



**STA TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP (EWG)**

**3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2024**  
**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 AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> (3:00 – 3:05p. m.)	Chair Vasquez & Committee Members
<b>2. APPROVAL OF THE EWG MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2024</b> <u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the EWG meeting minutes of April 24, 2024. <b>Pg. 3</b>	Kathrina Gregana, STA
<b>3. VALLEJO SOLSTEP PROJECT- PROJECT UPDATE</b> (3:05 – 3:25 p.m.)	Dr. Rhonda Renfro & Edwin Cortez, Club Stride
<b>4. EQUITY FRAMEWORK FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE</b> (3:25 – 4:05 p.m.) A. Recap of Committee Member Meetings B. Community Level Equity Framework Information	Kathrina Gregana, STA
<b>5. PROXIMITY TO KEY DESTINATIONS – UPDATED MAPS</b> (4:05-4:15 p.m.)	Kathrina Gregana, STA
<b>6. ROUNDTABLE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b> (4:15 – 4:25 p.m.)	Chair Vasquez & Committee Members
<b>7. NEXT STEPS</b> (4:25 – 4:30 p.m.)	
<b>8. ADJOURNMENT</b> The next EWG meeting will be in 2025.	

**PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS:**

1. Overview of Social Services/Mobility Needs in Solano County (Spring 2025)
2. Review Updated CTP Draft Priority Projects with Solano Equity Framework (Spring 2025)

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**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**  
SOFITCITY

**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**  
Solano Community Advocate  
Vallejo Commissioner Housing  
SolTrans PAC Chair

**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 April 24, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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

Peter Bregenzer (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Vallejo
Mark Cooley	City of Dixon
Helen-Marie Gordon	Vallejo Community Advocate/Commissioner Housing
Dail Montanez	Solano County Public Health
Edwin Okamura (Zoom)	City of Rio Vista
Susan Rotchy	Independent Living Resources
Dr. Rhonda Renfro	Club Stride
Robie Williams	Rio Vision
Patrice Williams (Zoom)	Councilmember, City of Fairfield
Michael Wilson	District. Rep, Sup. Hannigan
John Vasquez	Chair, County of Solano District 4

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:**

Kari Birdseye	Councilmember, City of Benicia
Father Robert Fuentes	Faith in Action
Andrea Garcia	Touro University
Dwayne Hankerson	MTC Policy Advisory Council Solano Rep.
Ronald Kinney	Salvation Army
Gerry Raycraft	Habitat for Humanity
Gregory Ritchie	Vice Mayor, City of Vacaville
Dr. Rochelle Sherlock	Senior Coalition of Solano
Pastor Summers	Vallejo Michael Transportation
Tom Surh	Rio Vision
Princess Washington	Vice-Mayor, City of Suisun City

**STAFF AND OTHERS**

**PRESENT:**

Jasper Alve	STA
Nick Burton	STA
Edwin Cortez (Zoom)	Club Stride
Christopher Gordon	Vallejo Resident
Ron Grassi	STA
Kathrina Gregana	STA
Robert Guerrero	STA
Daryl Halls	STA
Dulce Jimenez	STA
Debbie McQuilkin	STA
Seleste Richardson	STA
Elenna Salcido	STV
Brandon Thomson	STA

**2. APPROVAL OF THE EWG MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

The Equity Working Group (EWG) unanimously approved the agenda.

**3. VALLEJO SOLSTEP PROJECT-PROJECT UPDATE**

Debbie McQuilkin from STA introduced the SolSTEP Project and provided a brief overview of the project history, and the roles of the STA, Club Stride and the Equity Working Group on the project. Following, Edwin Cortez from Club Stride provide an update on their work with Vallejo youth on developing the youth-focused community-based transportation plan.

Committee Member/Public Comment:

Michael Wilson suggested the Vallejo County Fair in June 2024 as a potential outreach opportunity for Club Stride to consider for this effort.

**4. EQUITY FRAMEWORK FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE**

Kathrina Gregana, STA presented the draft Solano Equity Framework based on input and feedback from the EWG and previewed the identified equity areas based on the framework that was developed. She added that STA staff is requesting approval of the framework to forward to the STA Board and added that the approval of the Equity Framework will allow STA staff to use this tool as part of their CTP Update effort.

Committee members requested minor edits to the maps that were presented to improve clarity, such as revising the metric labels in the legend, making the block group lines more prominent, and the addition of footnotes to define terms and cite data sources.

Several committee members asked questions about the identified equity areas in their jurisdiction and why certain block groups were not designated. They further asked for specifics on equity metric information for those block groups. In response, STA staff suggested that they could develop a jurisdiction-specific breakdown of the equity framework data and could subsequently schedule individual follow-up discussions with committee members to discuss the data further and see if any corrections needed to be made. Committee members agreed with this approach.

Recommendation:

- Forward a recommendation to the STA TAC and STA Board to approve the following:
  1. The Solano Local Equity Indicator as proposed, which include the following factors:
    1. *People of Color*
    2. *Low Income/Poverty*
    3. *Limited English Proficiency Population*
    4. *Zero-Vehicle Households*
    5. *Seniors (75 years and older)*
    6. *People with Disability*
    7. *Single-Parent Families*
    8. *Severely Rent-Burdened Households (>50% income goes to rent)*
    9. *Travel Time to Work (≥60 minutes)*
  2. Incorporate a 5-point tiered scoring system using the Solano Local Equity Indicator and MTC’s Equity Priority Communities (EPC) definition.
  3. Approve STA staff request to issue a letter from the STA Equity Working Group to MTC asking not to delete EPCs as part of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ EPC Update and instead only add newly designated EPCs.

Chair Vasquez made a motion (seconded by Michael Wilson) to approve the recommendation with a caveat that staff will schedule meetings with committee members to discuss jurisdiction-specific equity framework data.

## **5. PROXIMITY TO KEY DESTINATIONS**

Kathrina Gregana, STA provided a summary of maps that were developed for the committee that showed the proximity of key destinations to equity areas in the County. Specifically, maps that show proximity to health facilities, parks, and grocery stores were shown.

### Committee Member/Public Comment:

Commissioner Gordon pointed out that South Vallejo is a food desert with no nearby grocery stores and further added that this very topic was discussed at the Vallejo City Council meeting the previous night. She asked STA staff to confirm the accuracy of the grocery store map for this area. Councilmember Peter Bregenzer echoed Commissioner Gordon's comments and request to double check the data.

Commissioner Gordon asked how grocery stores are being defined for the data set that was shown. Kathrina Gregana, STA responded that the description used was the "presence of vegetables." Committee members asked STA staff to broaden the grocery store definition being used to one that captures more food items and update the map accordingly.

Vice Mayor Okamura commented that the grocery store map being shown misleadingly shows good food access in Rio Vista, however, because SR-12 separates the community the northern side of the city has limited access.

Commissioner Gordon shared the importance of the proximity to destinations information for her meetings with MTC if these topics come up.

In response to the comments, STA staff will return to the committee with an updated grocery store map broken down by jurisdiction.

## **6. ROUNDTABLE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the efforts that went into making the local equity criteria and these new maps.

## **7. FUTURE TOPICS**

1. Overview of Social Services/Mobility Needs in Solano County (Spring 2025)
2. Review Updated CTP Draft Priority Projects with Solano Equity Framework (Spring 2025)

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. The next EWG meeting is planned for July or August of 2024.