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STA Board Leadership Changes for 2009

Suisun City, CA – The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board of Directors appointed Solano County Supervisor Jim Spering as the new Chair of the STA, and Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez as the new Vice Chair for 2009. Supervisor Spering also serves as Solano County’s representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Recently elected Dixon Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr., and Rio Vista Mayor Jan Vick were also installed as new members of the Board.

“These are challenging times for the STA Board with California in the midst of a significant state budget crisis and the fiscal uncertainty for near term state transportation funding,” said STA Board Chair Jim Spering. Solano County has worked hard in recent years to obtain limited state funds for projects such as the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes, SR 12 Jameson Canyon Widening, the Jepson Parkway, SR 12 East Safety Improvements, and expanded express bus service along the I-80/680/780 corridors. “We certainly have our work cut out for us advocating for federal economic stimulus funds and protecting our state bond funded projects this year,” said Spering.



2009 STA Board Members (L to R): Harry Price (Fairfield Mayor); Len Augustine (Vacaville Mayor); Pete Sanchez, Vice Chair (Suisun City Mayor); Jim Spering, Chair (Solano County Supervisor); Jan Vick (Rio Vista Mayor); Jack Batchelor, Jr. (Dixon Mayor); Elizabeth Patterson (Benicia Mayor); Osby Davis (Vallejo Mayor)

The STA was created in 1990 through a Joint Powers Agreement between the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo and the County of Solano to serve as the Congestion Management Agency for Solano. The STA is responsible for countywide transportation planning, programming transportation funds, managing and providing transportation programs and services, delivering transportation projects, and setting transportation priorities.

The STA Board meets the second Wednesday of every month, except August and November, at 6:00 p.m., at Suisun City Hall, 701 Civic Center Drive in Suisun City. Board agendas may be accessed at www.solanolinks.com/agenda%202009.html.