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Ribbon-Cutting for North Connector Road in Fairfield

Suisun City, CA – The North Connector, the first major roadway project to be delivered in Solano County in 30 years, will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting and sneak preview in Fairfield on Wednesday, October 27th. The new roadway is scheduled to open to traffic on Monday, November 1st, weather permitting.

The 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 project has been planned and delivered by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with Solano County and the City of Fairfield. STA Board Chair and Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez said, "We are proud to open this new reliever route that will take some of the traffic off of I-80, and provide local roadway access to Solano Community College, businesses and residences. One project at a time, we're improving Solano County's mobility, travel safety and economic vitality."

The *East End* (called the Suisun Parkway) 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, 1.7 miles of new 4-lane roadway, new bridge across Suisun Creek, and a new 10-foot wide paved multi-use path within a 13-foot wide landscaped area that connects to Fairfield's Linear Park.

The *Central Segment and Hook Segment* (called Business Center Drive) is located between Suisun Creek and Suisun Valley Road, and is approximately 1.3 miles long. Improvements include 1.3 miles of new 4-lane roadway, new bridge over Dan Wilson Creek, and a wetlands habitat and storm water detention basin. This segment was constructed by the City of Fairfield in partnership with Garaventa Properties.

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 in future years as funding becomes available.

A new Class 1 Bike Lane was constructed as part of the North Connector roadway. The new pathway gives bicyclists and pedestrians direct access to the Solano Bikeway Network and to Solano Community College, with landscaped medians separating the lane from the roadway.

Regional funding for this Project is from the Bay Area Toll Authority's Regional Measure 2 bridge toll funds approved by the Bay Area voters in 2004. The total cost of the East End project was approximately \$30 million.

The Central and Hook Segments is funded by proceeds from bonds sold; one tax-exempt and the other one taxable. Garaventa Properties is paying the costs for the taxable bond. The total cost of the Central and Hook Segments was approximately \$32 million. Bridge construction for both segments was done by Jones Brothers.

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