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Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit to Explore Travel Mobility Challenges

Suisun City, CA - The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) – together with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Solano County and the Senior Coalition of Solano County - will host a countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit on Friday, June 26, in Suisun City. The event is intended to educate users, providers and decision-makers as to what are the challenges and trends related to transportation for seniors and the disabled.

“We have gathered a group of expert presenters and panelists, with facilitated discussions covering mobility issues and concerns,” said Jim Spering, STA Board Chair and Solano County Supervisor. “We look forward to hearing from seniors, disabled persons and other members of the public so we can learn about the gaps in transportation services and programs. We are already planning a follow-up Summit in October to begin addressing the challenges.”

Key decision-makers will be there to listen to public input. Three panel discussions will focus on the concerns of users, providers and destinations. Up to 200 participants are expected to take part in the Summit. In addition to Supervisor Spering, program participants will include Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, Fairfield Mayor Harry Price, Rio Vista Mayor Jan Vick and Vallejo Councilmember Tom Bartee will serve as panel moderators.

The keynote speaker will be CalACT Executive Director Jacklyn Montgomery. CalACT is the largest state transit association in the U.S., with nearly 300 members dedicated to promoting professional excellence, stimulating ideas and advocating for effective community transportation.

In an effort to better understand all the issues, transportation service providers, seniors and disabled individuals were invited to complete a survey prior to the event. Based on this collected information, a “State of the Senior and Disabled Transportation System” report will be released at the Summit.

The Summit will be held on Friday, June 26, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Joseph Nelson Community Center, 611 Village Drive, Suisun City, California. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for registered participants by Merrill Gardens at North Bay, Vallejo and Vacaville; Starbucks at Texas & Jefferson; and the City of Benicia). The event is free, but RSVPs are required to reserve a seat. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Please call 707-424-6075.

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