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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

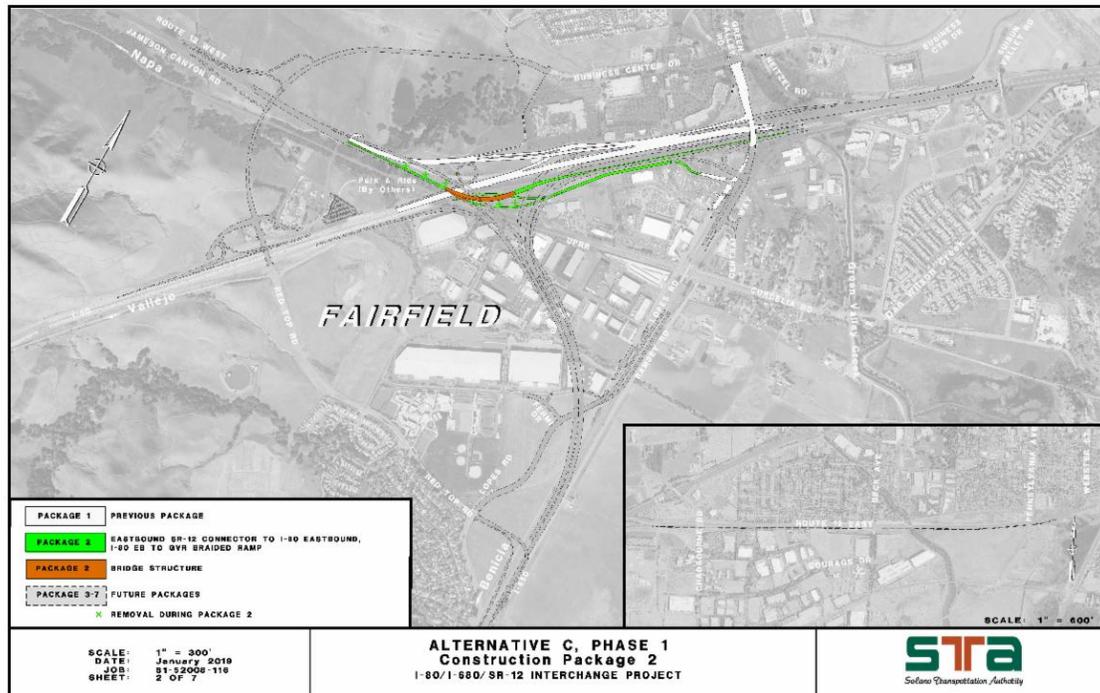
- Remote STA Board Meeting 6/10 at 6:00pm



Post-COVID-19 Budget and Service Plan for Solano Express

The four SolanoExpress (SE) routes were significantly reduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, cutting service hours to less than half and reducing both service frequency and span of service. Service frequency, which had been increased to approximately every half hour in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, was scaled back to generally one to two hours. Currently, fares are not being collected on the four SolanoExpress routes or the local fixed routes operated by Solano County Transit (SolTrans), Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) or Vacaville City Coach.

STA and its consultant team have analyzed the SE service cuts and the estimated loss of revenues and projected available resources for the remainder of FY 2019-20. Together they have developed an updated SolanoExpress budget for the remainder of FY 2019-20. Additionally, an initial budget and modified service plan have been developed which has been projected to provide enough resources to fund a total of 40,000 hours of SolanoExpress service for FY 2020-21 (based on a budget of \$7.8 million) for the Red, Blue, Yellow and Green Lines. This information has been provided by STA to staff from SolTrans and FAST so they can prepare to implement the recommended service changes in a timely manner following approval by the STA Board.



STA Approves Fully Funds I-80/I-680 Phase 2 Project

STA is partnering with Caltrans to deliver package 2 of the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project. The Project experienced increased construction costs due to unforeseen conditions and requirements. The STA Board approved reprogramming \$16.7 million of Solano's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds from the I-80 Managed Lanes Project to the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange to fully fund the construction, which is scheduled for an allocation vote by the California Transportation Commission in August of 2020, with construction to begin shortly thereafter.



Approval of Active Transportation Plan

The STA Board approved the final draft of the Solano Active Transportation Element (Plan), an element of the County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). This Plan focuses on the Solano County's bike and pedestrian network and was partially funded by a grant provided from Caltrans. Click here to view the [Active Transportation Plan](#).

STA Board Approves \$2.1M Second Affordable Housing Project for Funding from Suburban Housing Incentive (SubHIP) Pilot Program

Last year, the STA Board authorized staff to form the Solano Housing Investment Partnership (SolHIP) with Solano's seven cities and County. One of the early successes of this focused effort was the development of criteria for the Suburban Housing Incentive Program (SubHIP) pilot. Based on this criteria, MTC provided \$4 million for STA to identify one or more affordable housing projects located in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) adjacent to regional transit. Last month, the STA Board approved \$1.9 million for a 99 unit affordable housing project in the City of Vacaville. This month, the STA Board approved a City of Fairfield request for the remaining \$2.1 million for a 190 affordable housing project located in the Rail Station PDA located an estimated ½ mile from the Fairfield Vacaville Hannigan Train Station.

STA to Submit Bay Area REAP Grant to Support Cities Affordable Housing Efforts

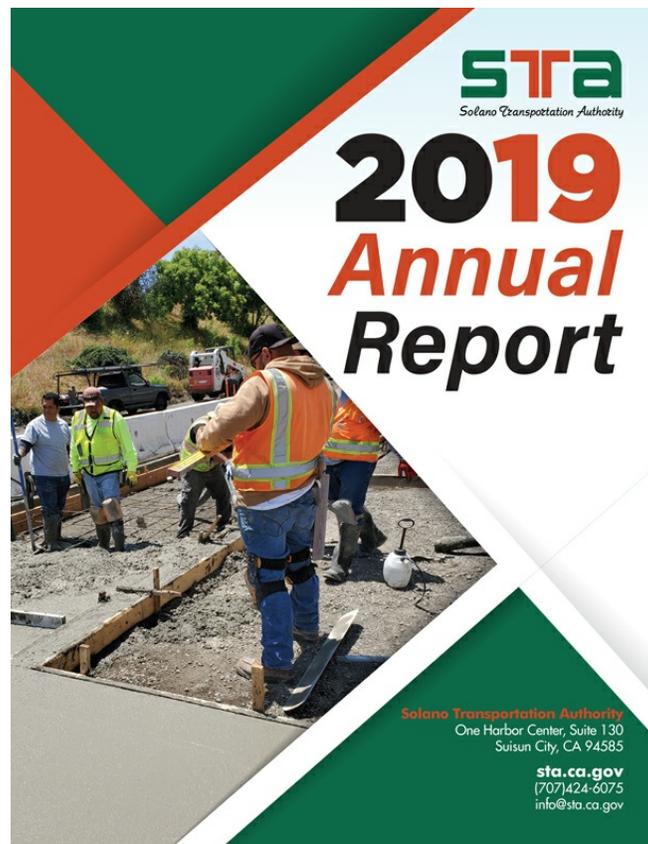
The State of California has provided local government with Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants funding and regional planning agencies with Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) planning grants. Solano County's eight local agencies are slated to receive collectively \$1.795 million in LEAP funds and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is scheduled to receive \$23.7 million



of REAP grant funds. In an effort to continue to support the SolHIP partnership with the seven cities and the County, the STA Board approved the submittal of a REAP grant request to ABAG.

STA Board Approves Overall Work Plan for FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22

The STA Board approved the Overall Work Plan (OWP) for FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22. The OWP contains a total of 48 work items that include priority plans, projects and programs for the forthcoming two fiscal years. To review the Overall Work Plan for FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22, [click here](#).



STA Releases Annual Report 2019

The Solano Transportation Authority 2019 Annual Report is now available on the STA website. The

Annual Report captures the major accomplishments for calendar year 2019, including the implementation of the SolanoExpress Red Line (operated by SolTrans), the introduction of STA's Solano Mobility programs GoGoGrandparent concierge service for older adults, the creation of a new Vehicle Share Program in partnership with eight Solano County based non-profits and with funding provided by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the establishment of the Equity Working Group and adoption of the STA's first ever Equity Chapter of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and more. To view the report, please [click here](#).

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- Bob Sampayan, Vice-Chair, Mayor of Vallejo
- Harry Price, Mayor of Fairfield
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