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## **Draft Solano Highway Corridor Study Released, Public Meetings Scheduled in Fairfield & Vallejo**

**Suisun City, CA** – The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board has authorized the release of the Draft I-80/I-680/I-780 Highway Corridor Study and Implementation Plan for public comment. The plan analyzes the performance and safety of Solano County's interstate highway corridors and recommends a variety of operations improvements as well as visual guidelines for landscape and hardscape treatments.

“With limited federal and state funding available for Solano County highways, the STA, in partnership with Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), has created a highway investment strategy that is designed to improve mobility and safety,” commented County Supervisor Jim Spering, STA Board chair. “We invite the public to review the strategy and provide their constructive input.”

This study was developed through the Solano Highways Partnership (SoHIP), which includes staff from the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Caltrans District 3 and District 4, and the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo.

What can the traveler in 2030 expect to see along these highways? Strategies such as the addition of new highway lanes, auxiliary lanes, ramp metering, and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes are among the recommended improvements made by the SoHIP. The strategies address both recurring conditions such as bottlenecks and non-recurring congestion from special events and roadway incidents.

In addition to these changes, the plan accommodates technology improvements, referred to as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). ITS strategies include locating closed circuit TV cameras and changeable message signs along the interstate routes to better inform Caltrans about traffic conditions, and to alert travelers on travel options when faced with congestion. These measures will be supported by the installation of underlying technology infrastructure that will not be seen by the traveler but will enhance knowledge of roadway conditions by Caltrans and give travelers better up-to-date information.

STA, Caltrans and MTC want to showcase the plan's recommendations and get public feedback. The public is invited to two open houses to view the results of the study and learn more about these recommended strategies. Planners and engineers from STA and Caltrans will be available to talk about the recommended strategies and answer questions. The open houses will be held:

Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
Fairfield-Suisun School District Office,  
2490 Hilborn Road, Fairfield, CA  
Conference 102 (First Floor)

Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 to 7:30pm  
Solano Community College,  
Vallejo Extension,  
545 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo

Comments and questions are due to the STA by August 12, 2009. Send comments and questions to the following address:

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