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SolanoExpress Bus Ridership Continues to Increase

Suisun City, CA – Ridership increased 14% on SolanoExpress routes in the past six months according to a report released by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). SolanoExpress routes encompass the seven major Solano intercity transit routes. The 14% increase from July through December was in comparison to the same time period in 2007.

In FY 2007-2008, the number of riders of SolanoExpress intercity routes exceeded 1.1 million riders. Vallejo Transit operates new SolanoExpress Route 78 and Routes 80 and 85, which carried over 300,000 passengers during the six month period. "This is good news to see that more and more Solano County residents are riding SolanoExpress," stated Vallejo Mayor and STA Board member Osby Davis. "The increase in the number of passengers on the Vallejo service highlights public transit as a viable cost-saving option during these challenging economic times."

SolanoExpress Routes 20, 30, 40 and 90, operated by Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST), achieved an even greater ridership increase of 22%. "We are encouraged to see that more Solano County residents are taking advantage of SolanoExpress," stated Fairfield Mayor and STA Board member Harry Price. "In the past year, STA and FAST have worked together to improve service and efficiency. The increase in ridership will help maintain mobility and improve air quality."

For more information on SolanoExpress bus services, please contact STA's Transit Program Manager, Elizabeth Niedziela at 707-399-3217. For more information on the range of transit connections serving Solano County, contact STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information at 1-800-53-KMUTE or go to the website: www.commuterinfo.net.

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