



STA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2023

**STA Office – Board Room
423 Main Street, Suisun City**

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEETING AGENDA

ITEM

MEMBER/STAFF PERSON

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| 1. WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS
(3:00 – 3:05p. m.) | Chair Vasquez &
Committee Members |
| 2. COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE (3:05 – 3:55 p.m.) | |
| a. CTP Update Schedule | Robert Guerrero, STA |
| b. Process of Equity Framework Development | Kathrina Gregana, STA
Stephen Decker, STV |
| c. Local Equity Indicator | Kathrina Gregana, STA
Stephen Decker, STV |
| i. Overview of Existing Equity Designations & Metrics | |
| ii. Group Discussion on Metrics for Solano Local Equity Indicator | Committee Members |
| 3. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE
(3:55 – 4:15 p.m.) | Chair John Vasquez and
Committee Members |
| 4. NEXT STEPS
(4:15 – 4:25 p.m.) | Kathrina Gregana, STA |
| 5. FUTURE TOPICS | |
| ✓ State Route 37 Interim Project – Equity Proposal | |
| ✓ Finalize Solano Equity Framework recommendation to the STA Board | |
| ✓ Review Updated CTP Draft Priority Projects with Solano Equity Framework | |
| 6. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING | |

2023 STA Transportation Equity Working Group (EWG) Members

Supervisor John Vasquez, Chair
Solano County, District 4

Edwin Okamura
City of Rio Vista

Father Robert Fuentes
Faith in Action

Susan Rotchy
Independent Living Resources

Michael Wilson
District Rep., Supervisor Hannigan

Kari Birdseye
City of Benicia

Mayor PT Princess Washington
City of Suisun City

Rochelle Sherlock
Senior Coalition of Solano

Ronald Kinney
Salvation Army

Robie Williams & Tom Surh
Rio Vision

Father Anthony Summers
Vallejo's Michael Transportation

Mark Cooley
City of Dixon

Vice Mayor Jeanette Wylie
City of Vacaville

Dail Montanez
Solano County Public Health

Gerry Raycraft
Habitat for Humanity

TBD
Solano Community College

Dwayne Hankerson
MTC Policy Advisory Council
Solano Rep.

Vice Mayor K. Patrice Williams
City of Fairfield

Councilmember Peter Bregenzer
City of Vallejo

O. Johnson
SOFITCITY

Andrea Garcia
Touro University

Helen-Marie "Cookie" Gordon
Vallejo Community
Advocate/Commissioner Housing



STA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP
Minutes for Meeting of May 24, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vasquez called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: *(Attendees are listed in Alphabetical Order by Last Name)*

Kari Birdseye (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Benicia
Peter Bregenzer (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Vallejo
Mark Cooley	Councilmember, City of Dixon
Helen-Marie "Cookie" Gordon	Vallejo Community Advocate/Commissioner Housing
Dwayne Hankerson	MTC Policy Advisory Council-Solano Representative
Dail Montanez	Solano County Public Health
Gary Raycraft	Habitat for Humanity
Susan Rotchy	Independent Living Resources
Rochelle Sherlock	Senior Coalition of Solano
John Vasquez, Chair	County Board of Supervisor, County of Solano
Princess Washington (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Suisun City
K. Patrice Williams (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Fairfield
Robi Williams	Rio Vision
Michael Wilson	District Rep for Supervisor Hannigan
Jeanette Wylie	Councilmember, City of Vacaville

MEMBERS

ABSENT:	Father Robert Fuentes	Faith in Action
	Andrea Garcia	Touro University
	O. Johnson	SOFITCITY
	Ronald Kinney	Salvation Army
	Father Anthony Summers	Vallejo Michael Transportation
	VACANT	Solano Community College

**STAFF AND
OTHERS**

PRESENT:	Jasper Alve	STA
	Edwin Cortez	Club Stride
	Lorene Garrett	STA
	Leslie Gould	STA
	Christopher Gordon	Public Member
	Robert Guerrero	STA
	Ron Grassi	STA
	Kathrina Gregana	STA
	Daryl Halls	STA
	Samantha Harris	3STA Intern

Dulce Jimenez	STA
Johanna Masiclat	STA
Debbie McQuilkin	STA
Sean Person	STA
Dr. Rhonda Renfro	Club Stride

2. COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) OVERVIEW AND EWG PURPOSE

A. Objectives and Purpose

Robert Guerrero, STA, summarized the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and the upcoming Plan Update effort. He also discussed the role of the Equity Working Group (EWG) in the CTP Update. The EWG can anticipate guiding the development of the Equity Chapter in the CTP.

Committee Member/Public Comments:

None.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

A. History of the EWG

Kathrina Gregana, STA, presented the history and background of the EWG and gave an overview of the committee's past accomplishments.

Committee Member/Public Comments

None.

B. Federal, State, Regional, Local Context

Kathrina Gregana, STA, gave an overview of the Equity Designations that are used by federal, state, and regional transportation agencies to identify communities in need and to help target programs and funding to those areas.

Committee Member/Public Comments

Gary Raycraft, Habitat for Humanity Representative, requested information on an income breakdown for the Unincorporated County, which was not covered during the presentation.

Councilmember Jeannette Wylie asked for more information regarding the middle-class income divide as it relates to housing.

Councilmember Edwin Okumura asked why Rio Vista was not identified as an MTC Equity Priority Community (EPC), noting that the city had a high population of older adults, along with low-income and people with disabilities. Ms. Gregana responded that the MTC sets its definition and thresholds for identifying a census tract as an EPC and continued by saying that she would get back to Councilmember to see where the City of Rio Vista did not meet these thresholds.

Helen Marie Gordon, Vallejo Community Advocate, commented on the lack of representation of South Vallejo in the equity designation maps. Councilmember K. Patrice Williams echoed Ms. Gordon's concerns and added that she wanted to ensure the community was not left out of equity discussions.

Dwayne Hankerson, MTC Policy Advisory Council-Solano Representative, inquired about the equity definition the group was using and requested that equity include people with disabilities.

C. Overview of Work in 2022

- i. OBAG Cycle 3**
- ii. Suisun Community Base Transportation Plan**
- iii. Vallejo SolSTEP Project**

Kathrina Gregana, STA, presented on the accomplishments of the EWG in 2022, which include the development of the Equity Criteria as part of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 3 process, nominating committee project priorities for the OBAG 3 process and serving as the Steering Committee for the Vallejo SolSTEP Project.

Committee Member/Public Comments

None.

D. Transportation Equity Investments Analysis

Kathrina Gregana, STA, presented an analysis of STA's discretionary fund sources to determine the proportion of those funds that were invested in projects that are located in or benefit underserved communities over FY 2017-18 through FY 2022-23.

Committee Member/Public Comments

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Vallejo Solano Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (SolSTEP) Project

Edwin Cortez, Club Stride, gave a presentation the Vallejo SolSTEP Project and gave an update on the progress of their work with Vallejo youth interns to develop a youth-led Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP)

Committee Member/Public Comments

Chair Vasquez asked how Club Stride continues to recruit and retain youth to participate in their program. Dr. Rhonda Renfro from Club Stride emphasized the importance of relationship-building with the youth and the community in advancing Club Stride's work.

Councilmember K. Patrice Williams asked if the internship through SolSTEP provides compensation to participating youth. Ron Grassi from STA responded that youth participants are compensated with the grant funding provided by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) grant that funded the SolSTEP project.

Solano Mobility Programs

Lorene Garrett and Debbie McQuilkin, STA, provided an overview of the Solano Mobility programs and services. Ms. Garrett presented on the Solano Mobility Employer Commuter Incentive Programs and Ms. McQuilkin presented on Solano Mobility Programs for Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Low-Income Individuals and Veterans. Ms. McQuilkin also shared that the STA will be working with the cities of Dixon and Rio Vista over the next fiscal year to develop their Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTP).

Committee Member/Public Comments

Councilmember Edwin Okumura inquired about the outreach plan for the upcoming Rio Vista CBTP. Ms. McQuilkin, responded that the draft outreach plan in development for Rio Vista will incorporate a combination of public outreach mediums, such as workshops, mailers, tabling events, and city council meetings.

Councilmember Jeanette Wylie asked if a caretaker accompanying a veteran would be eligible to use Solano Mobility services for veterans, which was a question brought up to her by a constituent. Ms. McQuilkin responded that Solano Mobility currently has one contracted provider who would be able to serve caretakers who have military identification. She continued that while veteran programs are currently only available for veterans, STA staff are working to expand the program based on feedback that has been received through their outreach, such as expanding these services to surviving spouses who are in need of transportation options.

Dr. Rhonda Renfro from Club Stride asked if the Solano Mobility Bucks for Bikes Program is available to high school students. Ms. Garrett responded that the program is only available to Solano residents who are 18+ since this was the approval that staff received from the STA Board. Dr. Renfro suggested the expansion of the Bucks for Bikes Program to high school students given the need she sees among the youth to get to and from schools.

5. COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

6. FUTURE TOPICS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next EWG meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2023.