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Cover Photo: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announces the first California ARRA-funded project to break ground, the Caltrans I-80 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in Fairfield, with Fairfield Mayor Harry Price, 2009 STA Vice Chair/Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez, and 2009 STA Chair/Supervisor Jim Spering)

The STA Commitment

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) was created under a Joint Powers Agreement in 1990 to serve as the Congestion Management Agency for Solano County. STA member agencies include the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo, and Solano County. STA is responsible for implementing countywide transportation planning and coordination; delivering priority projects; programming federal, state and regional transportation funds; and managing the Solano Napa Commuter Information program and two transit services.



About Solano County

Population

Solano County's current population of 427,000 is projected to increase to 488,000 by 2015 and 563,000 by 2030. The estimated 212,000 employed residents in 2009 will increase to 300,000 by 2030. Solano's location between Sacramento and the Bay Area gives it strategic economic development importance at the heart of the emerging San Francisco and Sacramento mega region.

Employment

Solano County's growing economy represents a diverse mix of traditional and emerging industries. In recent years, many large biotechnology manufacturing, medical device, biotechnology research and development, and seed production firms have relocated to and expanded within Solano County. The Solano Business Park in Fairfield is home to the Jelly Belly Candy Company, and the Benicia Industrial Park is home to the Valero Refinery. Hospitals and medical facilities have increased in number throughout the county. Solano County is also home to large employers such as Genentech, State Compensation Insurance Fund, ALZA, WestAmerica Bancorporation, and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. Local employers benefit from the labor force produced by Solano County's California Maritime Academy, Touro University, three campuses of Solano Community College, and Yolo County's U.C. Davis. Travis Air Force Base, home to the 60th Air Mobility Wing, is the largest employer in Solano County, contributing more than \$1 billion annually to the local economy.

Solano Traffic

Solano County is dissected by I-80 (connecting the Bay Area to Sacramento), I-680 (connecting Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties to Solano) and State Route 12 (connecting San Joaquin County and the Napa Valley). New residential and commercial developments throughout the Bay Area have increased the stress on current transportation infrastructure. Many Solano residents continue to travel to jobs in other counties, making commute traffic and safety on I-80, I-680, and State Route 12 a continuing critical transportation problem.



I-80/I-680 Interchange



"Solano County is outpacing California and the Bay Area in several job growth categories. We have a track record of successfully working together on major issues such as overcoming congestion with new federal, state and local dollars for transportation infrastructure. We cannot underestimate the importance of our 'collaborative capital' to growing jobs."



Mike Ammann, President Solano Economic Development Corporation



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- Benicia
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- Rio Vista
- Solano County
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo

The Solano Transportation Authority's Mission is to improve the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality.

To: Solano County Residents, the Business Community and our Partner Agencies and Representatives

Transportation improvements in Solano County provide a better quality of life for our residents, improve movement of goods and services for local businesses, and create local jobs that help vitalize and build the local economy.

STA achieved many successes in 2009, highlighting the partnerships we have forged in Solano County with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and our school districts.

STA is dedicated to addressing Solano County's most urgent transportation needs by providing funding for highway and safety improvements, providing mobility options for seniors and the disabled, expanding travel options for commuters, and supporting local projects such as road maintenance and Safe Routes to School.

Despite state and federal cutbacks in transportation funding, STA has been able to ensure continued progress on our top priority projects, such as the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange, the North Connector, the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes, and State Route (SR) 12 safety projects. STA is working with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and our state and federal representatives to obtain the maximum amount of regional, state and federal funds for Solano County's transportation projects.

We look forward to future successes as we collaborate with our partners to bring critically needed transportation improvements to Solano County residents.

Sincerely

Jim Sperring, 2009 Chair
Supervisor, Solano County, District 3

Advocacy

SR 12 Safety Efforts

State Route (SR) 12 in Solano County is broken into two segments. The western segment, from I-80 in Fairfield west to Napa County, is also known as Jameson Canyon. The eastern segment is from I-80 in Fairfield to the Sacramento River in Rio Vista. The segment from Suisun City to Rio Vista has been a particularly dangerous roadway, with rates for injury and fatality accidents more than one and a half times greater than the rate for similar state highways.

In 2009, STA continued to move forward with the **Board's 4**-pronged approach to improving safety on SR 12: increasing **Enforcement**, passing and implementing **Legislation**, providing **Education** and developing and implementing permanent **Engineering solutions**. **STA's partners in the** countywide effort to improve SR 12 are Caltrans, the Solano office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the Highway 12 Association (a private group of citizen, business and community leaders along SR 12). While the CHP continued to provide enhanced enforcement along SR 12 and the Highway 12 Association provided a monthly format for discussion of roadway issues, Caltrans provided the most visible activity, initiating a 12.7-mile, \$20.4 million improvement project between Scandia Road and Currie Road. The 2009 construction season saw Caltrans complete most of the stormwater and mass grading portions of the project, and new pavement. When finished in 2010, this Caltrans project will improve curve and hillside issues, sight distance, keep storm runoff from the roads, and construct 8-foot shoulders in both directions.



Lane Widening Construction on SR 12 East

SR 12 faces safety and capacity issues not just in Solano County, but in Sacramento County (Sacramento River to the Mokelumne River) and San Joaquin County (Mokelumne River to I-5). A working group made up of staff from STA, MTC, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), and 3 Caltrans districts met to develop a scope of work and funding plan for a study to address SR 12 from I-80 to I-5. Caltrans committed \$500,000 to the study, with MTC, STA and SJCOG committed to funding the remainder.



Lane Widening Construction on SR 12 East

Proposition 1B

Proposition 1B was approved by California and Solano County voters in 2006 to set aside more than \$19 billion during the next 10 years to fund traffic improvements statewide.

In February 2007, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded funding from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) of Prop 1B, of which \$56 million was awarded to the I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV) Project in Solano County. The project was completed on schedule and under budget. \$74 million was awarded to the SR 12 Jameson Canyon Project, which is on track to begin construction in 2011.

In December 2007, the CTC awarded nearly \$50 million to the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Project from the Prop 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF). These funds are matched with \$50 million in Bridge Toll revenues. This project is scheduled to begin construction in 2011.

TEA-21 Reauthorization (SAFETEA-LU)

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was enacted in 1998 to ensure a strong and integrated national transportation and transit system, improve the environment and expand employment opportunities. The U.S. Department of Transportation selects projects for long-term funding based on a stringent set of criteria, including local financing. STA has been successful in getting State funds to match or supplement federal earmark funds, and local agencies have also committed significant local funds.

In August 2005, Congressional Bill HR3, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was signed into law to carry over the long-term reauthorization measure. The measure provided \$286.5 billion through FY 2008–09 for highway, mass transit and road safety programs, and ensured that California and other states received at least 92 percent of the money they contributed to the Highway Trust Fund by 2008.



U.S. Senate Session

Thanks to the collective efforts of Congress members Ellen Tauscher/John Garamendi, George Miller, Dan Lungren and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, the bill provides SAFETEA-LU earmarks for more than \$34 million for key Solano County regional transportation projects, which is the largest amount of funds Solano County has received from a federal authorization bill.

Congress has been unable to pass multiyear reauthorization legislation because a revenue stream to fund the program has not yet been identified. Congress passed a series of short term



Travis AFB North Gate Access

extensions to SAFETEA-LU with the latest extension in effect through December 31, 2010.

The STA submitted four project requests in anticipation of the next cycle of authorization funds:

- I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange (\$45M)
- Travis AFB North Gate Access Improvements (\$5M)
- Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement (\$2M)
- Vacaville Intermodal Station, Phase 2 (\$1.5M)

Annual Federal Appropriations

The STA continues to press forward to provide federal delegates with information on priority projects in need of critical federal dollars.

STA submitted requests for funding in 2009 for the 2010 Federal year and received the following earmarks:

- SolanoExpress Alternative Fuel Buses (\$500,000)
- Vacaville Intermodal Station (\$500,000)

A total of \$46.8 million in federal funds has been obtained as a direct result of STA advocacy efforts with Washington, D.C. since 1998.



Traffic Congestion on I-80/SR 12

Senior and Disabled Mobility

An estimated 150 attendees representing seniors and disabled persons, senior centers, non-profits, transit providers, and medical facilities attended and actively participated in identifying their mobility challenges at a Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit on June 26, 2009.



Supervisor Spering addressing Summit I

"At the first summit, we heard loud and clear from seniors, the disabled, non-profits and others **about mobility concerns,**" said Jim Spering, STA Board Chair and Solano County Supervisor. 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 was released at the Summit.



The second countywide Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit was held October 30, 2009. Summit II presented several solutions to the challenges facing transportation services and programs for seniors and disabled individuals in Solano County.



Over 140 individuals ranging from transportation providers, non-profits, public officials, citizens, and policy-makers attended Summit II. STA, County of Solano, Senior Coalition of Solano County, and MTC sponsored both Summits.

Solano transportation operators presented

a new brochure as a source of information for **Solano's public, private and non-profit** transportation serving seniors and the disabled. The transit operators also worked together to develop a new intercity subsidized taxi program. The initial phase



is scheduled to begin in early 2010. American Disabilities Act (ADA) ambulatory individuals may use this new intercity taxi program with an 85% subsidy. Future phases will expand service to non-ambulatory ADA riders. Interested individuals can contact their local transit operator for details.

The STA Board created the Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to prioritize and advise on these mobility issues.

The first meeting will be held in Spring 2010.



Project Delivery North Connector

The North Connector project is a five-mile arterial road parallel to I-80 which will link the east and west sections of State Route (SR) 12, providing local traffic an alternative to using I-80.

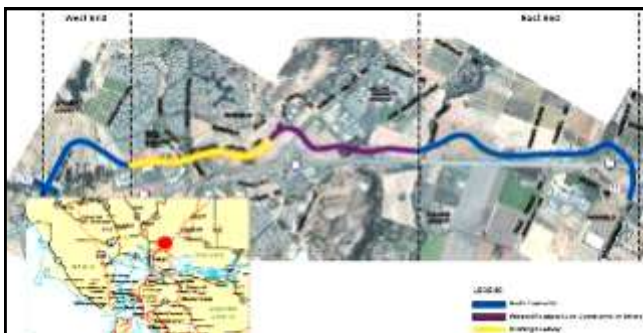
The project will build three miles of new roadway from Abernathy to Suisun Valley Road, connect with existing Business Center Drive and extend to Red Top Road at SR 12 West. This project will address existing and future traffic congestion on local streets and I-80 in the Fairfield area, and close gaps in the local circulation network.

The east segment is being built first. As funding is available, the west segment will be



constructed along with the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange project. The City of Fairfield is currently building the central segment. The Project is funded with Traffic Congestion Relief Program, Regional Measure 2 (bridge tolls), and local city and county funds. The new roadway is on schedule to open in October 2010.

North Connector Project Schedule	
Construction Start (East Segment)	June 2009
Construction Complete (East Segment)	Oct. 2010



Jepson Parkway

The 12-mile Jepson Parkway project is a north-south I-80 reliever route that will improve intra-county mobility for Solano County residents. The project upgrades a series of narrow local roads to provide local residents an alternative to I-80. The project will complete a continuous four-lane roadway from the SR 12/Walters Road intersection in Suisun City to the I-80/Leisure Town Road interchange in Vacaville. It also includes safety improvements, such as medians, traffic signals, shoulders, and separate bike lanes.

Jepson Parkway is a gateway to Travis Air Force Base. This project will provide local residents an alternative route to access this major Solano County employer.



The Jepson Parkway Environmental Impact Report was certified by the STA Board in



March 2009. The overall estimated construction cost of the remaining segments is \$186 million. The project will be built in phases in partnership with the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, and Solano County. Over \$30 million of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds have been programmed towards this project.

Jepson Parkway First Phase Schedule	
Construction Start	Fall 2014*

* Construction delayed due to State budget crisis



Jepson Parkway—Walters Road Widening, Suisun City

I-80 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes

This project constructed the first High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes in Solano County on I-80 between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway, opening in Fall 2009. The new 8.7 miles of additional east and westbound lanes were constructed in the median. The Project was funded with Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds, a Federal earmark, and Regional Measure 2 funds.

Studies show that 25% of vehicles in Solano County carry at least two passengers. The new lanes are expected to decrease the morning commute vehicle hours of delay by 39% for HOVs and by 21% for all other vehicles. The new lanes are expected to decrease the afternoon commute vehicle hours of delay by 47% for HOVs and by 28% for all other vehicles.



I-80 HOV Ribbon-cutting, November 2009

I-80 HOV Lanes Project Schedule	
Construction Start	June 2008
Construction Complete	November 2009

I-80 Express Lanes

The STA supports the concept of partnering throughout the Bay Area region to establish a regional High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes or Express Lanes network in the Bay Area as a means to reduce traffic congestion and increase mobility with assurance that revenues collected for the use of Express Lanes are spent to improve operations and mobility in the corridor in which they originate.



Express Lane, I-15, Southern California

A High Occupancy Toll (HOT) or Express Lane, is a toll paid by single-occupant vehicles who wish to use lanes or entire roads that are designated for the use of High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs, i.e. carpools, vanpools and buses). Tolls are collected by electronic toll collection systems. The toll varies based on demand, called congestion pricing. The tolls change throughout the day according to real-time traffic conditions to manage the number of cars in the lanes and keep them free of congestion, even during peak periods.

Caltrans, MTC and STA partnered on the I-80 corridor with an HOV Lanes project between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway. These Lanes are being considered for conversion to Express Lanes through a "Rapid Delivery Design" approach to fit Express Lanes within existing right-of-way. STA is also considering building new Express Lanes on I-80 from Air Base Parkway to I-505. Constructing Express Lanes in Solano County provides an opportunity for construction of segments of these Lanes within 5 to 10 years.

I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange

The I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange project encompasses a four-mile section of freeway and highways containing nine separate interchanges. Traffic volumes are projected to grow by 2% per year to 2035, bringing the total daily volume passing through the corridor to 270,000 vehicles.

The Interchange includes a pair of State-owned and operated regional truck scale facilities. The placement of these scales within the Interchange complex is ideal for monitoring and enforcing truck weight and safety requirements because it provides an opportunity to monitor truck traffic on three routes (I-80, I-680, and SR 12) with a single set of scales. Based on a 2005 study, truck volume from 2005 to 2025 is projected to increase by 70%; and from 2005 to 2040 to increase by 115%.



I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Complex

Two preferred build alternatives are being studied in the Environmental Document. Both alternatives would improve roadway geometrics on the mainline and interchanges. Construction will occur as funding is available. The full project is estimated to cost over \$1 billion. The draft environmental document will be released for comment in Summer 2010. The project will be built in phases with over \$100 million currently committed to this project.

I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Phase 1 Schedule	
Construction Start	Spring 2012

I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales

The Cordelia Truck Scales significantly contribute to the congestion on I-80 due to the large number of trucks exiting and entering I-80 and the close proximity of the scales to several interchanges, including SR 12 East, Suisun Valley Road, I-680, Green Valley Road and SR 12 West. In addition, the Cordelia Truck Scales, which were constructed in 1958, are seriously undersized and unable to process the existing truck volumes let alone the future projected truck volumes. The new scales will be able to process up to 900 trucks per hour, compared to the current processing rate of 400 trucks per hour.



Current Site with Rendering of New Truck Scale Facility

The project would rebuild and relocate the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Facility, build a 2-lane bridge across Suisun Creek, and construct braided ramps from the new truck scales facility to EB I-80 and EB SR 12 ramps. Funding for the Project is approximately \$50 million from Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) and approximately \$50 million of matching funds from Bridge Tolls.



I-80 EB Cordelia Truck Scales Project Schedule	
Construction	Summer 2011

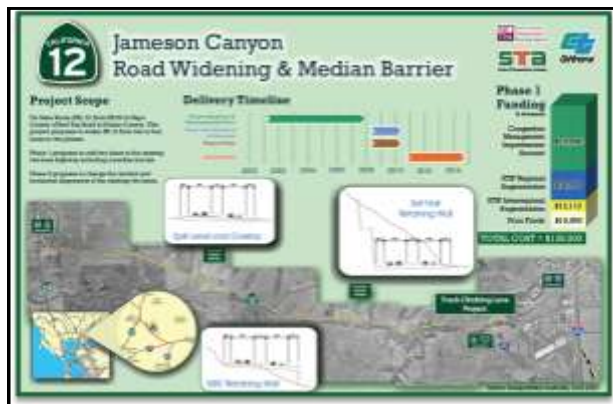
State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon

Phase 1 of the SR 12 Jameson Canyon improvement project will widen approximately six miles of SR 12 from two to four lanes and construct a concrete median barrier. The project will bring the roadway up to current highway standards and help improve service levels on SR 12 between I-80 in Solano County and SR 29 in Napa County. In addition, the project will construct Class 2 bike facility both east- and westbound through the canyon.



The \$139 million project is fully funded with federal, State and local funds, including \$74 million from the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, \$49 million from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), \$7 million from the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, and \$9 million in federal funds. The STA, in partnership with Caltrans and the Napa County Transportation and Planning Authority, is working to deliver Phase 1 of the Jameson Canyon project. The STA has taken the lead on the design of this Phase 1 Project.

SR 12 - Jameson Canyon Project Schedule	
Construction Start	Summer 2011



Vallejo Intermodal Station

The Vallejo Intermodal Station will be the primary ferry/transit terminal in the North Bay, providing congestion-free transit to nearly 700,000 riders a year. The Baylink Ferry is the most successful ferry service in the Bay Area—with three high-speed ferries in service—and is a vital link between San Francisco and Solano County. The new station will act as a catalyst for attracting private-sector investment in Vallejo’s downtown and along the waterfront. Surrounding land uses are planned to transition to residential and “live work space,” retail offices, restaurants, open space and a renewed and dynamic downtown Vallejo waterfront.



Vallejo Intermodal Station Drawing

The project will provide up to 1,800 off-street parking spaces, new local and regional bus transfer facilities, roadway access improvements, and new bicycle/pedestrian connections between downtown Vallejo, the intermodal station and the waterfront area. Regional express buses from this location will serve Napa Valley, Benicia, key BART stations, and locations along I-80 east to Fairfield.

STA and the City of Vallejo have secured \$54.9 million in funding. The project, to be built in segments, is estimated to cost \$74 million. The City of Vallejo will build this project in phases, with the first phase (Vallejo Transit Center) that began construction in Summer 2009. The first parking structure will begin construction Summer 2010.

Vallejo Intermodal Station Project Schedule	
Construction Start	August 2009

Vallejo Transit Center

The City of Vallejo broke ground on the first phase of the Vallejo Intermodal Station Facility in August 2009. This was a critical milestone as the new bus terminal is the first phase of the transit oriented development envisioned in the City's Waterfront and Downtown Specific Plans.



This phase includes relocation and improvement of the City's existing downtown bus transfer center, located at the intersection of York and Marin Streets, and construction of a Transportation Administration Building that houses ticket agents, public restrooms and security. The Vallejo Transit Center will provide a central and secure bus transfer center for riders of Vallejo Transit and other connecting transit systems.



These public improvements, along with proposed private development in the downtown and waterfront areas, will create the *Transit Village* concept that has been supported by the City of Vallejo and its federal, State and regional funding partners.

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station

This transit oriented development will provide automobile, bus, carpool, bicycle and pedestrian access to Capitol Corridor train service. The station and related track improvements are key to allowing Capitol Corridor to expand its service. Trains will carry commuters to points along the Capitol Corridor, including the increasingly-popular downtown Sacramento station. The station will also provide access for active/retired members of the military, and civilian employees to Travis Air Force Base, the David Grant Medical Center, and major employment centers in Fairfield and Vacaville.

The Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station project will include high-density residential development and supporting commercial uses. The station will be located in Fairfield at the intersection of Vanden and Peabody Roads (a portion of the Jepson Parkway), also convenient to Vacaville train riders.



Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station Site Plan

More than \$40 million in local, regional, State and federal funds have been secured to construct the station and track improvements, which is scheduled to be operating in Spring 2013. STA is partnering with the City of Fairfield on development of plans and funding for the Station, with Fairfield acting as the lead agency for project delivery.

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station Project Schedule	
Construction Start	Fall 2011

Vacaville Intermodal Station, Phase 1

The Vacaville Intermodal Station is located near I-80 in the center of Vacaville. The facility will serve intercity and local bus routes, eventually have parking for 600 cars, and will be linked to the City's bicycle/pedestrian trail system. The project site is located within walking distance of the City's cultural center, major shopping areas, and hundreds of single family homes and apartment units. The overall project will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 will provide ten bus bays as well as 200 automobile parking spaces in a surface lot. Phase 2 of this project will construct a 400-space parking garage, and is planned to also have retail space.

The total cost of Phase 1 of the project is estimated to be \$9.5 million, and Phase 2 is an additional \$14 million. Phase 1 of the project is fully funded and under construction; Phase 2 is not fully funded. The City of Vacaville will begin construction on Phase 1 in January 2010.

Vacaville Intermodal Stn. Ph. 1 Project Schedule	
Construction (Phase 1) Start	January 2010



Vacaville Intermodal Station Phase 1 Groundbreaking

Dixon Train Station/ Parkway Boulevard Overcrossing

Providing rail transportation from Dixon to the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Region as an alternative to residents who commute to locations along the I-80 corridor is a priority for the City of Dixon. Alternative transportation means reducing automobile congestion as well as air pollution. It will also attract business and industry to Dixon with rail travel for employees living outside of Dixon.



Current West B Street At-Grade Rail Crossing

The City of Dixon, in coordination with STA and the Capitol Corridor, has adopted a citywide Rail Safety Plan to establish a series of steps to improve safety and reduce congestion at existing at-grade rail crossings throughout Dixon. This combined project is part of the implementation strategy for this Rail Safety Plan, and includes four components:

- Construct a new four-lane overcrossing at Parkway Boulevard
- Construct a pedestrian/bicycle undercrossing at West B Street
- Construct a two lane roadway under-crossing at West A Street.
- Construct passenger rail station platform and associated improvements to allow Capitol Corridor train service.

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$39 million.

Transit Center at Curtola & Lemon: Vallejo

The Transit Center at Curtola and Lemon is a three-phase infrastructure project that will provide an attractive, auto-competitive bus rapid transit option along the heavily congested I-80 corridor between Solano and San Francisco Counties, **and support the Bay Area's regional congestion mitigation strategy.** The project will ultimately provide 1,364 parking spaces in three parking structures, projected to preclude similar numbers of single-occupant motor vehicles from traveling the I-80 corridor during weekday peak periods.

Phase 1 includes design and environmental clearance for all phases, construction of the first 450-space parking structure and the bus/carpool transfer and pedestrian plaza which will increase parking capacity by 209 spaces (the difference between existing parking lot spaces and new proposed garage parking spaces). The estimated cost for the Phase 1 project is \$14.75 Million. The project will:

- Expand and improve off-street bus and carpool transfer facilities.
- Improve connections for local/regional express bus and park & ride users.
- Improve bus and carpool access and upgrade roadway circulation and safety in the immediate vicinity.
- Construct three parking structures on the existing park & ride lot to achieve a net increase of 879 parking spaces (total 1,364 spaces).



Fairfield Transportation Center

The Fairfield Transportation Center (FTC) is a Regional Transit Hub located along the I-80 Corridor. The FTC provides access to the regional transit network and anchors plans to convert old highway strip developments along West Texas (Old U.S. 40) into an integrated higher density mixed use community that would utilize and support transit, walking and biking. The current expansion will increase total parking to 1,000 structured spaces and set the stage for an additional 600 structured spaces in the future.

Demand for parking at this transit hub exceeded expectations from the beginning, filling the 400 space parking structure from



the day it opened in 2002. In 2005, another 240 spaces were added in a surface lot which has also filled up. Many people that want to take transit, vanpools or carpools are discouraged from doing so due to lack of parking.

The City is exploring opportunities to use potential parking revenues to help fund the expansion and operations.



Fairfield Transportation Center Parking Lot

The project will encourage the types of stores and services that are important catalysts for smarter-growth and redevelopment. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2013 for an estimated cost of \$16 million.

Programs

Safe Routes to School

The STA began the development of its Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program in 2005 in response to student travel safety concerns, traffic congestion near schools in Solano County, and the growing childhood obesity epidemic. The Program works to encourage more students to walk and bike to school by identifying a balance of traffic calming and safety engineering projects, student education & safety training, encouragement contests & events, and enforcement coordination with police. The



*Benicia Middle School
Walk n' Roll event*

Program also strives to increase inter-agency cooperation to continue to plan and implement SR2S projects with all local agencies. Recognizing that SR2S projects and programs are local and that the STA must also play a

countywide leadership role in planning and funding these projects, STA carried out a bottom-up and top-down approach for this plan and set up an implementation and funding program after the plan was developed.

In March, 2009, the STA Board approved the 3-Year SR2S Advisory Committee Work Plan and priority programs and projects. During 2009, delivery of 28 radar speed signs, facilitation of safety assemblies, Walk & Roll prize events, bicycle rodeos for 60 schools, and walking audit & planning events for 20 to 30 additional schools was accomplished. In June 2009, the STA Board authorized partnering with Solano County Public Health to coordinate the SR2S Program and Safety services. Over \$1M in grant funding has been brought to the Program since its inception.



Solano Napa Commuter Information

The Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program provides information about alternative transportation options to Solano and Napa County residents and employees. Services include ride-matching, local and regional transit trip planning, provision of transit schedules and more. SNCI provides incentives to encourage residents to choose methods other than single occupancy cars for their commute, such as vanpools. The SNCI Program is a partnership between STA, the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, MTC, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.



In Fiscal Year 2008-09, SNCI:

- Staffed 76 community and business events where commuter information was offered
- Responded to 2,856 client information calls and internet requests
- Processed 655 carpool/vanpool matchlists
- Distributed 104,784 pieces of transit literature such as bus, ferry and train schedules and maps
- Formed and supported 26 new vanpools and provided over 202 assists to existing vanpools
- Conducted the Solano Commute Challenge and the Bike to Work Day promotions



Bike To Work Day

In celebration of the 15th Annual Bike to Work Day, over 1,600 Solano and Napa residents rode their bicycle to work on May 14th, 2009. The day began with 19 Energizer Stations throughout Solano and Napa counties handing out juice, breakfast treats, and messenger bags stuffed with bike-related goodies. Both seasoned cyclists and new enthusiasts chose the healthy commute this Bike to Work Day, pocketing their gas money and improving the environment.

Craig Snider, a Benicia resident, received the Solano Bike Commuter of the Year Award. He bikes 20 miles each day to the US Forest Service located on Mare Island in Vallejo. Craig started biking to work on Bike to Work Day 2004!



Craig Snider, Solano Bike Commuter of the Year with 2009 STA Chair Sperring and Benicia Mayor Patterson

The "Quadsafire" finished first in the Team Bike Challenge in Solano County, followed closely by the "Old Cranks" and "Team Budweiser."



Vallejo Baylink Ferry Station Energizer Station

Energizer stations and prizes were donated by many local businesses throughout Solano and Napa counties.

Employer Commute Challenge

The Solano Employer Commute Challenge is a campaign for Solano County employers, employees and the local business community. The overall goal is to increase and sustain Solano County **employees' use of alternative transportation**. The Commute Challenge encourages participants to "Use transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk to work at least 30 workdays from August through October." Incentives are provided through the STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) Program to employees and employers who meet the Commute Challenge.

In the third annual Challenge, 43 major employers registered to participate. 599 employees participated countywide. Participants used



Monthly Commute Logs to track their usage of commute alternatives. 363 of those registered participants became "Commute Champions" (more than a 20% increase from 2008's total of 300) by meeting the Challenge. The average number of trips per participant was 49. The highest number of trips was 92. Individual participants who used a commute alternative more than anyone at their company received the "Most Outstanding Commuter Reward."



County of Solano: 2009 "Most Outstanding Workplace"

SolanoExpress

Solano County's seven intercity bus routes became collectively known as SolanoExpress in 2007. The new SolanoExpress identity reflects the seven streamlined, freeway-based routes with fewer stops, faster and more convenient service thanks to improvements made over several years. Regional Measure 2 (RM 2) funding (voter-approved bridge toll money) was secured in 2007 to launch a new phase of the SolanoExpress services with the initiation of SolanoExpress Route 78 in October 2008 between Vallejo, Benicia, BART and Baylink Ferry along the I-680/I-780 corridor.



SolanoExpress bus ridership experienced a modest growth of 1.7% in 2008-09 over the previous year to more than one million riders annually. In addition to starting Route 78, Route 30 was expanded to increase frequency to Dixon, Davis and Sacramento.



Lifeline Transportation

The MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program improves mobility for residents of low-income communities. It funds solutions identified in Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) or countywide Welfare to Work Plans. STA assumed administration responsibility for this Program for Solano County for the first time in 2006. In 2009, supplemental Lifeline funding of \$235,227 was approved to further fund two projects:

- Dixon weekday transit service
- Fairfield and Suisun Transit bus shelters

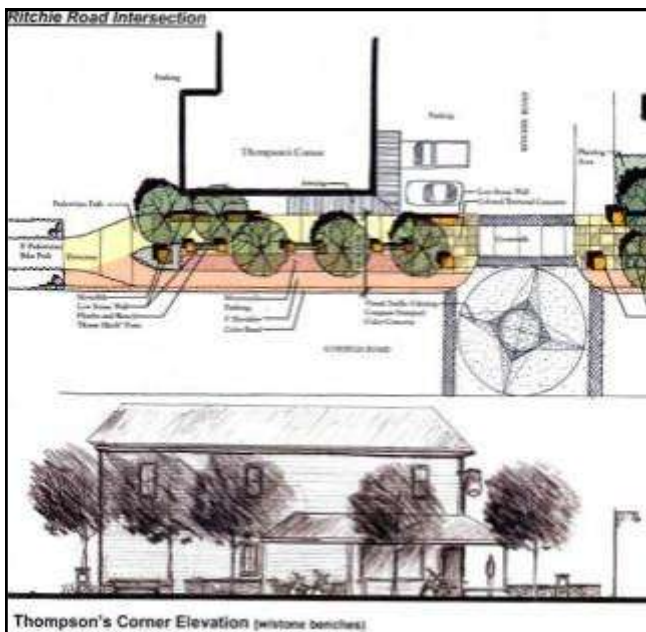


Transportation for Livable Communities

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) created the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program in 1998 to support multimodal travel, livable neighborhoods and development of jobs and housing in existing town centers. MTC expanded the TLC program to the STA and the eight other Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies to implement their own Transportation Planning and Land Use Solutions (T-PLUS) priorities and TLC funding program.

Old Town Cordelia TLC Project

In 1936, a fire destroyed much of Old Town Cordelia, but a number of historic structures remain. **Cordelia Road is the historic "Main Street"** of the community, and traffic has increased due to nearby traffic congestion on I-680/I-80 and recent residential development. The lack of pedestrian or bike facilities makes the road unfriendly for those who choose to walk or bike. The County of Solano's **Old Town Cordelia Project** was identified by the STA Board as a priority TLC project in the 2004 Solano Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Plan.



In 2009, STA was able to advance \$800,000 of TLC funds to fully fund the project, as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to stimulate the economy. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2010.

Priority Development Areas

In 2009, MTC adopted a fundamental policy change for county and regional TLC programs: TLC funds can only be used for projects in designated Priority Development Areas (PDAs), which are identified locally with the intent to develop infill areas within existing communities. PDA eligibility requires an area to be within an existing community, near existing or planned fixed transit or served by comparable bus service, and planned for more housing. The nine designated PDAs for Solano County are:



- Benicia: Downtown
- Fairfield: Downtown South, Jefferson Street/Union Avenue
- Fairfield: Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station
- Fairfield: North Texas Street
- Fairfield: West Texas Street
- Suisun City: Downtown Waterfront District
- Vacaville: Allison Policy Plan Area
- Vacaville: Downtown
- Vallejo: Downtown/Waterfront

Each PDA will be eligible for STA and MTC TLC funding in 2010.



Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

In 2009, STA staff worked with its Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), Alternative Modes Committee, and local agency planning and public works staff to update the bicycle and pedestrian plans. Goals and Objectives for both the Solano Countywide Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Plan were completed. Both plans are anticipated to be completed in 2010.

Despite the economic downturn, many projects overcame financial hurdles and are ready for construction. With coordination between STA, its committees and member agencies, the following projects were accomplished:

State Park Road/I-780 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing: This project was fully funded in 2009 with approximately \$2.575M in federal funding and is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2010. The project fills a major gap for the San Francisco Bay Trail and Ridge Trail network between Benicia and Vallejo.

Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade: The Waterfront Promenade pilot project was completed in October 2009.

McGary Road Regional Bicycle Path: The project received approximately \$1.5M in federal funds. Upon completion, the project will address a major gap between Fairfield and Vallejo, and is scheduled for completion in 2010.

Central County Bikeway: This project in Suisun City was completed in October 2009. It provides safety enhancements allowing access to the Waterfront District, Amtrak service, Solano County offices, dining and shopping venues without using cars or crossing Highway 12.



Suisun City Central County Bikeway Grand Opening

Vacaville-Dixon Bicycle Route (Phase 4, Pitt School Road): This segment of the last major gap closure project is underway between Dixon and Vacaville, anticipated for completion in 2010. Pitt School Road (Phase 4) was fully funded in 2009 with \$360,017 in regional and federal funds.



Rio Vista Waterfront Promenade Grand Opening



Completed Vacaville-Dixon Bicycle Route, Phase 3

Solano County Clean Air Funds

Solano County's Clean Air Funds are provided by two Air Districts: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD). Each Air District has a separate process that involves collaboration with the Solano Transportation Authority. Funding for both programs is provided by a small portion of the DMV fees collected in Solano County. The YSAQMD Clean Air funds are also generated in part from a special property tax.

The STA annually receives Clean Air Funds (also known as Transportation Fund for Clean Air or TFCA) funding to program from the BAAQMD. The cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vallejo and the unincorporated area of Solano County located in the Bay Area Air Basin are eligible for TFCA funds. In the past, the STA has averaged an annually programming budget of \$390,000 to \$420,000; however, in 2009, the funding was reduced to \$310,000.



The YSAQMD Clean Air fund process is slightly different than the BAAQMD's TFCA process. The STA annually coordinates with the YSAQMD to prioritize and recommend eligible clean air projects to the YSAQMD Board of Directors. The cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, Vacaville and the unincorporated area of Solano County located in the Yolo Solano Air Basin are eligible for Clean Air funds. Similar to the BAAQMD TFCA Funds, the YSAQMD Clean Air funding amounts were reduced in 2009. YSAQMD Clean Air funds fell from an average of \$420,000 in previous years to \$390,000 in 2009. In 2009 the STA assisted in providing \$700,000 in Clean Air Funding for the following projects through both YSAQMD and BAAQMD funds:



Sponsor	Project	Funding Amount
Breathe California	A.I.R. High School Air Quality Assessment	\$ 10,000
City of Dixon	Storm Drain Cleaning Vehicle Replacement	\$ 15,000
Solano County	Off-Road Grader Replacement Project	\$ 160,974
Solano County	Vaca-Dixon Bikeway Phase 4	\$ 23,000
STA	Climate Change Study and Action Plan	\$ 20,000
STA	SNCI Program	\$ 300,000
STA	Safe Routes to School Program	\$ 120,000
City of Vacaville	CityCoach Summer Youth Transit Pass	\$ 4,205
City of Vacaville	Vacaville CityCoach Lawrence Drive CNG Transit Pilot Program	\$ 46,821

Solano Congestion Management Program

Every other year, STA updates the Congestion Management Program (CMP). The CMP surveys the congestion on critical roadways and examines programs such as transit designed to reduce congestion. By State law, the CMP must also address issues such as land use, and must show compatibility with Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) **Regional Transportation Plan**. The 2009 CMP was a substantial change from the 2007 CMP, taking advantage of information developed during the update to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.



Abandoned Vehicle Abatement

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program removed 1,333 abandoned vehicles in FY 2008-09. A \$1 registration fee on all vehicles funds the program and is administered by the California Highway Patrol. The STA is the AVA Authority for Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo, and Solano County.



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

The STA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and their Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for **contracts and subcontracts relating to the STA's** construction, procurement and professional services activities. It is the policy of the STA to ensure non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the award and administration of US DOT-assisted contracts.

In FY 2008-09, the STA's DBE goal for spending federal funds through certified DBEs was 4.8% and 7.68% for FY 2009-10. To meet a new California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requirement that local agencies receiving federal-aid funds adopt and execute a Race Conscious DBE Program, STA's UDBE (Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) goal for FY 2009-10 is 5.5%.

Legislative

Each year, STA staff monitors State and federal legislation pertaining to transportation issues. The STA Board-adopted Legislative Priorities and Platform serve as a guideline for legislative trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

State

On March 18, 2009, members of the STA Board and representatives of the Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Fairfield/Suisun Chamber of Commerce travelled to Sacramento to advocate for the following:

- Support of lowering the voter threshold to 55% for special local taxes for transportation measures;
- Seek eligibility for the Solano Transportation Authority to directly claim Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds from the

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as a planning agency; and

- Support the concept of partnering together throughout the Bay Area region to connect the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane network as a means to reduce traffic congestion and increase mobility.



STA Board members discuss budget and transportation issues with State Senator Lois Wolk in Sacramento

Federal

On February 3-5, 2009, STA Board members and a representative of Solano EDC travelled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for federal appropriations funding for five priority projects. During the trip, STA met with staff members of Congressman George Miller, Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, Congressman Dan Lungren, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Dianne Feinstein to advocate for a total of \$11.5 million (M) in federal earmarks for FY (Fiscal Year) 2010 for the following five projects:

- Travis Air Force Base (AFB) North Gate Access Improvements - \$5 M
- Alternative Fuel SolanoExpress Bus Replacement - \$2 M
- State Route (SR) 12 Major Investment Study - \$0.5 M
- Fairfield Transportation Center - \$2 M
- Vacaville Intermodal Station, Phase 2 - \$2 M

A total of \$46.8 M in federal funds has been obtained as a direct result of STA advocacy efforts with Washington, D.C. since 1998.



STA Board members meet with US Senator Dianne Feinstein in Washington DC



*Above: Vacaville Park-and-Ride Lot
Below: Travis AFB North Gate Access*



STA Annual Awards

Each year, the STA Board recognizes the individuals, programs, activities and projects that have contributed to our continued success in **“improving the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety and economic vitality.”**

The 12th Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the Jelly Belly Grand Bean Ballroom in Fairfield in November 2009, hosted by STA Board Chair, Solano County Supervisor Jim Spering.

The winners were:

Agency of the Year

- City of Vacaville

Advisory Committee Member of the Year

- Shirley Stacy, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC)

Project of the Year

- Central County Bikeway Gap Closure, City of Suisun City

Safety Project of the Year

- Sunset & Railroad Avenue Intersection Improvements, City of Suisun City

Planning/Transportation for Livable Communities

- Waterfront Specific Plan, City of Rio Vista

Transit Employee of the Year

- David Renschler, City of Fairfield

Business of the Year

- Goodrich Corporation, Fairfield

Partner of the Year

- Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Project Delivery

- City of Suisun City Public Works Department

State/Federal Elected Official of the Year

- The Honorable George Miller, California Congressional District 7

Special Award

- Eugene Skoropowski, Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
- Caltrans District 4, Pave I-80 Public Outreach Program



Vacaville Public Works Director Rod Moresco and Mayor Len Augustine with Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez: Agency of the Year, City of Vacaville



Shirley Stacy with Fairfield Mayor Harry Price: Advisory Committee Member of the Year



Capitol Corridor's Eugene Skoropowski with Dixon Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.: Partner of the Year, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Planning for the Future

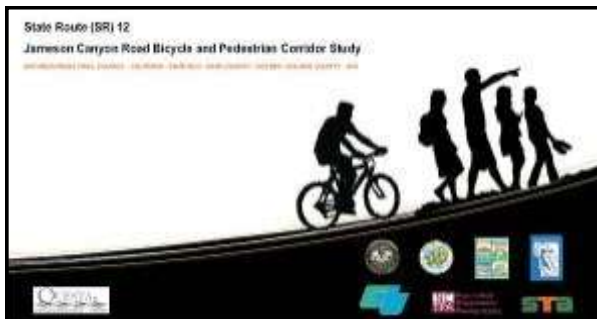
The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is the foundational document for STA's planning, project and program activities. The current CTP was adopted in 2005, and consists of three elements: Arterials, Highways and Freeways;



Vallejo Intermodal Station Rendering

Alternative Modes; and Transit. During 2009, STA adopted new Goals and a State of the System report for each element. Each of the 7 cities and the county also developed a list of projects and programs to improve the function of each Element and meet the goals of the CTP.

The STA received a grant for \$55,000 from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC), funded through Proposition 84, to conduct a State Route (SR) 12 Jameson Canyon Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Study. STA is partnering with the BARTC, Caltrans, City of Fairfield, Counties of Napa and Solano, Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCT&PA) and citizen Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees. The working group completed the Plan's Purpose Statement, Goals, and Objectives, and began work on a map of



existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Along with the CTP, STA is updating the Solano Bicycle Master Plan and the Solano Pedestrian Master Plan. These plans are coordinated with MTC's Regional Bicycle Master Plan and Transportation for Livable Communities Program, and identify key facilities for use by bicyclists and pedestrians, including intercity links and connections to major transit centers. Both Committees established goals for each plan and developed criteria for selecting and prioritizing projects.

The Solano Highways Operations Study analyzes performance and safety of the I-80, I-680, and I-780 corridors and recommends operations improvements and visual guidelines for landscape and hardscape treatments. Planners and engineers from multiple agencies recommended \$131.2M in improvements by 2015 and \$623.6M in improvements by 2030. MTC recommended \$57.4M in Freeway Performance Initiative (FPI) funds for Solano County along I-80 for ramp metering and Traffic Operations System elements in FY 2012-13. Adoption of the study is expected in 2010.

STA began working in mid-2007 with the Cities of Dixon and Vacaville and Solano County on the SR 113 Major Investment Study (MIS). Completed in 2009, the MIS identified improvements to SR 113, including new shoulders, smoothing two 90-degree turns, and the possible relocation of the northern segment out of downtown Dixon.



In order to improve safety and traffic conditions around rail crossings, STA began the Solano Rail Crossing Inventory and Improvement Plan in 2009. An inventory of every rail crossing in the county will be mapped on STA's Geographic Information System (GIS). The rail inventory is scheduled to be completed in 2010.

Transit Consolidation Study

At the direction of the STA Board, a countywide Transit Consolidation Study began in 2007. The goals of the study included:

- Streamline transit service and improve access for riders.
- Achieve service efficiencies.
- Provide a central focus for transit service for Solano County.
- Create a more robust transit service to meet the growing transit needs of the County.

In December 2008, a second Transit Consolidation Steering Committee conducted a preliminary **review of the six existing operators' finances**, capital, staffing, and paratransit services. Long-term funding stability at existing service levels was identified as a concern in several areas of the county. Phase 2 was completed and reviewed by the Transit Consolidation Steering Committee in May 2009 and the STA Board made several recommendations:

- Consolidate Benicia and Vallejo transit services.
- Decentralize intercity paratransit service to local transit operators and continue study of consolidation of inter-regional Solano transit services under one operator to be selected by the STA Board.
- Forward the STA transit consolidation recommendations to the affected agencies for their consideration and participation.



- Direct STA staff to work with the affected local transit staff to develop Implementation Plans for Consolidation and Decentralization.

Since June 2009, the City of Benicia, the City of Vallejo and the STA have been working together **in an effort to consolidate these two cities' transit systems**. Collectively, these two transit systems serve more than 2.2 million passengers annually **and provide 60% of Solano County's transit services**. A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) was executed in the Fall of 2009 which established the guidelines for the development of a Joint Powers Agreement to operate a consolidated transit system. A recommendation regarding the two transit operators is scheduled for 2010.



STA's 2009 Highlights

First Quarter

- Supervisor Jim Spering selected as STA Chair and Suisun City Mayor Pete Sanchez as Vice Chair for 2009.
- Approved the STA's Regional Transportation Impact Fee Feasibility Study and Executive Summary.**
- STA Board Members traveled to Washington DC to obtain funding for Solano County priority projects.
- Approved support in concept of establishment by MTC of a Bay Area Regional High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll (HOV/HOT) Lanes Network that include Solano I-80 and I-680.
- Approved Solano County HOV/HOT lanes priorities for I-80 and I-680.
- Authorized allocation of \$3.3 million of Regional Measure 2 funds to City of Vacaville for the Solano County Express Bus North Intermodal Facilities – Vacaville Intermodal Station.
- STA Board Members traveled to Sacramento to discuss the impact of the State Budget on Solano County's priority projects and transportation programs.
- Certified the Jepson Parkway Final Environmental Impact Report, adopted Alternative B as the Preferred Jepson Parkway Project Alternative, and approved the Project Technical Report.
- Approved STA Safe Routes to School Program's 3-Year Work Plan.**
- Celebrated with Caltrans the groundbreaking of the SR 12 East Rehabilitation Project.



SR 12 East Rehab Groundbreaking

Second Quarter

- Received allocation from MTC of American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for 2009 (Federal Stimulus) for:
 - Local Streets and Roads (LS&R) preservation for Solano County (\$1.8M)
 - The Benicia State Park Overcrossing of I-780 (\$320,000)
 - McGary Road Enhancement Project (\$640,000)
 - Old Town Cordelia Bikeway Improvement Project (\$800,000)
- Sponsored Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit I in Suisun City.



Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit, June 2009

- Awarded construction contract for STA's North Connector Phase 2 Project.**
- Approved the following Transportation Development Act Article 3 projects:
 - County of Solano's Vacaville Dixon Bike Route (\$270,000)



Vacaville-Dixon Bike Route

- 2009 Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update (\$850,000)
- Solano Safe Routes to School Program (\$400,000)
- Approved recommendation to consolidate Benicia and Vallejo transit services.

Third Quarter

- Released the final Draft I-80/I-680/I-780 Corridor Highway Operations Study and Implementation Plan for public comment.
- Approved \$1.1 million in RM2 funds for Solano County I-80 Express Lanes Project Implementation.
- Celebrated groundbreaking of STA's North Connector Phase 2 Project (Suisun Parkway Segment)**



North Connector Groundbreaking

- Celebrated with the City of Rio Vista the groundbreaking of the Rio Vista Waterfront Project.
- Celebrated with the City of Vallejo the groundbreaking of the Downtown Vallejo Bus Transfer Center.
- Celebrated with the City of Benicia, MTC, BATA and Caltrans the ribbon-cutting for the Benicia-Martinez Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Path.



Benicia-Martinez Bridge Ped/Bike Path Ceremony

- STA's SNCI program formed 26 new vanpools, supported 123 display racks, staffed 61 community events, and distributed over 100,000 pieces of transit information during Fiscal Year 2008-09.**



- SolanoExpress bus ridership increased by 1.7% over previous year (Route 30 increased 23%), while ridership nationwide and in the Bay Area declined 6-7%.



- Entered into a SR 12 Major Investment Study funding agreement with MTC, Caltrans and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG).
- Approved the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update - Alternative Modes State of the System Report.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding by and among STA, City of Benicia, and City of Vallejo for establishment of the South Solano Transit Authority Committee; and for evaluation of the consolidation of Benicia and Vallejo Transit Services.
- Authorized development of long term Complete Streets policy implementation strategy for Solano.

Fourth Quarter

- Authorized \$228,698 in Lifeline/State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF) for City of Dixon for Weekday/Saturday transit service over a 3-year period; and \$6,529 in Prop. 1B/Lifeline funds for City of Fairfield for bus shelter/stop improvements.
- Approved the 2009 Solano County Congestion Management Plan and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update - Arterials, Highways and Freeways State of the System Report.
- Approved STA's Safe Routes to School Work Plan for FY 2009-10 and authorized \$152,000 for Safe Routes to School part time program coordinator and safety coordinator services.**



Safe Routes to School Site Meeting

- Sponsored Senior and Disabled Transportation Summit II in Suisun City.
- Celebrated with Caltrans the opening of Solano’s first High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes, 8.7 miles from Red Top Road to Air Base Parkway in Fairfield.



I-80 HOV Lane

- Celebrated with Suisun City the opening of the Central Bikeway Gap Closure Project.



- Celebrated with the City of Rio Vista the opening of the Rio Vista Waterfront Project.
- Hosted the 12th Annual STA Awards Ceremony at Jelly Belly Ballroom in Fairfield.
- Approved environmental documents for I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation project.



I-80 Eastbound Truck Scales (Existing)

- Received approval of all seven cities and Solano County to amend STA’s Joint Powers Agreement.

- Celebrated success of 3rd annual “Solano Commute Challenge” outreach campaign for Solano County with 43 major employers totaling 599 employees participating countywide in using transit, carpool, vanpool, biking or walking to work.



- Entered into an operating agreement for Solano Express Routes 30 and 90 with Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST).
- Approved STA Board hearing Resolutions of Necessity for SR 12 Jameson Canyon project in Solano County.



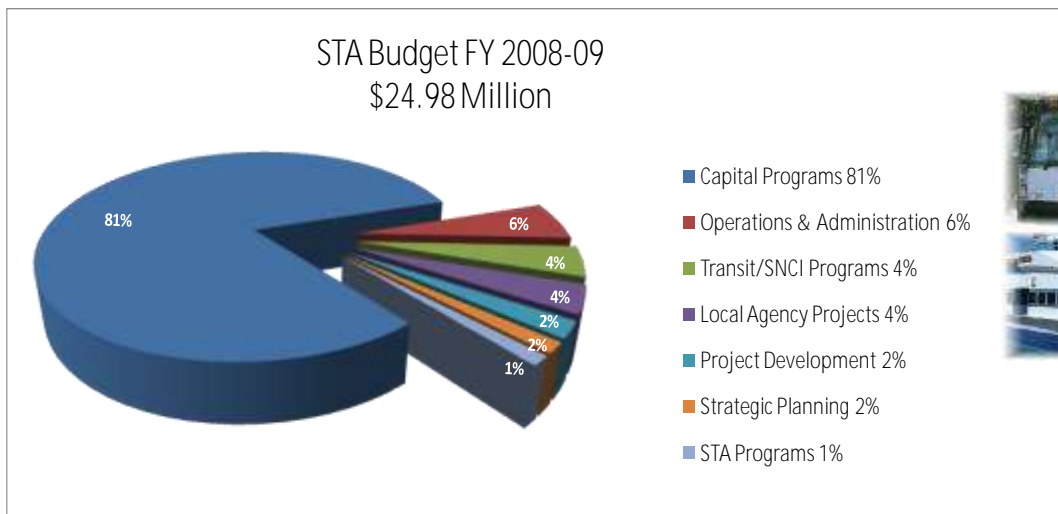
SR 12 West, Jameson Canyon

- Approved the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):
 - \$400,000 in Transportation Enhancements funds for Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station project in FY 2012-13;
 - \$400,000 of Transportation Enhancements funds for the City of Vallejo’s Downtown Streetscape Pedestrian Links Project;
- Released the 2009 Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Projects list for public comment.
- Approved the STA’s Transportation for Livable Communities Complete Streets Concept/Priority Development Area Work Plan.
- Approved formation of an Advisory Committee to address senior and disabled transportation issues in Solano County.
- Successfully lobbied the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to set a reduced carpool toll at 50% less than the auto rate and to maintain the current 24-hour toll-free status for large Commuter Vanpools.

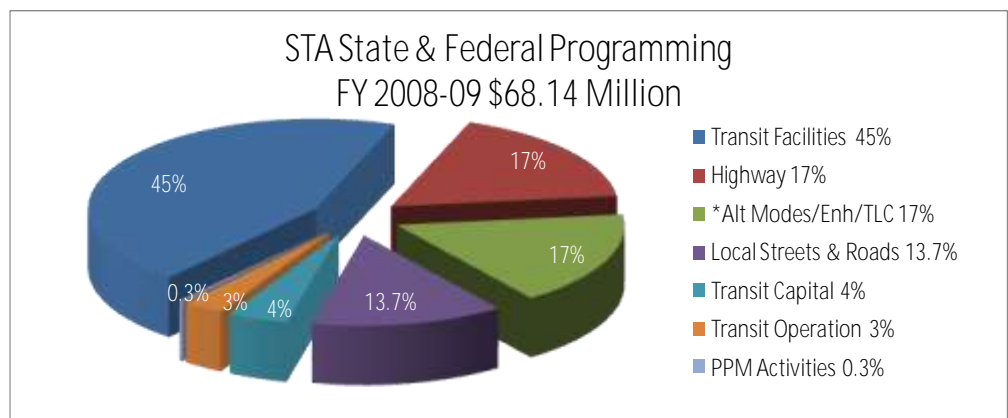
Financials

The Solano Transportation Authority Board adopts a two-year budget for STA operations and programs. This two-year budget is updated with adoption of the annual budget. This budget system authorizes and provides STA the basis for appropriate budgetary control of its financial operations for the fiscal year and for multi-year funded projects. The budget consists of capital programs, operations and administration, STA programs, Solano Napa Commuter Information programs, local agency projects, transit programs, strategic planning, and project development.

STA is required to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (GASB 34). In addition, STA is required to prescribe uniform accounting policies and procedures in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations), and Circular A-87 (Cost Principles of State, Local, and Indian Tribal Government). Based on the results of the independent audits for FY 2008-09, the STA Budget received unqualified audits with no findings for the fourth consecutive year.



Canon/Vanden Road Access to Travis AFB North Gate



*Alternative Modes/Enhancements/Transportation for Livable Communities

Public Participation and Advisory Committees

Technical Advisory Committee

Public Works Directors and other engineering and planning staff representing each member jurisdiction serve on the STA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC provides technical review and input, and recommendations to the STA Board of Directors on transportation projects and funding affecting Solano County.

Charlie Knox, Benicia
Royce Cunningham, Dixon
Gene Cortright, Fairfield
Kirt Hunter, Rio Vista
Paul Wiese, Solano County
Dan Kasperson, Suisun City
Rod Moresco, Vacaville
Gary Leach, Vallejo



Technical Advisory Committee

SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium

Solano Express Intercity Transit Consortium members consist of local transit staff. The Consortium helps coordinate intercity transit issues and provides input and recommendations on transit plans, services and funding to both the TAC and the STA Board of Directors.

Crystal Odum Ford, Chair, Vallejo Transit
Jeff Matheson, Vice Chair, Dixon Read-Ride
Rob Sousa, Benicia Breeze
John Andoh, Rio Vista Delta Breeze
George Fink, Fairfield and Suisun Transit
Paul Wiese, Solano County
Brian McLean, Vacaville City Coach



SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium



Transit Operators Present at Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit II, Suisun City

Paratransit Coordinating Council

The Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) works on countywide senior and disabled transit issues and makes recommendations on transit and paratransit funding, claims and coordination.

- George Bartolome, Chair, Social Service Provider
- Richard Burnett, Vice Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Commission Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee (MTC EDAC)
- Jim Simon, Member-at-Large
- Jim Williams, Member-at-Large
- Catarina Evanson, Public Agency - Education
- Jamie Johnson, Social Service Provider
- Tom Morgan, Transit User
- Shirley Stacy, Transit User
- Kurt Wellner, Transit User



Paratransit Coordinating Council



Panel Discussion, Senior & Disabled Transportation Summit I, Suisun City

Bicycle Advisory Committee

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) updates and monitors the Countywide Bicycle Plan and makes recommendations for bicycle projects and funding to the STA TAC and the STA Board of Directors.

- Barbara Wood, Chair, Member-at-Large
- Larry Mork, Vice Chair, Rio Vista
- J.B. Davis, Benicia
- James Fisk, Dixon
- Randy Carlson, Fairfield
- Mike Segala, Suisun City
- Ray Posey, Vacaville
- Mick Weninger, Vallejo
- Glen Grant, Solano County



Bicycle Advisory Committee



McCoy Creek Bike Trail, Suisun City



Benicia-Martinez Bridge Bike/Ped Path Opening

Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) updates and monitors the progress of the Solano County-wide Pedestrian Plan and makes funding recommendations for countywide pedestrian-related projects to the STA TAC and the STA Board.

Lynne Williams, Chair, Vallejo
Larry Mork, Vice Chair, Rio Vista
Carol Day, Benicia
Mike Smith, Dixon
Erica Gallegos, Fairfield
Michael Segala, Suisun City
Linda Williams, Solano County
Kathy Hoffman, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Maureen Gaffney, San Francisco Bay Trail Program
Frank Morris, Solano Land Trust
Brian Travis, Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group
Allan Deal, Member-at-Large



Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Lifeline Advisory Committee

The STA established a Lifeline Advisory Committee in 2006 to review Lifeline funding applications. Members include representatives from a **Community Action Council, Children's Network,** Transit Consortium, Paratransit Coordinating Council, Solano County Health and Social Services and a Member-at-Large. This committee makes project funding recommendations to the STA Board.

Gail Jack, Solano County Welfare to Work Program
Gerry Raycraft, **Children's Network**
Cookie Powell, Community Action Council
Jamie Johnson, Paratransit Coordinating Council
Jeff Matheson, SolanoExpress Intercity Transit Consortium
Mary Frances Kelly Poh, Member-at-Large



Lifeline Advisory Committee



East 5th Street Crosswalk Improvement, Benicia



Fairfield and Suisun Transit Bus Shelter

Regional Transportation Impact Fee Stakeholders Committee

The purpose of the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Stakeholders Committee is to review the study and development of a proposed Regional Transportation Impact Fee on new development (e.g., new homes, businesses, and industry) to help fund transportation projects in Solano County.

Elected Representatives

Mike Ioakimedes, City of Benicia
Kay Cayler, City of Dixon
Rick Vicarro, City of Fairfield
Jack Krebs, City of Rio Vista
Mike Hudson, City of Suisun City
Dilenna Harris, City of Vacaville
Erin Hannigan, City of Vallejo
Linda Seifert, County of Solano

Residential Developers

Nick Faklis, AG Spanos Company
Jay Torres-Muga, Seeno Homes
Mike Rice, Main Street West Partners, LLC
Anthony Russo, B & L Properties
Fran Spero, Solano/Napa Habitat for Humanity

Agricultural, Business, Environmental, Taxpayer Groups

Mike Amman, Solano EDC
Christina Wong, Greenbelt Alliance
Larry Clement, Solano Farm Bureau
Jim Immer, Lewis Planned Communities & Home Builders Association of Northern CA
Jim Williams, Solano County Taxpayers Association (one vacant seat remaining)

Commercial & Industrial Developers

Bob Hammons, Garaventa Properties
Troy Estacio, Buzz Oates Enterprises
Jason Quintel, Panattoni Development (one vacant seat remaining)

Engineers & Brokers

Robert Jones, Creegan & D'Angelo Engineering
Brooks Pedder, Colliers International
Tom Philippi, Phillippi Engineering

Mixed Use/In-Fill Developers

Ricardo Capretta, Westrust
Curt Johansen, Triad Communities

Environmental Justice Representative

Mary Frances Kelly Poh, Benicia Community Action Council

Transit Provider

Crystal Odum Ford, Vallejo Transit

Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee

The Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Advisory Committee guides the STA's Safe Routes to School Program and recommends projects and programs for funding countywide to the STA Board.

Frank Hartig, Benicia Police
Bill Bowen, Rio Vista Police
Garland Wong, City of Fairfield
Jeff Knowles, City of Vacaville
Robin Cox, Solano County Public Health
Dee Alarcon, Solano County Office of Education
John Aycok, Vacaville Unified School District
Jim Antone, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
Larry Mork, Bicycle Advisory Committee
VACANT, Pedestrian Advisory Committee



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Regional Transportation Impact Fee Stakeholders Committee

Solano Transportation Authority Staff

The STA currently employs eighteen full-time administrative, project, and planning staff. The staff implements the policies of the STA Board and manages multiple consultant projects and programming, finances projects, and serves as the liaison with local project sponsors and regional, state and federal agencies.

STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI)

Program provides ridesharing information and services to Solano and Napa County commuters who travel to jobs throughout the Bay Area and Sacramento.



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