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September 10, 2020

Therese McMillan, Executive Director  
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### Re: Plan Bay Area 2050: Blue Print Strategies

Dear Therese:

On behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority's Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank you and your staff for the opportunity to engage and participate in the development of the Plan Bay 2050 Plan. The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) supports the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) efforts in developing bold strategies to meet both the State's 1990 Green House Gas emission reduction target of 19% for the region and approve a fiscally constrained regional transportation plan. Attached are our comments reiterating support for Solano County's priority transportation projects contained in the draft Plan Bay 2050 Plan and comments on the policies contained in the other three quadrants of the plan focused on housing, the economy, and the environment.

We appreciate your planning staff, Matt Maloney and Dave Vautin's flexibility and generosity in taking the time to meet with our staff on separate occasions to discuss our transportation, housing, and economic priorities for Solano County, and a future discussion on the environment. These efforts took place despite the challenges of the current Corona Virus 19 pandemic and recent fires that have impacted Solano County and the region.

As the Bay Area's most affordable County for housing, Solano County has unique transportation and housing challenges and economic opportunities related to job-housing balance, congestion, transit connectivity, and equity. We look forward to continuing our partnership with MTC/ABAG in developing the implementation plan for Plan Bay Area 2050 and the range of new goals and policies identified in the plan. STA remains committed to continuing to deliver important transportation projects and programs for the mobility of all of our residents in Solano County and for the region and to facilitate the production of critically needed housing, jobs, and efforts to protect the environment.

Feel free to contact me or STA's Director of Planning, Robert Guerrero, at 707 424-6075 if you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter or the attached comments.

Sincerely,

Daryl K. Halls  
Executive Director

cc: STA Board Members  
Supervisor Jim Spering, County of Solano, MTC Representative  
Supervisor Erin Hannigan, County of Solano, ABAG Representative  
Mayor Lori Wilson, City of Suisun City, ABAG Representative  
Matt Maloney, MTC  
Dave Vautin, MTC

Attachment: STA Summary of Comments for Four Quadrants for PBA 2050: Blue Print

## **STA Summary of Comments for Four Quadrants for PBA 2050: Blue Print**

1. Transportation Strategies- Support studying all lane tolling options at the regional level and reiterate the importance of Solano County's RTP priority transportation projects:
  - I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project
  - I-80 Express/Managed Lanes Project
  - I-80 Truck Scales (West Bound)
  - SR 37 corridor
  - Solano Express on I-80/ I-680 Corridors
  - Support for the State Rail Plan/Capitol Corridor/Solano Rail Hub
  - Ferry Service Expansion
  
2. Housing Strategies – Given that Solano County is the cornerstone for other regions employees and households, STA supports PBA's Housing Growth for Solano as having 3% of the Region's Growth and note the following STA transportation and housing efforts:
  - Coordinated with STA member agencies to increase total PDAs from 13 to 17 as part of MTC/ABAG 2020 PDA update
  - Solano Housing Investment Partnership (SolHIP) efforts
  - Allocation of \$4 Million in Suburban Housing Incentive Pool (SubHIP) Pilot Program funds for 99 affordable housing units adjacent to the Vacaville Transportation Center and 190 affordable units near the Fairfield Vacaville Train Station.
  - Housing Element Consultant administration with Local Early Action Planning Funding from the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Rio Vista, Suisun City and Dixon
  - Advocating for a small portion of ABAG's \$5 million Regional Early Action Planning Grant funds
  
3. Economic Strategies - Solano County's Economic Growth is forecasted by the PBA Blueprint to grow from 3%, this percentage is actually 5% for Solano County based on:
  - References and data provided by Solano Economic Development Corporation's Memo highlighting Solano County's economic growth potential written by Bob Burris, Solano EDC Executive Director and Sean Quinn, Solano EDC consultant (former Fairfield City Manager)
  - 10 designated Priority Production Areas (that are based on Solano County's Moving Solano Forward Economic Plan)
  
4. Environmental Strategies- Support for GHG reduction strategies and Priority Conservation Areas:
  - Support for STA's SolanoExpress Bus Service and Electrification of all transit fleets
  - Advocating for continued support for the North Bay Priority Conservation Areas for Farm to Market, Agro-Tourism, trails and conservation projects