		Early/Late Bus	1	
	Mechanical	Lift not working	2	
Customer Service	Long phone wait, driver, no returned calls	3		
Suggestion	Service	Drop off location	1	2
	Customer Service	More Information from Drivers	1	
Exceptional Service	Customer Service	Driver	1	1
Grand Total				22

Vacaville City Coach				
Category	Issue	Brief Description	Comments	Total Comments By Category
Concern	Schedule	Route 4	1	1
Suggestion	Bus Stops	More benches	1	2
	Fare Media	Lower fare	1	
Exceptional Service	Service	Dependable service	3	8
	Customer Service	Drivers are great, friendly, helpful	5	
Grand Total				11

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**351 Comments
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DATE: December 8, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Benicia Vallejo Transit Consolidation Status

Background:

After several years of study, the STA Board made several recommendations at the June 2009 Board meeting at the conclusion of Phase II of the Transit Consolidation study. One of these was to work with Benicia and Vallejo to advance Option 1 – South Solano Transit Consolidation.

Discussion:

Since June of 2009, a committee has been meeting monthly to advance this recommendation. The South Solano Transit Coordinating Committee (SSCTCC) consists of the Mayors of Benicia and Vallejo, City Managers, Public Works Directors and transit staff as well as STA staff. Guiding principles were developed and incorporated into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to guide efforts toward consolidation. The MOU has been approved by the City Councils of Benicia and Vallejo and the STA Board.

A transition plan has been developed and timeline that targets July 2010 for consolidation (see Attachment A). A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) has been under development to create the new agency along with a Business Plan that would define the new organization in terms of budgeting, organizational structure and operating policies, staffing, services, and capital assets and how these are proposed to transition from the Cities to the STA.

Benicia and Vallejo plan to initiate a joint Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) in early 2010. This is supported by MTC staff. Numerous issues of interest to the SSCTCC can be addressed in the SRTP including

- a. Vallejo and Benicia fleet management coordination
- b. Vallejo Bus Yard Improvements
- c. Vallejo Transfer Center (VTC) and Administrative Building
- d. Other existing and planned Benicia and Vallejo Transit Capital Projects

At the request of Benicia members of the SSCTC, outreach to the public will begin in Benicia in December. The purpose of this outreach is to identify and address concerns and issues of potential consolidation.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. Transition Plan

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**SOUTH COUNTY TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION
TRANSITIONAL PLAN**

Revised July 29, 2009

1. The Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit services shall be consolidated to streamline, simplify, and improve access for transit riders through enhanced service coverage, frequency, affordability, and mobility options. The consolidated service shall be responsible for coordinating transportation services in Benicia and Vallejo.
2. The consolidated transit service shall achieve high standards for greenhouse gas emissions and energy reductions, minimizing the carbon footprint of Benicia and Vallejo residents. The consolidated transit service shall help achieve the Benicia and Solano County Climate Action Plans greenhouse gas reduction targets.
3. The Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service consolidation shall be consistent with the Countywide Transportation Plan Transit Element to maximize the ability of Solano residents, workers, and visitors to reach destinations within Solano County, and to access regional transportation systems.
4. The consolidated transit service shall be designed to be cost effective and efficient.
5. The consolidation of services shall be managed in a public process to encourage participation by residents, stakeholders, and decision-makers in both communities.
6. The consolidated transit service shall maintain the continuity of service provided by both jurisdictions, minimizing service disruptions and passenger inconveniences due to the transition. If possible, service levels shall be maintained and expanded.
7. The consolidated transit service shall maximize opportunities for regional funding.

SOUTH COUNTY TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION WORK PLAN

Purpose: To outline the requirements and schedule for consolidating Vallejo Transit and Benicia Breeze as recommended in the Solano County Transit Consolidation Study.

Approach: Staff of the cities of Benicia and Vallejo and the STA will lead the transition planning effort with the support of STA consultants.

Task Area 1: Structure and Governance

- Establish guiding principles for Transition Plan
- Identify form of governance for consolidated entity (e.g., JPA)
- Identify board membership and representation
- Draft by-laws for the new entity
- Identify policies and procedures for the new entity

Task Area 2: Public Outreach

- Engage and inform public of consolidation plans and conduct public workshops to hear public concerns and answer questions
- Establish a Public Outreach Plan
- Prepare plan for re-branding the system
- Develop public information for transition

Task Area 3: Finance

- Prepare a business plan for consolidating the two agencies, identifying an administrative framework and costs of consolidation
- Establish new entity as a federal, state, regional transit grantee
- Identify fiscal agent to provide accounting and information technology services
- Determine how procurement will be managed (e.g., using fiscal agent or another approach)
- Identify capital asset ownership and potential transfer of assets to new entity
- Prepare consolidated annual budget for new entity

Task Area 4: Human Resources

- Describe how existing employees will be transferred/absorbed in to new entity
- Develop an organization chart for the new entity
- Prepare a staffing plan, including duties and responsibilities for each function/position
- Identify organization to provide human resources services (e.g., payroll processing, benefits administration, etc.)

Task Area 5: Legal

- Identify legal requirements to establish consolidated entity
 - Potential for near term, operating MOU
 - Establishment of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)
- Determine how potential USDOL 13(c) labor protections would be applied to the consolidated entity
- Identify organization or entity to provide legal services

Task Area 6: Service Planning and Operations

- Establish service objectives, standards, and training including customer service standards for consolidated system
- Prepare consolidated Short Range Transit Plan
 - Operations
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Determine how existing service contracts will be phased out

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DATE: December 8, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Intercity Transit Ridership Survey Status

Background:

The seven major intercity transit routes are operated by the two largest operators in the County: Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) and Vallejo Transit (VT). Although operated by two transit operators they are paid for by contributions from six cities and the County of Solano, and Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funds.

The STA has been working with local jurisdictions through the Intercity Transit Funding Working Group (ITFWG) over the past several years and developed an Intercity Transit Funding (ITF) Agreement to stabilize the funding for these services. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 ITF agreement is the fourth annual agreement that has been approved. The cost-sharing for each route is based on residence of the ridership (80%) and population share (20%). An initial ridership survey was conducted in the Fall of 2006 and the agreements established that the ridership data will be updated every three years thus a ridership survey needed to be completed this Fall.

The original ridership survey was extensive. To meet multiple needs other than just the ITF Agreement, the 2006 Ridership Survey consisted of a countywide on-board survey on all local and intercity routes as well as off and on counts. This was the first time this extensive data was captured simultaneously countywide. The consultant contract was for \$150,000.

With reduced transit funding available due to the recent state decision to eliminate State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF), the ITFWG discussed the approach for the 2009 Ridership Survey. The consensus was to proceed in the Fall of 2009 and reduce the scope to focus on the seven intercity routes to collect the ridership's residential data that is key to the ITF Agreement; the on-board survey was otherwise similar to the one used in 2006 (see Attachment A). Trip on/off counts have been collected as well. The ferry and Rt. 200 were surveyed as well at the request of Vallejo in preparation for the transfer to WETA.

The target timeframe to collect this data was October/November 2009. Collection of the data at this time will provide time for ridership to have settled after several fare and service changes throughout the county that were implemented while allowing time to compile the data early enough in the fiscal year so that there is time to use it in the development of a new intercity transit route cost-sharing methodology.

Discussion:

Quantum Marketing Research (QMR) conducted the 2006 survey and was selected to conduct this year's Ridership Survey. QMR began surveying in early October and completed collecting data in November. Adjustments were made during the period when the Bay Bridge was closed unexpectedly to minimize the impact of this unusual situation. Preliminarily, QMR has observed both increases and decreases in ridership as compared to the 2006 survey. Data input is underway. Draft reports are expected in January.

Fiscal Impact:

This survey is being funded with \$80,000 of Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STAF).

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. 2009 Ridership Survey on-board survey tool

2009 ON BOARD TRANSIT SURVEY



The Solano Transportation Authority and your local transit operator need you to help improve transit service by answering the questions below and returning this form before you get off the bus. **All responses are CONFIDENTIAL. Please fill out this form only once per day AND FOR THIS ONE-WAY TRIP ONLY.**



1. Is your ONE-WAY trip today part of a ROUND trip on this bus/ferry line?
 Yes No Don't Know

2. Where are you coming from on this ONE-WAY trip?
 Home Shopping/errands
 Work Sports/social/recreation
 School Other (Specify) _____
 Medical Appointment _____

3. What is the location of that place?
 (Specify street address/name or landmark)

_____ Street No. Street Name

_____ Nearest Cross Street

_____ City Zip

4. How did you get to the stop for this bus/ferry?

Transferred from another bus: Route number? _____
 Transit Operator? Benicia Breeze
 Fairfield and Suisun Transit
 Rio Vista Delta Breeze
 Vacaville City Coach
 Vallejo Transit
 Other (Name: _____)

Transferred from BART

Transferred from Capitol Corridor/AMTRAK/RT

Transferred from Ferry

Walked (How many minutes? _____)

Car as driver (How many miles? _____)

Car as passenger (How many miles? _____)

Rode bicycle (How many miles? _____)

Other (Please describe _____)

5. Where did you board this bus/ferry?
 (Specify street address/name or landmark)

_____ Street No. Street Name

_____ Nearest Cross Street

_____ City Zip

6. Where are you going to now on this ONE-WAY trip?
 Home Shopping/errands
 Work Sports/social/recreation
 School Other (Specify) _____
 Medical Appointment _____

7. What is the location of that place?
 (Specify street address/name or landmark)

_____ Street No. Street Name

_____ Nearest Cross Street

_____ City Zip

8. How will you get from this bus/ferry to your final destination on this ONE-WAY trip?

Transfer to another bus: Route number? _____
 Transit Operator? Benicia Breeze
 Fairfield Suisun Transit
 Rio Vista Delta Breeze
 Vacaville City Coach
 Vallejo Transit
 Other (Name: _____)

Transfer to BART

Transfer to Capitol Corridor/AMTRAK/RT

Transfer to Ferry

Walk (How many minutes? _____)

Car as driver (How many miles? _____)

Car as passenger (How many miles? _____)

Ride bicycle (How many miles? _____)

Other (Please describe _____)

9. Where will you leave this bus/ferry?
 (Specify street address/name or landmark)

_____ Street No. Street Name

_____ Nearest Cross Street

_____ City Zip

10. What is the CITY YOU LIVE IN?

Benicia Dixon
 Fairfield Suisun City
 Rio Vista Vallejo
 Vacaville Unincorporated Solano County
 Napa County Elsewhere outside Solano County





DATE: December 9, 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 December 7. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.

Marketing/Promotions:

The 2009 Solano Commute Challenge (SCC) ended on October 31, 2009 and the deadline for all Monthly Commute Logs was November 6th. Forty-three (43) major employers totaling 599 employees registered in the Challenge. Employer and employee participation increased 10% over last year's. 363 participants earned the title "Commuter Champion" by meeting or passing the goal, an increase of 20%. Five employers became Commuter Champion Workplaces (where 20 or more employees became Commuter Champions) - State Compensation Insurance Fund and Genentech in Vacaville, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo, Goodrich in Fairfield, California Vegetable Specialties in Rio Vista and the County of Solano. The County of Solano, once again, became the Most Outstanding Workplace with 58 Commuter Champions. A free catered lunch will be provided to those participating employees on December 21.

SNCI incentive rewards, in the form of "Commuter Bucks" gift certificates, will be distributed by mid December to Commuter Champions and Contenders. Employees who are Commuter Champions are entered into a drawing for a variety of \$100 gift cards. The drawing for those gift certificates will take place at the December STA Board meeting. Staff will coordinate the presentation of employer rewards at Commuter Champion Workplaces with the companies, Chambers of Commerce, and STA Board members. The 2009 Solano Commute Challenge Results is attached.

SNCI 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 several events in the fall: NorthBay Health Administration, NorthBay Medical Center, Schurman Fine Papers, and Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield; VacaValley Hospital in Vacaville; Center for Behavioral Health and State Farm Insurance in Vallejo; St Helena Hospital in Napa. The final Farmers Markets of the season were staffed in Fairfield and Napa.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. 2009 Solano Commute Challenge Results



DATE: December 4, 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: TigerTeam@dot.gov .	N/A ¹
Carl Moyer Off-road Equipment Replacement Program (for Sacramento Metropolitan Area)	Gary A. Bailey, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (916) 874-4893	None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (for San Francisco Bay Area)	Anthony Fournier, BAAQMD (415) 749-4961	None. Projects will be selected for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) – Grants Made Easy*	Donna Black OTS Coordinator (916) 509-3015	January 31, 2010
California OTS – General OTS Grants*	Donna Black OTS Coordinator (916) 509-3015	January 31, 2010
Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Program*	N/A; Please feel free to contact Sara Woo for more information Solano Transportation Authority (STA) (707) 399-3214	Application Available (tentative) March 2010

* New funding opportunity

¹Note 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



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
swoo@sta-snci.com



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

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



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
**Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities
Planning Program**
Application Available (tentative) March 2010

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

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities and Counties.

Program Description: The Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Program provides funds to assist entities in developing a master urban greening plan that will ultimately result in projects to help the State meet its environmental goals and the creation of healthy communities.

Funding Available: Requests for funding are limited to a maximum amount of \$250,000. Larger grant awards may be considered for organizations that work together to develop joint planning documents that cover all jurisdictions involved.

Eligible Projects:

- Development of an urban greening plan
- Development and coordination of urban greening plans

Further Details: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/>

Program Contact Person: N/A; please contact STA staff, Sara Woo for more information regarding this program.

STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) –
Grants Made Easy
Application Due January 31, 2010

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

This summary of the California OTS – Grants Made Easy is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

- Eligible Project Sponsors: Local law enforcement agencies.
- Program Description: OTS – Grants Made Easy provides funding for three programs: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), DUI enforcement and Awareness Program (DUI), and Vehicle Impound Program (VIP)
- Funding Available: Unspecified amount at this time. These grants are a one year grant period (October 1 through September 30).
- Eligible Projects:
- Full Time and Overtime Program
 - Overtime Only Program
- Further Details: http://www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/Apply/GME_2011.asp
- Program Contact Person: Donna Black, OTS Coordinator,
(916) 509-3015
dblack@ots.ca.gov
- STA Contact Person: Sara Woo, STA Planning Assistant,
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) –
General OTS Grants
Application Due January 31, 2010

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

This summary of the California OTS – General OTS Grants 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: Political subdivisions of the state are eligible to apply for and receive OTS grant funding. In addition to state governmental agencies, state colleges, and state universities, subdivisions of the state include local city and county government agencies, school districts, fire departments, and public emergency services providers.

Program Description: OTS – General OTS Grants

Funding Available: Unspecified amount at this time.

- Eligible Projects:**
- Projects/programs to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies
 - Expand on-going activity (e.g., program maintenance, research, rehabilitation, construction)
 - Develop a new program

Further Details: http://www.ots.ca.gov/Grants/Apply/Proposals_2011.asp

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