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## **Construction Begins on North Connector Road in Suisun City**

**Suisun City, CA** – The North Connector, the first major roadway project to be delivered by Solano Transportation Authority (STA), broke ground Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

In partnership with Solano County and the City of Fairfield, the STA's North Connector project will provide local motorists in the Suisun Valley and Green Valley areas a practical alternative to taking I-80 for trips between State Route (SR) 12 East and SR 12 West. This, in turn, will help reduce congestion at the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange by allowing local traffic to use local roadways and regional traffic to stay on I-80.

The *East End (or the Suisun Parkway Segment of the North Connector)* is located between Suisun Creek and the Chadbourne Road undercrossing of SR 12 East and is approximately 2.7 miles long. This Segment includes improvements at I-80 ramps with Abernathy Road and at SR-12 Eastbound off-ramp with Chadbourne Road Undercrossing within State right of way. This work is currently under construction and expected to be completed in July. The Suisun Parkway Segment is scheduled to be completed in October 2010.

The *central segment* of the roadway is under construction by the City of Fairfield. The *West End*, the portion of roadway between State Route 12 (SR12) West/Red Top Road intersection and Business Center Drive, is approximately 1 mile long. This segment will be constructed as funding becomes available.

Regional funding for this Project is from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Measure 2 funds approved by the Bay Area voters in 2004. The total cost of the East End project is approximately \$30 million. The East End contract was awarded to Ghilotti Brothers Construction, with a bid 55% under the engineer's estimate. The project was designed by BKF Engineers.

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