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Mr. Ken Kirkey
Planning Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Comments on Land Use Scenarios for Update of Plan Bay Area

Dear Mr. Kirkey:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), along with planning staff from Solano County and the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo, have reviewed the draft three land use scenarios and associated transportation improvements prepared for the update of Plan Bay Area. We appreciate not only the opportunity to comment on these scenarios, but also the effort that went into their preparation. STA believes that the three scenarios provide a diverse series of land use and transportation options. This will enable MTC to prepare an informative analysis of different development and investment options.

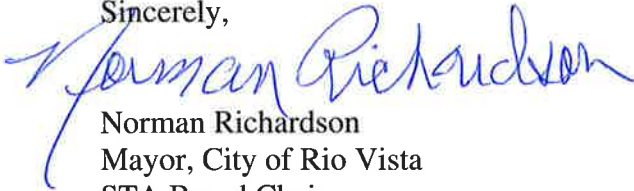
STA's comments pertain to three Solano County projects not being included as transportation investments for the "Connected Neighborhoods" scenario. The connected neighborhoods scenario focuses on growth in the larger priority development areas (PDAs) throughout the region. This includes a number of PDAs in Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, as well as Solano County's largest community, Vallejo. Most of these PDAs will have access by transit vehicles and carpools/vanpools that pass through the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange. The transit vehicles passing through this interchange, and also accessing the Vallejo PDA, are all reliant upon the Solano Express Bus Service Improvements. Finally, one of the local efforts that STA, the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vacaville and the County of Solano are jointly taking to remove local traffic from the freeway system and support the new Fairfield/Vacaville train station is the construction of the Jepson Parkway project

All three of these projects – the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange, Solano Express Bus Service Improvements and Jepson Parkway – are included in the transportation investments for the Main Street scenario, and STA agrees with this inclusion. All three projects are left out of the Connected Neighborhoods transportation investments. STA and our member agencies believe that this is an error, and that these investments are critical to the success of the Solano county portion of the connected neighborhoods scenario.

STA requests that the transportation investments for the Connected Neighborhoods scenario be modified to include the I-80/I-680/SR-12 Interchange, Solano Express Bus Service Improvements and Jepson Parkway.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Robert Macaulay, STA Director of Planning at (707) 424-6075 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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STA Board Chair

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