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### STA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

**3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

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

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81452884385?pwd=MDMwZkYrakNwUWdTaVl5bmVVQmpvZz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5288 4385

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### MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>MEMBER/STAFF PERSON</u>
<b>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> (3:00 – 3:05p. m.)	Chair Vasquez & Committee Members
<b>2. APPROVAL OF THE EWG MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023</b> <u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the EWG meeting minutes of November 29, 2023. <b>Pg. 3</b>	Kathrina Gregana, STA
<b>3. STATE ROUTE (SR) 37 INTERIM PROJECT – EQUITY PROPOSAL</b> (3:05 – 4:05 p.m.)	Jeanette Weisman, MTC
<b>4. EQUITY FRAMEWORK FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPATE</b> (4:05 – 4:15 p.m.) a) Proximity to Key Destinations b) Air Quality Indicator	Kathrina Gregana, STA Elenna Salcido, STV
<b>5. ROUNDTABLE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b> (4:15 – 4:25 p.m.)	Chair Vasquez & Committee Members
<b>6. NEXT STEPS</b> (4:25 – 4:30 p.m.)	
<b>6. ADJOURNMENT</b> The next EWG meeting is confirmed and scheduled at 3:00 p.m., Wed., April 24, 2024.	

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### **PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS:**

1. Overview of Social Services/Mobility Needs in Solano County (April 2024)
2. Update on SolSTEP Project from Club Stride and STA (April 2024)
3. Finalize Solano Equity Framework Recommendation to the STA Board (April 2024)
4. Review Updated CTP Draft Priority Projects with Solano Equity Framework (Spring 2025)

#### **STA Transportation Equity Working Group (EWG) Members**

**Supervisor John Vasquez, Chair**  
Solano County, District 4

**Kari Birdseye**  
City of Benicia

**Mark Cooley**  
City of Dixon

**Councilmember  
K. Patrice Williams**  
City of Fairfield

**Edwin Okamura**  
City of Rio Vista

**Mayor PT Princess Washington**  
City of Suisun City

**Vice Mayor Gregory Ritchie**  
City of Vacaville

**Councilmember Peter Bregenzer**  
City of Vallejo

**Father Robert Fuentes**  
Faith in Action

**Rochelle Sherlock**  
Senior Coalition of Solano

**Dail Montanez**  
Solano County Public Health

**O. Johnson**  
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**Susan Rotchy**  
Independent Living Resources

**Ronald Kinney**  
Salvation Army

**Gerry Raycraft**  
Habitat for Humanity

**Andrea Garcia**  
Touro University

**Michael Wilson**  
District Rep., Supervisor Hannigan

**Robie Williams & Tom Surh**  
Rio Vision

**TBD**  
Solano Community College

**Helen-Marie “Cookie” Gordon**  
Vallejo Community  
Advocate/Commissioner Housing

**Dr. Rhonda Renfro**  
Club Stride

**Father Anthony Summers**  
Vallejo’s Michael Transportation

**Dwayne Hankerson**  
MTC Policy Advisory Council  
Solano Rep.



**STA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP (EWG)**  
**Minutes for Meeting of November 29, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vasquez called the regular meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**MEMBERS**

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

Peter Bregenzer (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Vallejo
Mark Cooley	Councilmember, City of Dixon
Helen-Marie "Cookie" Gordon	Vallejo Community Advocate/Commissioner on Housing
Edwin Okamura	Councilmember, City of Rio Vista
Dr. Rhonda Renfro	Club Stride
Susan Rotchy	Independent Living Resources
Rochelle Sherlock	Senior Coalition of Solano
Tom Surh	Rio Vision
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
Robie Williams	Rio Vision
Michael Wilson	District Representative for Supervisor Hannigan

**MEMBERS**

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kari Birdseye	Councilmember, City of Benicia
	Dwayne Hankerson	MTC Policy Advisory Council-Solano Representative
	Father Robert Fuentes	Faith in Action
	Andrea Garcia	Touro University
	Ronald Kinney	Salvation Army
	Dail Montanez	Solano County Public Health
	Gerry Raycraft	Habitat for Humanity
	Father Anthony Summers	Vallejo Michael Transportation
	Jeanette Wylie	Councilmember, City of Vacaville
	VACANT	Solano Community College

**STAFF AND  
OTHERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jasper Alve	STA
	Jesse Budlong (Zoom)	STV
	Edwin Cortez (Zoom)	Club Stride
	Stephen Decker	STV
	Leslie Gould	STA

Kathrina Gregana	STA
Daryl Halls	STA
Dulce Jimenez	STA
Beth Kranda	Solano County Transit (SolTrans)
Johanna Masiclat	STA
Debbie McQuilkin	STA
Sean Person	STA
Josh Pilachowski (Zoom)	DKS
Elenna Salcido (Zoom)	STV

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE EWG MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

The EWG unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

## **3. EQUITY FRAMEWORK FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE – SOLANO LOCAL EQUITY INDICATOR**

Kathrina Gregana, STA began by summarizing the EWG’s feedback on the proposed Solano Local Equity Indicator at the September 27, 2023 meeting. Ms. Gregana went on to summarize the proposed draft metrics for the Solano Local Equity Indicator that incorporates the committee’s feedback and the proposed scoring methodology. She reminded the committee that this indicator will be used to prioritize projects and programs in the CTP Update.

Following, Elenna Salcido, STV walked through Countywide maps that show the equity areas identified by the Solano Local Equity Indicator based on the proposed metrics and methodology.

### Committee Member/Public Comments:

Tom Surh, Rio Vision asked for clarification on the statement made during the presentation about higher travel times correlating with higher incomes, in reference to the discussion about adding Travel Time to Work ( $\geq 60$  minutes) as a factor in the Solano Local Equity Indicator. He further explained that this finding does not align with what he has seen in Solano County where a high proportion of residents travel outside of the County to go to their lower wage service jobs. Kathrina Gregana from STA responded by confirming that the data that was reviewed supported the observed correlation between higher travel times and higher incomes. However, she added that STA staff recognized his observation of a higher proportion of lower-income residents travelling long distances to get to their jobs. In order to account for both findings, STA staff made the recommendation to add the Travel Time to Work factor with the low-income factor in the Solano Local Equity Indicator to ensure that only low-income residents that have high travel times are being captured in the indicator.

Julia Rouston from Parents Empowering Parents shared community input she received from parents of young people with disabilities in Solano County about the need for more and better intercity transportation services for this population. In response, Daryl Halls, STA referred her to the Solano Mobility Call Center, a program that provides assistance with trip planning to find the best transportation options for a resident’s travel needs.

Commissioner Gordon and Mr. Surh from Rio Vision requested maps that show what access to essential services look like in the identified equity areas, such as access to grocery stores or to healthcare services.

Mayor pro Tem Princess Washington requested STA staff to clarify that the people of color metric in the Solano Local Equity Indicator was proposed to address historic inequities and not intended to exclude other racial groups.

Rochelle Sherlock suggested air quality and air pollution as potential metrics for consideration in the Solano Local Equity Indicator.

#### **4. EQUITY DATA AND INCOME REVIEW**

Kathrina Gregana, STA introduced the item by sharing the race and ethnicity demographics in Solano County, both countywide and by jurisdiction, that show the racial diversity of Solano. Elenna Salcido, STV went on to present data from the 2021 Census that show populations of low income or in poverty across race and ethnicity categories.

##### Committee Member/Public Comments:

Commissioner Helen Marie Gordon commented that the demographic data shown for the Black or African American category seemed low for Solano County. She also asked if more information could be obtained on the Two or More Races category and raised her concerns that this additional category could be inadvertently concealing individuals of African American descent. STA staff responded that they would investigate this further and provide more information at the next EWG meeting.

Committee members requested additional data for the income tables that were presented, such as adding the countywide data to provide a countywide picture for this information and providing raw numbers along with the percentages to provide a sense of scale.

#### **5. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE**

None.

#### **6. NEXT STEPS**

#### **7. 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**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. The next EWG meeting was scheduled for **November 29, 2023**