

STA SOLANO EXPRESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting #3

4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2026

Suisun City Hall

STA Solano Express Subcommittee Members:

Mayor Alma Hernandez, Subcommittee Chair, City of Suisun City

Mayor Steve Bird, City of Dixon

Mayor John Carli, City of Vacaville

Mayor Andrea Sorce, City of Vallejo

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Alma Hernandez

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Certified True Copy of the Relevant Extract of the Draft Meeting Minutes of the STA Board at their January 11, 2026 Meeting

Megan Callaway/
Johanna Masiclat

This item had a robust conversation regarding the Solano Express Blue Line service at the January 11th STA Board meeting. The discussion included other service changes not eligible for STA Board action because the service changes were not originally included on the STA Board agenda. These service changes are being brought back for discussion as part of the Agenda Item #D, and, based on the committee direction, will be brought to the February 11th STA Board as a formal action item.

Attachment A (Page 4) includes Certified Copy of the Extraction of the DRAFT Meeting Minutes of the STA Board of January 11, 2026. STA Legal Counsel and Clerk of the Board will clarify the action taken regarding this topic.

Recommendation:

Informational:

B. SolTrans Staff Perspective

Provide opportunity for SolTrans to discuss their perspective on the Solano Express Service Changes.

See **Attachment B (Page 5)** as reference.

Beth Kranda/
Kristina Botsford

C. STA Staff Perspective

Provide opportunity for STA staff to discuss their perspective on Solano Express Service Changes.

See **Attachment C (Page 6)** as reference.

Daryl Halls/
Robert Guerrero

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D. Solano Express Service Changes

Group

The following recommendation reflects additional STA Board discussion related to the SolTrans COA recommendations that were not eligible for action, as noted in Agenda Item #A. STA staff is bringing these items back for direction from the STA Solano Express Subcommittee followed by the STA Board for formal approval at their February 11, 2026 meeting. In addition, the STA Board has previously discussed the need for Solano Express service to connect at the Fairground Drive Project in Vallejo and expressed this in a comment letter provided to SolTrans in response to the Draft COA. This is reflected as #F in the recommendations below.

Recommendation:

As discussed at the January 14th STA Board meeting and consistent with the Soltrans Comprehensive Operation Analysis (COA) for Solano Express, approve the following:

- A) Cancel Route 82 and utilize cost savings for the Solano Express Red Line
- B) Reduce Green Line service and utilize cost savings for the Solano Express Red Line
- C) Yellow and Blue Red Line service discontinue service at Walnut Creek with new stops added for Concord and North Concord BART stations
- D) Blue Line discontinue service to UC Davis with new service added between Fairfield and Vacaville and limited service to Dixon.
- E) Develop vanpool service from Vacaville to Dixon and UC Davis
- F) Commit Solano Express service to the Fairgrounds Drive Project in Vallejo

E. Reduce STA's Mobility Program

Group

The STA Board gave direction to reduce the STA's Mobility Program in order to fund a vanpool service to Dixon and UC Davis in lieu of the Solano Express Blue Line.

Recommendation:

Approve the following and utilize the estimated cost savings to fund the new vanpool service replacing the Blue Line that directly connects to Vacaville, Dixon and UC Davis:

- A) Phase out the Guaranteed Ride Program generating an estimated savings of \$150,000 per year
- B) Delay the Intercity Cost and Fund Sharing Agreement Ridership Survey generating an estimated savings of \$200,000
- C) Phase out the STA's Lyft program subsidy for the cities of Benicia and Vallejo generating an estimated savings of \$80,000 annually from Benicia and \$27,000 annually from Vallejo and Benicia.

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F. Solano Express Decision Making

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The Solano Express decision-making process is defined by the Solano Express Operating Agreement and reaffirmed by the 2030 Transit Policy Committee which was a joint policy committee of STA and SolTrans Board Members. This item was included in the last agenda and is being brought back for discussion.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

5. NEXT STEPS

6. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING?

**Certified true copy of the relevant extract of the DRAFT Meeting Minutes of the
Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board held at
6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**Agenda Item 9.B
Solano Express Subcommittee Recommendation**

The STA Board discussed options for providing transportation to Memorial Union in Davis, considering both a vanpool service and the continuation of the Solano Express Blue Line. While the vanpool option was presented as a more cost-effective immediate solution, concerns were raised about its implications for SolTrans and the broader transit system and its current riders. The Board acknowledged the need to balance regional access to Memorial Union with the sustainability of existing transit services, particularly in the Fairfield-Vacaville area. The discussion highlighted the complexity of the decision and the need for further consideration of long-term solutions.

The STA Board discussed service changes for the Solano Express Blue Line, particularly regarding extensions to Davis and potential vanpool options. After extensive debate, the Board agreed to commit to further exploring expanding the vanpool service to Davis and maintaining the Blue Line to Vacaville. Further options include continuing the Blue Line the entire way to Memorial Union in Davis or stop at Dixon with a van pool to Memorial Union. The Board acknowledged concerns raised by Fairfield representatives about being left out of the discussion and agreed to further explore vanpool options while ensuring the City's inclusion in further discussion. Staff presented cost comparisons between maintaining existing bus service and implementing a vanpool system. The STA Board concluded with a consensus to move forward with Blue Line service to Vacaville while leaving room for future decisions about extending service to Dixon or Davis.

A motion was made by Board Member Sorce (co-sponsored by Board Member Mashburn) and seconded by Board Member Young to approve *Soltrans' COA recommendation of the Blue Line going to Vacaville with the hourly service and the two trips to Dixon. In addition, to look at alternative options of transit, potentially a Solano Mobility vanpool service/ micro transit fleet, from the City of Vacaville to the City of Dixon and ending at Memorial Union in the City of Davis and designating Vacaville Transportation Center (VTC) as the hub for the transition.*

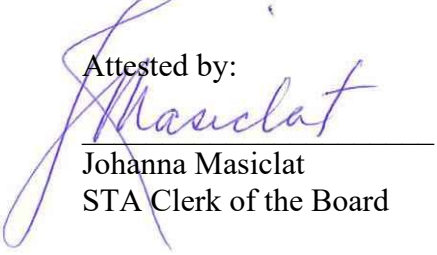
The motion passed by following roll call votes:

Ayes: Bird, Carli, Hernandez, Mashburn, Moy, Okamura, Sorce, and Young

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Attested by:


Johanna Masiclat
STA Clerk of the Board

From: [Beth Kranda](#)
To: [Alma Hernandez](#); [Johanna Masiclat](#)
Cc: [Daryl Halls](#); [Robert Guerrero](#)
Subject: Re: ****Immediate Review & Response is Desired**** Draft Solano Subcommittee Agenda for Meeting of February 2, 2026
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 7:59:21 AM

Thank you for allowing me to comment - here goes:

Under 3. B Recommendations

i-iv SolTrans does not break out the changes in that way - there are no cost savings as the COA was cost neutral so it's best not to try to identify savings.

v. The direction was to look into providing vanpool to Vacaville to UC Davis - not to implement but to explore the idea in full with real costs identified

vi. Fairgrounds project was **never** discussed in the meeting

Section C Recommendations:

Again the conversation was to explore a vanpool option - not to implement - but totally vet the idea out with actual costs not best guesses

iii. There was **never** any discussion of phasing out Benicia and Vallejo Lyft and we would not agree to that - not sure how you identified cost savings - from what color of money?

I hope that helps the discussion

I do want to explore the idea of vanpool but we have to be realistic as to all the costs and totally vet the idea out - like the COA it was a fully vetted idea with public comment included with certain perimeters to make sure we get accurate and factual costs and not best guesses without input

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Beth

From: Alma Hernandez <ahernandez@suisun.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:55 AM
To: Johanna Masiclat <jmasiclat@sta.ca.gov>; Beth Kranda <beth@soltransride.com>
Cc: Daryl Halls <dkhalls@sta.ca.gov>; Robert Guerrero <rguerrero@sta.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: ****Immediate Review & Response is Desired**** Draft Solano Subcommittee Agenda for Meeting of February 2, 2026

Thanks, Johanna. That's good to know.



Solano Express Subcommittee

February 2, 2026



Scenario 1: No Service Changes

	FY 22-23 Actual	FY 23-24 Actual	FY 24-25 Est. Actual	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 26-27 Estimate	FY 27-28 Estimate	FY 28-29 Estimate	FY 29-30 Estimate	FY 30-31 Estimate
Solano Express Service									
Revenue Service Hours	48,003	44,539	44,872	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
IFA Cost/Hr	\$ 207.80	\$ 204.96	\$ 220.26	\$ 230.37	\$ 238.43	\$ 246.78	\$ 255.42	\$ 264.35	\$ 273.61
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 9,974,831	\$ 9,128,532	\$ 9,883,465	\$ 10,366,650	\$ 10,729,483	\$ 11,105,015	\$ 11,493,690	\$ 11,895,969	\$ 12,312,328
Revenues									
Fares	\$ 1,360,229	\$ 1,490,659	\$ 1,120,804	\$ 1,060,068	\$ 1,081,269	\$ 1,102,894	\$ 1,124,952	\$ 1,147,451	\$ 1,170,400
RM-2	\$ 2,142,151	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916	\$ 2,149,916
RM-3	\$ 1,840,625	\$ 655,951	\$ 1,018,325	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
STAF	\$ 388,145		\$ 2,722	\$ 3,150,131	\$ 3,230,304	\$ 3,871,846	\$ 2,670,000	\$ 2,670,000	\$ 2,670,000
STAF Carryover				\$ 145,889	\$ 348,136				
Solano College Pass	\$ 114,845	\$ 50,471	\$ 50,471	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Benicia	\$ 213,730	\$ 143,923	\$ 143,923	\$ 146,629	\$ 149,517	\$ 152,507	\$ 155,558	\$ 158,669	\$ 161,842
Dixon	\$ 99,102	\$ 65,603	\$ 65,603	\$ 37,913	\$ 39,460	\$ 40,249	\$ 41,054	\$ 41,875	\$ 42,712
Fairfield	\$ 710,755	\$ 624,215	\$ 624,215	\$ 537,074	\$ 547,146	\$ 558,089	\$ 569,251	\$ 580,636	\$ 592,249
Suisun City	\$ 134,087	\$ 188,536	\$ 188,536	\$ 126,648	\$ 129,153	\$ 131,736	\$ 134,371	\$ 137,058	\$ 139,799
Vacaville	\$ 594,048	\$ 315,617	\$ 315,617	\$ 336,036	\$ 343,053	\$ 349,914	\$ 356,912	\$ 364,051	\$ 371,332
Vallejo	\$ 859,029	\$ 1,272,858	\$ 1,272,858	\$ 1,426,451	\$ 1,454,637	\$ 1,483,730	\$ 1,513,404	\$ 1,543,673	\$ 1,574,546
Balance of County	\$ 182,606	\$ 182,606	\$ 198,776	\$ 199,895	\$ 206,892	\$ 214,133	\$ 221,628	\$ 229,385	\$ 237,413
FTA ARP	\$ 1,335,479	\$ 2,255,221	\$ 2,958,680	\$ -					
Total Revenue	\$ 9,974,831	\$ 9,395,576	\$ 10,110,446	\$ 10,366,650	\$ 10,729,483	\$ 11,105,015	\$ 9,987,046	\$ 10,072,713	\$ 10,160,210
Balance	\$0	\$267,044	\$226,981	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,506,644)	(\$1,823,256)	(\$2,152,119)
Cut in Service to Balance Revenues				0	0	0	(5,899)	(6,897)	(7,866)
Revised Service Hours				45,000	45,000	45,000	39,101	38,103	37,134
Percent Cut in Service				0%	0%	0%	-13%	-15%	-17%
Annual Rate of Change		FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31
Cost per Hour		1.1%	7.5%	4.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Fares		9.6%	-24.8%	-5.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
RM-2		0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
RM-3		-64.4%	55.2%	-1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
STAF		-100.0%		115628.6%	2.5%	19.9%	-31.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TDA		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
STAF Reserve Balance			\$ 8,162,058	\$ 5,009,205	\$ 1,778,901	\$ (2,092,946)			

Vehicle Revenue Hours Based on SolTrans COA Proposal

	FY 2021-22	FY 2025-26	Reduction	% Change	FY 2026-27 Proposed COA Service Changes	COA Reduction/ Increase	% Change
Red Line	20,575	18,877	(1,698)	-8.25%	25,414	6,460	34.22%
Blue Line	18,982	10,404	(8,578)	-45.19%	10,404	STA Board voted on January 14th to approve the COA Recommendation for the Blue Line, which increases frequency between Fairfield and Vacaville but discontinues service to UC Davis and provides limited service to Dixon in FY 2026-27	
Yellow Line	9,632	7,147	(2,485)	-25.80%	7,147		
Green Line	6,797	6,108	(689)	-10.14%	1,908	(4,200)	-68.76%
Route 82		2,337	2,337		0	(2,337)	-100%
Total Revenue Hours	55,986	44,873	(11,113)	-19.85 ⁸ %	44,873	0	