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**INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
AGENDA**

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 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 – 10:20 a.m.)	
V. CONSENT CALENDAR <i>Recommendation: Approve the following consent items in one motion.</i> (10:20 – 10:25 a.m.)	
A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of February 25, 2009 <i>Recommendation:</i> <i>Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2009.</i> Pg. 1	Johanna Masiclat

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

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

VI. ACTION NON - FINANCIAL ITEMS

- A. Unmet Transit Needs Response for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10** Liz Niedziela
Recommendation:
Forward a recommendation to the STA Board approve the following:
- 1. The FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response as specified in Attachment B; and*
 - 2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit the FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response to MTC.*
- (10:25 – 10:30 a.m.)
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VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Update on STA's Overall Work Plan** Daryl K. Halls
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- B. Federal Economic Stimulus Status of Solano Transit Projects** Liz Niedziela
Informational
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- C. New State Budget Impact on Solano Transit** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
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- D. Transit Consolidation Study Status** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
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- E. FY 2009-10 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status** Elizabeth Richards
Informational
(10:55 – 11:00 a.m.)
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- F. Solano Paratransit Review and Service Alternative Study Status** Liz Niedziela
Informational
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- G. SolanoExpress Transit Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Marketing Plan Update** Judy Leaks
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- H. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues** Judy Leaks
Informational
(11:10 – 11:15 a.m.)
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- NO DISCUSSION**
- I. Funding Opportunities Summary** Sara Woo
Informational
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- VIII. INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION** Group
- IX. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES** Group
- X. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regular meeting of the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.**

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INTERCITY TRANSIT CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the meeting of
February 25, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Consortium Present:	Crystal Odum-Ford	Vallejo Transit, Chair
	Jeff Matheson	Dixon Redit-Ride, Vice Chair
<i>Phoned in.</i>	Rob Sousa	Benicia Breeze
	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
	Susan Furtado	STA
	Johanna Masiclat	STA

Others Present:	<i>(In Alphabetical Order by Last Name)</i>	
	Melissa Bryan	City of Benicia
	Edwin Gato	City of Vallejo
	Don Penny	MV Transportation/Fairfield
	Lori Tagorda	City of Fairfield
	Jeanine Wooley	City of Vallejo

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Brian McLean, and a second by Rob Sousa, the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium approved the agenda with the exception to move for discussion Agenda Item VIII.G, Local Transportation Development (TDA) and Members Contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

V. REPORTS FROM CALTRANS, MTC, AND STA STAFF

Caltrans: None presented.

MTC: None presented.

STA: Liz Niedziela distributed and provided information on MTC's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Proposed Transit System Preservation Projects (Draft dated February 25, 2009).

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes of the Consortium Meeting of January 28, 2009

Recommendation:

Approve Consortium Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2009.

VII. ACTION – NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium 2009 Draft Work Plan

Elizabeth Richards reviewed the draft SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium 2009 Work Plan. She noted the City of Vallejo's request to include local service has been incorporated to the work plan

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium 2009 Work Plan as shown in Attachment B.

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

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. This item was moved forward for discussion.

Local Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Members Contribution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10

Elizabeth Richards noted the changes/corrections made to this report. She cited that the amounts of each member agency's shares were recalculated on the FY 2009-10 TDA and Members Contributions Indexing Policy.

A. Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Fund Estimates

Elizabeth Richards summarized the new TDA and STAF FY 2009-10 revenue projections that are in the process of being approved by MTC. She added the estimates have been approved by MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) and are scheduled for Commission approval on February 25, 2009.

B. Transit Consolidation Study Status

Elizabeth Richards provided a status report on the development of the Transit Consolidation Study. She distributed the draft financial and other report sections for each of the operators for review and the comments will be incorporated into a larger report. She added that the analysis and evaluation of the Consolidation Options will occur in March in preparation for review by the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee in April.

C. FY 2009-10 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status

The Consortium discussed their ideas concerning the level of service on the seven ITF routes in FY 2009-10.

D. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10

Liz Niedziela requested the Consortium to provide responses to her by March 11, 2009. She noted that MTC will present the issues to their PAC prior to MTC's consideration of FY 2009-10 TDA fund requests for streets and roads purposes.

E. Solano Paratransit Review and Service Alternative Study Status

Liz Niedziela provided a status report on the development of the Solano Paratransit Review and Service Alternative Study. She reviewed HDR's updated Project Task Timeline outlining the tasks and completion dates.

F. Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues

Elizabeth Richards provided an update to the Consortium on Napa and Solano transit schedule status, marketing, promotions, and events.

NO DISCUSSION

H. Funding Opportunities Summary

IX. INTERCITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION

The Consortium addressed the potential impact of the State Budget on its transit operations.

X. LOCAL TRANSIT ISSUES

Jeff Matheson reported that Dixon-Readi Ride approved a new fare structure. He stated that they are scheduled to report back to council for more potential fare changes.

John Andoh reported on modifications planned for Route 50 and possible elimination of Route 52 to Lodi.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** in the STA Conference Room.

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DATE: March 12, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Unmet Transit Needs Response for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10

Background:

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

Solano County is the one county in the Bay Area that has local jurisdictions using TDA funds for streets and roads. Currently, two out of eight jurisdictions (Rio Vista and the County of Solano) plan to use TDA funds for streets and roads in FY 2009-10. Annually, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Bay Area, holds a public hearing in the fall to begin the process to determine if there are any transit needs not being reasonably met in Solano County. Based on comments raised at the hearing and the received written comments, MTC staff then selects pertinent comments for Solano County's local jurisdictions for response. The STA coordinates with the transit operators who must prepare responses specific to their operation.

Discussion:

MTC has summarized the key issues of concern and forwarded them to the STA to coordinate a response (Attachment A). STA staff has collected all the responses from Solano County's transit operators. STA has submitted a preliminary draft response to MTC for review and comments (Attachment B). MTC staff may request additional information or clarification before making any recommendation to their Commission. The STA staff will work with the affected transit operators to address the request for additional information if needed.

If the transit operators, the STA and Solano County can thoroughly and adequately address the issues as part of the preliminary response letter, MTC staff can move to make the finding that there are no unreasonable transit needs in the county. Making a positive finding of no reasonable transit needs will allow MTC to process the streets and road element of the TDA claims from Rio Vista and the County of Solano. For FY 2009-10, all TDA claims for local streets and roads are held by MTC until this process is completed.

The following is the schedule to timely submit the response to MTC.

- **February 25, 2009** – Assign the questions to the Transit Operators.
- **March 11, 2009** – Deadline for Transit Operators to provide responses to STA allowing time to preparation of the staff report and production of the agenda for the Consortium and TAC to review and approval.
- **March 20, 2009** – Present issues to the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) for their review.
- **March 25, 2009** – Consortium and TAC review and approve responses.
- **April 15, 2009** – STA Board review and approval.
- **April 17, 2009** – Submit responses to MTC
- **May 14, 2009** - Responses are submitted for approval to MTC's Program Allocation Committee.

If the above timeline is not followed, it may cause time delays. If the March 20, 2009 PCC meeting is missed, the next PCC meeting will not be held until May 19, 2009. Additionally, MTC staff who handles the TDA claims may have time constraints handling the Unmet Needs Response along with all the regional TDA claims which peak in June. The streets and roads portion of the TDA claims will be delayed until the Unmet Needs process is complete. The County of Solano and the City of Rio Vista's claiming of TDA funds could be delayed.

Fiscal Impact:

No impact on the STA budget. As determined by MTC, if reasonable Unmet Transit Needs remain at the end of this process, TDA funds could not be used for streets and roads purposes by the two local jurisdictions that plan to do so in FY 2009-10. It will not have any impact on TDA funds used for transit operating, capital, planning or other eligible purpose.

Recommendation:

Forward a recommendation to the STA Board to approve the following:

1. The FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response as specified in Attachment B; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to submit the FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs response to MTC.

Attachments:

- A. MTC Feb. 10, 2009 letter re: FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs
- B. FY 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs Issues and Responses (To be provided under separate cover.)



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Mr. Daryl Halls
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Halls:

I have reviewed the transcript of the comments received at the Solano County Unmet Transit Needs public hearing held on December 15, 2008, and also reviewed comments contained in correspondence received by MTC during the public comment period. As you know, the recently concluded unmet transit needs public participation process pertains to FY 2009-10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund allocations for streets and roads purposes.

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

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

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

Preliminary Issues

1. Fairfield service comments – Requests for more stops and shelters Peabody Road/Huntington Drive for Fairfield Rt. 2. Add shelter with seats on Air Base Parkway. Requests for better connections to Vacaville, Vallejo, Benicia and Rio Vista.
2. Vallejo service comments – Requests for return of hourly headways to Route 3 and increased frequency for Route 78. Develop more stops on Columbus Parkway for Route 22 and a more direct route to Benicia. Later service on Vallejo Route 5 from the Vallejo Center of Solano College.

3. Route 90 service comments – Request for later service on Route 90, more Route 90 service stopping in Suisun, better driver training, passenger training and customer support on Route 90.
4. Benicia service comments – More service from Benicia to Fairfield in the commute hours and better coordination with Route 90 and service to Davis and Sacramento.
5. Paratransit service comments - Reduce paratransit pickup window to 10 minutes from 15 minutes. Increase pickup ‘wait’ from 5 minutes to 7 minutes. Increase ability to schedule trips – longer than one week in advance. Earlier ADA service in Fairfield and the removal of ‘standby’ status for trips.

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

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

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

1. that an issue has been addressed through recent changes in service; or
2. that an issue will be addressed by changes in service planned to take place through the fiscal year 2009-10; or
3. that the service changes required to address an issue have been recently studied and determined not reasonable based on locally established standards; or

4. that the evaluation of the issue resulted in the identification of an alternative means of addressing it; or that an issue has not been addressed through recent or planned service changes, nor recently studied.

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

Pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 2380, we will present our staff recommendation to MTC’s PAC identifying those issues that the cities and County must address prior to MTC’s consideration of FY 2009-10 TDA fund requests for streets and roads purposes. Receipt of your responses are requested one month prior to our PAC meeting date (second Wednesday of the month) to include this item on the PAC agenda. Do not hesitate to contact me or Bob Bates of my staff at (510) 817-5733 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alix A. Bockelman
Director, Program & Allocations Section

Enclosures

cc (without enclosures):

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

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DATE: March 17, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Daryl Halls, Executive Director
RE: Update of STA Overall Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09
and FY 2009-10 in Preparation for OWP for FY 2009-10 & 2010-11

Background:

Each year, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board identifies and updates its priority projects. These projects provide the foundation for the STA's overall work plan for the forthcoming two fiscal years. In July 2002, the STA Board modified the adoption of its list of priority projects to coincide with the adoption of its two-year budget. This marked the first time the STA had adopted a two-year overall work plan. The most recently adopted STA Overall Work Plan (OWP) for FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 included a list of 40 priority projects, plans and programs.

Discussion:

Attached (Attachment A) is an update of the current STA Overall Work Plan for FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10. This OWP contains a total of 40 projects, plans and programs/services that STA staff has been working on the past year in partnership with individual member agencies, Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Bay Area Air Quality Management Agency (BAAQMD), Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) and other partner agencies. In March and April 2009, staff will provide the STA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board with a status and progress report of the current OWP in preparation for providing a draft OWP for the forthcoming two fiscal years. In April and May, the TAC and Board will then be presented with an updated OWP for the forthcoming two fiscal years.

Once updated, the STA OWP will guide the development of the STA's budget for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. STA's Updated Overall Work Plan (Priority Projects) for FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 (To be provided under separate cover.)

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DATE: March 17, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Federal Economic Stimulus Status of Solano Transit Projects

Background/Discussion:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) enacted a \$787 billion economic recovery package calling for new spending as well as tax cuts. This package included \$8.4 billion in Federal Transit Administration funds. It is estimated that Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will receive roughly \$340 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA). More specifically, Solano County transit operators will receive over \$13 million in 5307 and over \$800,000 in 5311 funds.

A primary objective of the ARRA program is economic recovery and as a result, projects receiving grants are required to meet stringent project delivery deadlines set forth by the legislation and by MTC. MTC has specified deadlines to ensure that ARRA funds will not be lost to other states. The FTA 5307 funds have a regional deadline of May 31, 2009 (set by MTC) for the funds to be obligated in an approved FTA grant. Funds not obligated by May 31st are subject to redirection to other projects. For more detail on important deadline dates, please see Attachment A and Attachment B.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. MTC American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – FTA Formula Program for Solano County
- B. MTC FTA Section 5311 (Rural) ARRA Program of Projects

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
 Federal Transit Administration Formula Program for Solano County

The ARRA is meant to jumpstart the economy and as such includes provisions to ensure timely expenditure of funds. The below summarizes the “use it or lost or rule.

FTA Formula Funds Sections 5307/5309	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of Funds: Obligation within 180 days • Remaining Funds: Obligation within 1 Year • All funds expire if not obligated by September 20, 2010
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Important Deadline for Transit Agencies:

1. Council approved Local Resolution of Support by **March 31, 2009**.
2. All funds have a regional obligation (approved FTA grant) deadline of **May 31, 2009**. Funds not obligated by May 31 are subject to redirection to other projects that can meet the Act’s expedited timely use of funds provisions. Although the ARRA only required 50 % of the funds must meet the earlier deadline, by establishing a delivery deadline for all of the system preservation projects, funding can be redirected within the region should some projects fail to deliver by the federal deadline.
3. All funds must be expended or in an awarded contract by **November 30, 2009**. This is

Agency	Project Title	Tier 1	Tier 2
City of Fairfield	Preventative Maintenance	\$550,000	
City of Fairfield	MCI Bus Repower (14)	\$1,150,000	
City of Fairfield	Bus Replacement (6)	\$417,747	\$788,484
City of Fairfield	GFI Farebox/counter	\$1,017,238	
	Subtotal	\$3,134,985	\$788,484
City of Vacaville	Bus Replacement	\$1,734,372	
City of Vacaville	Vacaville Intermodal Station	484,702	\$527,655
	Subtotal	\$2,217,074	\$527,655
City of Vallejo	Rehab/Preventative Maintenance	\$4,000,000	
City of Vallejo	Ferry Terminal ADA, Rehab	\$800,000	
City of Vallejo	Bus Maintenance Facility	\$812,234	
City of Vallejo	Repower Ferry Engines	\$2,000,000	
City of Vallejo/City of Benicia	Fueling Station Upgrade	\$60,000	
City of Vallejo/City of Benicia	Replace 12 Bus Shelters	\$72,000	
City of Vallejo	Vallejo Station		\$2,009,466
	Subtotal	\$7,744,324	\$2,009,466
SOLANO COUNTY TOTAL		\$13,096,380	\$3,325,605

consistent with the intent of the ARRA to create and /or preserve jobs as soon as possible.

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MTC FTA Section 5311 ARRA Program of Projects

(1) Submit a copy of your application to MTC by **April 10, 2009** so MTC can complete the regional certifications page and submit it to Caltrans. An electronic copy is acceptable (please send to kmazur@mtc.ca.gov), and a draft version is also acceptable if you are not yet finished with your application by April 10th.

(2) Submit your application to Caltrans by **April 17, 2009**.

(3) Public Hearing. A public hearing is required for all projects, including preventive maintenance projects, and should be scheduled as soon as possible. The public hearing does not need to be completed by April 17, 2009; however, when you submit your application, you will need to provide evidence that you have scheduled the public hearing (e.g., a newspaper announcement). The public hearing must be completed by the time Caltrans submits the grant to FTA.

(4) Authorizing Resolution. If your agency already has an authorizing resolution on file with Caltrans, giving someone at your agency (e.g., the City Manager) the authority to file and execute 5311 applications and assurances on your agency's behalf. Caltrans says that as long as the information on your regular 5311 authorizing resolution is generic, i.e., does not stipulate an amount, a specific year, etc., then another resolution is not necessary.

(5) Cover letter describing contingency projects. Caltrans has suggested that those who want to receive additional 5311-ARRA funding for contingency projects (should there be any left over from other regions), include a cover letter with their application stating how much funding they hope to receive and a description of the contingency project. Note: You should not request additional funding for any projects beyond what is shown on the attached table; Caltrans only plans to fund RTPA-supported projects, and at this time MTC only plan to support the projects on the below list.

Subrecipient	Project	5311 ARRA Program Amount	5311 ARRA Contingency
City of Dixon	Municipal Service Center Replacement	\$381,676	\$131,324
Solano Transportation Authority	Purchase four (4) replacement buses	\$300,000	\$75,000
City of Dixon	Preventative Maintenance	\$48,000	
City of Rio Vista	Preventative Maintenance	\$75,000	
	Total	\$804,676	\$206,324

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DATE: March 25, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: New State Budget Impact on Solano Transit

Background:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 established two sources of funds that provide support for public transportation services statewide – the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the Public Transportation Account (PTA). Solano County receives TDA funds through the LTF and State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) through the PTA. State law specifies that STAF funds be used to provide financial assistance for public transportation, including funding for transit planning, operations and capital acquisition projects.

TDA funds are the primary source of funding for Solano transit operators, particularly for transit operating. STAF has been used for a wide range of activities, including providing funds for STA transit programs administration, transit studies, transit marketing activities, matching funds for the purchase of new paratransit and intercity buses and covering new bus purchase shortfalls on start-up new intercity services when the need arises. Recently STAF has also been used to fund Lifeline projects and help fund SolanoExpress and Paratransit Services. With the new State Budget approved in February, funding to STAF has been suspended entirely beginning in FY 2009-10 until 2013. Only 25% of the STAF allocation for FY 2008-09 is being released. With the limited funding options for Solano County transit operators (no transportation sales tax, parcel tax, developer fees or other local funding mechanisms) this is a substantial loss.

Statewide there are two primary distribution streams of STAF: 1) revenue-based and 2) population-based. The revenue-based STAF is distributed directly to transit operators roughly based on their passenger fare revenue share as a percentage of the total State transit passenger fare.

Over \$2 million of STAF funds for Solano were cut in FY 2008-09 as compared to the original State Budget approved in September 2008. When STAF is suspended completely in FY 2009-10, nearly \$3 million in critical transit funds will be eliminated in Solano County (Attachments A and B).

Revenue-Based STAF: In FY 2008-09, the Fall 2008 projection for revenue-based STAF directed to Solano transit operators was expected to be a total of over \$650,000. With the 75% reduction in FY 2008-09, this resulted in a loss of nearly \$500,000 this year and the full amount in FY 2009-10 and going forward for several years. Attachments A and B show the impact by operator. The transit operator impacted most significantly is Vallejo Transit which loses over \$1 million in FY 2008-09 and over \$1.1 million in FY 2009-10 and beyond.

Population-Based STAF: Population-Based STAF is distributed through three categories in the Bay Area. The STA has been programming these three types of Pop-Based STAF for Solano County. The three types are: 1) Regional Paratransit; 2) Northern County/Solano; and 3) Lifeline.

Pop-Based STAF/Regional Paratransit: As the name implies, these funds can only be used for paratransit purposes. In Solano County, these funds have typically been used to complete studies concerning seniors and the disabled, paratransit capital grant matches, vehicle enhancements, operating assistance, and management of the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC). In FY 2008-09, these funds were reduced by \$171,930 in Solano County. Solano has typically received about \$250,000 annually which will be suspended in FY 2009-10 for several years.

Pop-Based STAF/Northern County-Solano: STAF/Northern County funds have been used for a wide range of activities, including providing funds for STA transit programs, transit studies, transit marketing activities, matching funds for the purchase of new intercity buses, covering new bus purchase shortfalls on start-up new intercity services when the need arises and providing limited operating support for SolanoExpress. Over \$1 million is being lost in FY 2008-09 in this STAF funding category. Starting in FY 2009-10, over \$1.5 million will be lost annually from this funding source.

Pop-Based STAF/Lifeline: STAF was the major funding source for the Lifeline Program which targets transportation projects for the low-income population. STAF was the only Lifeline funding source available for transit operating. For FY 2008-09, over \$350,000 will be lost in the county. In FY 2009-10 and going forward annually, nearly \$500,000 will be eliminated. When the list of Lifeline projects was approved, they were approved in priority order. The top 3 priority projects can be funded, in whole or in part, with the \$1,044,776 of STAF remaining for three years beginning in FY2008-09. These projects are Vallejo Transit Rt. 85, Vallejo Transit Rt. 1, and Dixon Read-Ride Saturday service. The first two projects can be fully funded at the total amount of \$375,000 and \$600,000 respectively. Dixon's service will receive \$69,776.

Fiscal Impact:

The significant reduction of STAF for FY 2008-09 has been a \$651,000 reduction to STA's budget. In FY 2008-09, funds have been shifted from studies to allow for the continued support of STA's transit programs. For FY 2009-10, this complete loss of STAF will require the use of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) swap funds to help provide for these STA Plans and Programs. In addition, the loss in STAF will eliminate \$395,000 for SolanoExpress operating beginning in FY 2009-10, \$287,000 for countywide paratransit services, and \$500,000 for Intercity Transit vehicle capital purchases.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. State Budget Impact on Solano Transit Operators FY 2008-09
- B. State Budget Impact on Solano Transit Operators FY 2009-10

State Budget Impact on Solano Transit Operators

February Revise FY2008-09

State Transit Assistance funds (STAF)					
FY2008-09 Loss					
	Revenue-Based	Population-Based	Regional Paratransit	Lifeline Program	TOTAL
Benicia	\$ 11,581				
Dixon	\$ 3,074				
Fairfield/Suisun City	\$ 61,276				
Rio Vista	\$ -				
Vacaville					
Vallejo	\$ 416,951				
STA		\$ 1,100,389	\$ 171,930	\$ 353,733	
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- Lifeline Program Allocated through the Solano Transportation Authority and funds transportation programs that are a priority to meet the needs of the low-income population. This was the largest funding source of the Lifeline Program and the only one that could be used for operations.

State Budget Impact on Solano Transit Operators

February Revise FY2008-09

All State Transit Assistance funding suspended in FY2009-10. Amounts lost based on new revenue estimated for FY2008-09.

State Transit Assistance funds (STAF)					
FY2009-10 Loss					
	Revenue-Based	Population-Based	Regional Paratransit	Lifeline Program	TOTAL
Benicia	\$ 15,415				
Dixon	\$ 4,091				
Fairfield/Suisun City	\$ 81,559				
Rio Vista	\$ -				
Vacaville					
Vallejo	\$ 554,968				
STA		\$ 1,538,564	\$ 240,393	\$ 494,590	
	\$ 656,033	\$ 1,538,564	\$ 240,393	\$ 494,590	\$ 2,929,580

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DATE: March 17, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: Transit Consolidation Study Status

Background:

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

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

Work began in early 2007. The first major endeavor was to conduct an extensive outreach involving interviews with transit operator staff, other city staff, public officials, and others. To gain a broad perspective of issues and concerns, nearly sixty (60) interviews were conducted as well as outreach to transit users.

In May 2007, the consultants presented to the STA Board a summary of their findings from the interviews. The summary represented a set of commonalities, key issues and potential challenges. Board feedback included extending the schedule for the study, completing the interviews, collecting user input, and analyzing the issues associated with preliminary consolidation alternatives prior to the return to the Board.

A preliminary analysis of alternatives was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Consortium in June 2007. It included five (5) potential transit consolidation alternatives. During discussion at the TAC meeting, a sixth (6th) alternative was requested. This alternative suggested consideration of consolidating all intercity fixed-route service and local and intercity American for Disabilities (ADA) paratransit service.

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

The Transit Consolidation Steering Committee first met in October 2007 and provided guidance to Phase II. Phase II is a detailed assessment of the existing transit operators including an analysis of not only their operations but also their financial accounting methodology and forecasting. In addition, several potential consolidation options were to be further analyzed. One of the first consolidation options to be evaluated was a Benicia/Vallejo consolidation.

Separate from the Transit Consolidation Study, the consultant team recently completed an assessment of the Benicia Breeze and the Vallejo Transit systems. Although the Benicia study was primarily conducted for other purposes, this effort assisted with the transit consolidation study.

The STA Board's Transit Consolidation Steering Committee held a second meeting on December 11, 2008. At this meeting, several elements of Phase II Transit Consolidation study were presented for discussion as well as items requested at the last Transit Consolidation Working Committee. The committee meeting agenda is attached (Attachment A). The meeting was well attended and there was significant discussion of several items. The Committee directed staff to add Option 2 (Vallejo/Benicia/Fairfield/Suisun City consolidation) to the list of options to evaluate. Direction was also given to review the financial data with operators individually before moving into the evaluation phase.

Discussion:

The consultants and STA staff finished meeting with all of the transit operators individually to review their agency's financial data. Most of those meetings were held January 12, 2009 and the balance was completed by January 29th. Draft financial and other report sections for each of the operators were distributed to the transit operators the last week of February for review and the comments would be incorporated into a larger report. Although most comments have been received, more are expected the week of March 16th.

The revised full report will be presented to the Consortium and TAC in March and the STA Board Subcommittee in early May. Analysis and evaluation of the Consolidation Options will be developed in April in preparation for review by the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. Transit Consolidation Steering Committee Agenda – December 11, 2008
- B. Transit Consolidation Phase II Financial, Facilities, Staffing, and Paratransit Analysis Report (To be provided under separate cover.)



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TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Members:

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

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 11, 2008
(Lunch will be provided.)

Suisun City Hall
701 Civic Center Blvd.
Suisun City, CA 94585

MEETING AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Chair Spring
(11:00 – 11:05 a.m.)
- II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**
(11:05 – 11:10 a.m.)

Pursuant to the Brown Act, public agencies must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. Gov't Code §54954.3(a). By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the agency.

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- III. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Transit Consolidation Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2007** Johanna Masiplat
Recommendation
Receive the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2007.
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

City of Benicia	City of Dixon	City of Fairfield	City of Rio Vista	City of Suisun City	City of Vacaville	City of Vallejo	County of Solano
Elizabeth Patterson Jim Erickson	Jack Batchelor, Jr. Nancy Huston	Harry Price Sean Quinn	Jan Vick Hector de la Rosa	Pete Sanchez Suzanne Bragdon	Len Augustine David Van Kirk	Osby Davis Joseph Tanner	Jim Spering Michael Johnson

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Purpose and Background of Transit Consolidation Feasibility Study** John Harris,
(11:10 – 11:20 a.m.) Project Manager
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- B. Transit Roles of Transit Operators, STA, and MTC** Elizabeth Richards, STA
(11:20 – 11:30 a.m.)
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- C. Transit Funding Summary** Liz Niedziela, STA
(11:30 – 11:40 p.m.) Derek Wong, Consultant
Pg.
- D. Comprehensive Solano Transit Operations Analysis** Joe Story, Consultant
(11:40 – 12:10 p.m.)
Pg.
- E. Status of Option 1 (Vallejo/Benicia) Consolidation** John Harris
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)
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- F. Option 5 – Functional Consolidation Overview** John Harris
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)
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V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Phase 2 Issue: Adverse Fiscal Environment Effect on Transit Operations** Joe Story
Recommendation:
Affirm, remove or modify consolidation options based on new information about impending financial shortfalls for transit operations.
(12:20 – 12:35 p.m.)
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- VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS** Committee Members
(12:35 – 12:45 p.m.)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next Transit Consolidation Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled at **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009** at Suisun City Hall.



DATE: March 18, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Elizabeth Richards, Director of Transit and Rideshare Services
RE: FY 2009-10 Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Status

Background:

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

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

The FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 ITF agreements addressed funding for seven major intercity routes. It is the time of year to begin working on the FY 2009-10 ITF agreement in order to have it in place prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Discussion:

Given the projected declining TDA funds in FY 2009-10 and the suspension of State Transit Assistance funds in FY 2009-10 which have helped support intercity routes, concerns have already been raised about how much intercity transit service the county can afford. As discussed at the January Consortium, service reductions have been made on intercity routes this fiscal year already. At the January Consortium meeting, some operators expressed concern about their ability to maintain their level of contribution. At the February Consortium, STA staff requested that the two intercity transit operators be prepared to discuss their ideas concerning the level of service on the seven ITF routes in FY2009-10.

The first step in developing the FY 2009-10 agreement is to determine how the intercity routes funded through the FY 2008-09 ITF agreement are performing at mid-year. In the FY 2008-09 ITF agreement, monitoring of intercity route performance is required by the intercity operators. Their mid-year data was due February 1 and has been received. The mid-year data provides the first glimpse of how the current array of intercity services is performing and how their actual costs are tracking.

A schedule for the development of the FY 2009-10 ITF agreement is attached. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19. An update will be provided at the Consortium.

Fiscal Impact:

The Intercity Transit Funding agreement will identify funding for major intercity services in FY 2009-10.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachments:

- A. STA Intercity Transit Funding Agreement Core Concepts
- B. FY 2009-10 ITF Agreement Development Schedule

Intercity Transit Funding

Core Concepts

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Principle 1:

To provide certainty to intercity transit operators and funding partners, and to establish a consistent method and an agreement for sharing subsidies for all intercity transit routes by Solano intercity transit operators beginning in FY 2006-07 and continuing in future years based on a consensus of the participating jurisdictions.

Principle 2:

To focus limited financial resources and deliver productive intercity transit service as soon as possible, and to develop a cost effective and affordable revised intercity route structure that will: 1) be implemented with the new subsidy sharing agreement; 2) meet the policy/coverage requirements agreed upon; 3) be marketed jointly.

Principle 3:

To focus limited financial resources and deliver productive intercity transit services on an on-going basis while meeting the policy/coverage requirements agreed upon, and to develop strategies to consistently evaluate, modify, and market intercity transit services after this Agreement is implemented.

**SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FY 2008-09 & FY 2009-10
INTERCITY TRANSIT FUNDING
TASK SCHEDULE
(March 18, 2009)**

TASK		TIME FRAME	STATUS
1	Operators report on July – December FY 08 performance	January 2009	Received
2	Operators identify any potential FY 08-09 service, fare, and budget amendments	Feb/Mar 2009	Discuss at Feb 2009 Consortium
3	Discuss potential service and fare changes for FY 09-10	Feb/Mar 2009	Discuss at Feb 2009 Consortium
4	FY 09-10 fund estimates (TDA, STAF) available from MTC	February 2009	Received
5	Update population data	March 2009	Due April
6	Jurisdictions draft FY 09-10 budgets	March 2009	March/April
7	Operators prepare FY 09-10 CAM	March 2009	Due April 2
8	Discuss FY 09-10 cost sharing formula	March 2009	April 8
9	Approve cost sharing formula and inputs	April/May 2009	
10	Draft and finalize FY 09-10 agreement	May 2009	
11	Prepare TDA matrix program	May 2009	
12	Operators submit final FY 08-09 performance report	August 2009	
13	Operators submit data for reconciling FY 08-09 budget vs. actual costs	November 2009	



DATE: March 16, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Liz Niedziela, Transit Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Solano Paratransit Review and Service Alternative Study Status

Background:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) provides oversight and Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) operates Solano Paratransit through an agreement with STA. This has been the operating arrangement since the mid-1990s. The Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) was approved in 1990 and set basic standards on how transit services would accommodate the disabled. In the beginning, countywide intercity paratransit services for the elderly and disabled were operated by a non-profit organization – Solano County Economic Opportunity Council (SCEOC). SCEOC operated this service under contract with the County of Solano when the STA was part of the County. In 1995, SCEOC was suddenly unable to provide the service. The County of Solano/STA maintained the Solano Paratransit service through a contract with Fairfield and Suisun Transit. Nearly simultaneously, Vallejo decided to operate a similar service directly with the City of Benicia and thus Solano Paratransit became a north county intercity paratransit service.

Solano Paratransit operates Monday – Saturday providing intercity paratransit service between the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville and the unincorporated areas in the central and eastern portion of Solano County. Solano Paratransit has been primarily funded by Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds from the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville and the County of Solano as well as Rio Vista until FY 2008-09. Over the years, STA has secured a variety of other funds for this service including 5310 grants for the new buses and Regional Paratransit State Transit Assistance Funds.

As the countywide transportation agency for Solano County, STA is focused on intercity services. Working with FAST and the funding partners, STA has coordinated the operating and capital funding for Solano Paratransit. Solano Paratransit is operated in conjunction with Fairfield's local paratransit service (DART). STA owns the paratransit vehicles but they are maintained and operated as part of the DART fleet. STA developed the current funding methodology and updates the cost-sharing subsidies annually and monitors the service. Day-to-day operations such as eligibility determinations, dispatching, and vehicle usage are integrated with DART.

The total cost for Solano Paratransit service in FY 2008-09 was budgeted at \$792,849. This was an annual total cost increase of 31% as compared to FY 2007-08 total cost of \$605,397. The increase in cost was a result of a new operator contract and increased fuel and maintenance costs. The higher cost of operating Solano Paratransit has been a concern for the funding partners. The STA Board approved a one-year allocation of \$192,000 of State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) funds towards Solano Paratransit to bring the cost down to the FY 2007-08 level so the funding partners would not be significantly impacted by the substantial increase.

With the Solano Paratransit funding partners' concern that costs are increasing at a significant rate (this was the second double digit increase in the past five years), it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund this service within the transit budgets of the local agencies. The STA Board agreed to fund a study to review how Solano Paratransit delivers service and to look at alternative options to provide Solano Paratransit service.

Discussion:

The study will review options of modifying or reducing service and/or the service area and the consequential impact on ADA passengers, review the option for each city to provide their own paratransit service similar to Solano Paratransit but with transfers of passengers between cities, and review policies and the practice of how services are delivered that may also impact the increasing cost of paratransit service. The funding partners expressed the need for this study to take place as soon as possible to allow time to review the study in order to plan and prepare to make budget adjustments and/or implement a different service before FY 2009-10. The STA Board authorized the selection of a consultant to complete this study.

The primary purpose for this Solano Paratransit Review and Service Delivery Alternatives Study is to review how service is being delivered and evaluate alternative methods of delivery to control or reduce costs while meeting ADA requirements and maximizing mobility for ADA-eligible individuals. It is anticipated that a new delivery model is needed to deliver consistent, sustainable service to ADA-eligible individuals.

HDR was selected to conduct the study. The STA staff provided the consultant with numerous reports and documents concerning Solano Paratransit in November. In December 2008, HDR met with Solano Paratransit staff to gather information on how the system works and what types of reports may be accessed. HDR also met interviewed Dixon, Fairfield, and Vacaville transit managers to discuss the study's objectives and Solano Paratransit's strengths, and shortcomings, as well as to gather suggestions on policy and operational comments and insights.

An important part of this assessment is to gather current passengers' profile to assess their needs for this type of service. HDR distributed a passenger survey on Solano Paratransit buses in January. A driver survey guide designed specifically to gather first hand insight on how Solano Paratransit works was completed last month. Stakeholder interviews were also completed last month. The outreach element, existing conditions and demand forecast have been drafted. The profile and cost are in the writing stage. A further update will be provided at the Consortium.

Fiscal Impact:

This Solano Paratransit Review and Service Delivery Alternatives Study is funded with State Transit Assistance Funds for \$60,000 provided by the STA.

Recommendation:

Informational.

Attachment:

- A. Solano Paratransit Study Project Task Timeline Update (to be provided under separate cover



DATE: March 20, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
RE: SolanoExpress Transit Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) Marketing Plan Update

Background:

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) coordinates intercity transit service marketing for the Baylink Ferry and SolanoExpress bus routes. STA received an amendment to the original \$260,000 RM 2 marketing agreement of \$99,500 to implement the marketing program for the new intercity Route 78 between Vallejo and Pleasant Hill/Walnut Creek BART stations.

Discussion:

There is a fund balance remaining in the marketing program for Route 78 between Vallejo and Pleasant Hill/Walnut Creek BART stations that must be used by June 30, 2009. This balance will be used to implement Phase II of the "2 for 1" promotion for Route 78. Individuals who purchase a May monthly bus pass for this route will receive a free June pass. Route 78 passes will be sold at Benicia City Hall and at all Vallejo ticket outlets. Newspaper print ads and flyers will be designed. Staff is working with Vallejo and Benicia to provide the flyers for "seat drops" on local buses and the ferry with a particular focus on Benicia-bound ferry riders. Staff will also coordinate outreach to employers in Contra Costa County.

Recommendation:

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DATE: March 20, 2009
TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
FROM: Judy Leaks, SNCI Program Manager/Analyst
RE: Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program Monthly Issues

Background:

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

Discussion:

Transit Schedules:

The monthly transit schedule matrix was distributed to all Solano and Napa operators the week of March 16. Based on the response received, an updated transit matrix will be provided at the meeting.

Marketing/Promotions:

SNCI is continuing plans for the Bike to Work Day (BTWD) spring promotion, which will take place May 14, 2009. SNCI has ordered marketing materials like posters, brochures, bike musette bags, T-shirts and entry forms for the promotion. If there are any bicycle issues related to transit (bus bike racks, lockers at Park and Ride lots, etc) that a transit operator would like promoted or addressed as part of the campaign, please advise SNCI.

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

Events:

SNCI staffs information booths at events where transit information is distributed along with a range of other commute options information. Staff distributed Employee Transportation Surveys to employees of California State Prison-Solano in Vacaville.

Recommendation:

Informational.

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DATE: March 17, 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
Clean Air Fund (CAF) Program*	Jim Antone, Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) (530) 757-3653	March 27, 2009
Caltrans Planning Grant – Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning	Emmanuel Mekwunye Metropolitan Transportation Commission, (MTC) (510) 286-6326	April 1, 2009
Caltrans Planning Grant – Environmental Justice: Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant*	Beth Thomas, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (510) 286-7227	April 1, 2009
Caltrans Planning Grant – Partnership Planning	Blesilda Gebreyesus, MTC (510) 286-5575	April 1, 2009
Caltrans Planning Grant – Federal Transportation Account (FTA) 5304 Statewide Transit Planning Studies	Blesilda Gebreyesus, MTC (510) 286-5575	April 1, 2009

Fund Source	Application Available From	Application Due
Caltrans Planning Grant – FTA 5304 Transit Technical Planning Assistance	Blesilda Gebreyesus, MTC (510) 286-5575	April 1, 2009
Caltrans Planning Grant – FTA 5304 Transit Professionals Development	Blesilda Gebreyesus, MTC (510) 286-5575	April 1, 2009
Cycle 8 State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program	Joyce Parks, Caltrans (916) 653-6920	April 15, 2009
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program*	Program Contact To Be Announced, please contact STA staff for more information: Sara Woo (707) 399-3214	April 27, 2009
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas Energy Reduction*	Program Contact To Be Announced, please contact STA staff for more information: Sara Woo (707) 399-3214	Anticipated Application Deadline is Late April 2009
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Program – 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program*	Elizabeth Niedziela, Solano Transportation Authority (STA) (707) 424-6075 -and- Kristen Mazur, MTC (510) 817-5789	May 20, 2009
FTA Grant Program – 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program for Small Urban Projects*	Kristen Mazur, MTC (510) 817-5789	June 26, 2009

Fund Source	Application Available From	Application Due
FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program <i>for Small Urban Projects*</i>	Kristen Mazur, MTC (510) 817-5789	June 26, 2009
FTA Grant Program – 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program <i>for Rural Projects*</i>	Kristen Mazur, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	September 25, 2009
FTA Grant Program – 5317 New Freedom Program <i>for Rural Projects*</i>	Tracey Frost, Caltrans (916) 654-8222	September 25, 2009

* New funding opportunity



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Clean Air Fund (CAF) Program

Due March 27, 2009

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

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

Eligible Project Sponsors: Public or private agencies, groups of individuals in the Yolo Solano Air Basin

Program Description: The Clean Air Funds (CAF) Program is designed to reduce emissions from motor vehicles by supporting cleaner vehicle technologies, alternative modes of transportation, and educating the public about air pollution.

Funding Available: Approximately \$370,000 to \$420,000 is available for Solano County projects.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects include those pertaining to the following categories:
1. Clean Technologies/Low Emission Vehicles
2. Alternative Transportation Programs
3. Transit Services
4. Public Education/Information

Further Details: <http://www.ysaqmd.org/incentive-caf.php>

Program Contact Person: Jim Antone, Environmental Planner (YSAQMD),
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning

Due April 1, 2009

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

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

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

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

Funding Available: \$3 million from the State Highway Account for FY 07/08. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000. A local match equal to 10% of the grant request is required, of which half may be in-kind.

- Eligible Projects:
- Identification and involvement of under-represented groups in planning and project development.
 - Planning and Safety improvements for pedestrians and bicycles
 - Developing Guidelines and supporting information for EJ element of a General Plan
 - Transportation Projects in underdeveloped rural agricultural areas
 - Transportation Planning that enhances the business climate, affordable housing, and economic development in under-served communities development

Examples:

- Monument Corridor Marketing and Outreach Project, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority - \$87,200, FY 05/06
- Fruitvale Alive!/City of Oakland - \$170,000, FY 03/04
- Le Grand, Circulation Plan – 68,400, FY 03/04

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

Community-Based Planning

Due April 1, 2009

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

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

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

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

Funding Available: \$3 million from the State Highway Account for FY 06/07. Maximum grant amount is \$250,000. A local match equal to 20% of the grant request is required, of which half may be in-kind.

Eligible Projects:

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

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

FTA 5304 Partnership Planning

Due April 1, 2009

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

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

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

Program Description: The Partnership Planning Grant promotes planning studies that have a statewide benefit or multi-regional significance or both.

Funding Available: Approximately \$1 million will be available in FY 2007-08. The maximum amount per grant is \$300,000 with a 20% non-federal local match.

Eligible Projects:

- Regional, inter-county, and/or statewide mobility and access needs
- Land use and smart growth studies
- Corridor studies and corridor preservation studies
- Projects that evaluate transportation issues involving ground access to international borders, seaports, airports, intermodal facilities, freight hubs, and recreational sites

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

FTA 5304 Statewide Transit Planning Studies

Due April 1, 2009

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

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant for Statewide Transit Planning Studies 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: Only MPOs/RTPs may apply for this grant program . Others may apply as sub-recipients. Contact MTC for their sub-recipient process details.

Program Description: Funds studies that reduce urban transportation needs and improve transit on a statewide or multi-regional level.

Funding Available: \$1,400,000 available with a grant cap of \$300,000. 11.47% non-Federal funds or in-kind local match required.

Eligible Projects:

- GIS development
- Transit-oriented development (TOD) studies
- Transit planning
- Development tools
- Development models

Example:

- Transit-Related Child Care Study, Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County - \$84,100

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

FTA 5304 Transit Technical Planning Assistance

Due April 1, 2009

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

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant for Transit Technical Planning Assistance 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: Only MPOs/RTPs may apply for this grant program . Others may apply as sub-recipients. Contact MTC for their sub-recipient process details.

Program Description: Funds public intermodal transportation planning studies for rural transit service (Population of 50K or less).

Funding Available: \$700,000 available with a grant cap of \$100,000. 11.47% non-Federal funds or in-kind local match required.

Eligible Projects:

- Short-range transit development plans
- Ridership surveys
- Transit coordination studies

Example:

- Western Placer County Options for Transit Service Consolidation, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency - \$13,280

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant

FTA 5304 Transit Professional Development

Due April 1, 2009

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FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant for Transit Professionals Development 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: Only MPOs/RTPs may apply for this grant program. Others may apply as sub-recipients. Contact MTC for their sub-recipient process details.

Program Description: *Transit Professional Development*: Funds training and development of transit planning professionals and students.

Funding Available: \$150,000 available with a grant cap of \$50,000. 11.47% non-Federal funds or in-kind local match required.

Eligible Projects:

- Single or multi-agency internships for university and community college students

Example:

- Professional Development and Transit Internships, Yolo County Transportation District - \$46,478

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

**California State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S)
Program**

April 15, 2009

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

This summary of the SR2S Program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Cities and counties.

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

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

Funding Available: Approximately \$6-7 million will be available for FY 2008/2009 and FY 2009/2010 in the San Francisco Bay Area; local match is 10 percent.

Eligible Projects: Projects:

- Pedestrian facilities – new sidewalks, widening, etc.
- Traffic Calming – roundabouts, bulb-outs, speed humps, raised crosswalks/intersections, etc.
- Traffic Control Devices – traffic signals/signs, pavement markings
- Bicycle Facilities – new bike paths, lanes, parking/racks/lockers
- Public Outreach & Education – education, encouragement, and enforcement (limited to 10% of total engineering project cost)

Examples:

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

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program
Application Due April 27, 2009

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

This summary of the ARRA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance 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: Regional, state, local, tribal or port agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Program Description: Funding must be used to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of: (1) tons of pollution produced; (2) diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by the Administrator as poor air quality areas; and (3) the ability to maximize job preservation and creation.

Funding Available: Approximately \$156 million is available nationwide. Award floor is \$250,000 and award ceiling is \$10 million. Expected number of awards is 150.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects must include one or more of the following diesel emissions reduction solutions: verified emission control technologies including retrofit devices, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies; certified engine repowers; and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

Further Details: <http://epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/prognational.htm>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction

Anticipated Application Deadline is Late April 2009

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

This summary of the ARRA Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Public transit agencies.

Program Description: This program will provide grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transit agencies.

Funding Available: Approximately \$100 million is available nationwide. Award ceiling is \$100 million. Expected number of awards is 150.

Eligible Projects: TBA

Further Details: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=45906>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program

Application Due May 20, 2009

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

This summary of the FTA 5310 program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private nonprofit corporations or public agencies where no private nonprofits are readily available to provide the proposed service or that have been approved by the State of California to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

Program Description: The FTA 5310 Program is designed for meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities in areas where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. **Note:** the application for this program is due both to the appropriate County Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) and MTC by 5:00 p.m. May 20, 2009.

Funding Available: Approximately \$12.6 million is available in the federal fiscal year 2009.

Eligible Projects: The program allows for the procurement of accessible vans and buses; communication equipment; mobility management activities; and computer hardware and software for eligible applicants.

Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant
FTA 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Small Urban Projects

Application Due June 26, 2009

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

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

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

Funding Available: Approximately \$3 million is available for JARC small urban projects. Minimum local match requirements are 20 percent for capital projects and 50 percent for operations projects.

Eligible Projects: Operating:
• Late night/weekend service
• Guaranteed ride home service
• Shuttle service
• Expanded fixed-route public transit routes
• Demand-responsive service
• Ridesharing/carpooling activities
Voucher programs
Capital:
• Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
• Promotion of operating activities
• Vehicles
• Mobility management activities

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Small Urban Projects

Application Due June 26, 2009

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FROM: Sara Woo, Planning Assistant

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

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

Funding Available: Approximately \$1.6 million is available for New Freedom Small-Urban projects.

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

Eligible Projects:

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

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Rural Projects

Application Due September 25, 2009

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

This summary of the FTA 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

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

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

Eligible Projects:

<u>Operating:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Late night/weekend service• Guaranteed ride home service• Shuttle service• Expanded fixed-route public transit routes• Demand-responsive service• Ridesharing/carpooling activities• Voucher programs	<u>Capital:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)• Promotion of operating activities• Vehicles• Mobility management activities
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Further Details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant

FTA 5317 New Freedom Program for Rural Projects

Application Due September 25, 2009

TO: SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
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This summary of the FTA 5317 – New Freedom program is intended to assist jurisdictions plan projects that are eligible for the program. STA staff is available to answer questions regarding this funding program and provide feedback on potential project applications.

Eligible Project Sponsors: Private nonprofit organizations, state or local government authority, operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, and tribal governments.

Program Description: The FTA 5317 New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide “new” transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

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

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

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