



**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**

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

**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 Masiolat	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.