

## Minutes For July 23, 2002

### SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

July 23, 2002

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on this day at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Present were Supervisors Silva, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll. Supervisors Kromm and Kondylis were excused.

### ORDERS

(Item 4) SOLANO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN, APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-148 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON A TRANSPORTATION RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX MEASURE, ADOPTED

Scheduled on the agenda for this day was consideration of the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority's Countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan and a resolution that would place a Countywide Transportation Sales Tax Measure on the November 5, 2002 ballot.

Paul Weise, Department of Transportation, highlighted changes to the plan that was presented

July 8, 2002. The changes include an increase of \$3 million in Fast Track funding done at the request

of Travis Air Force Base to improve access roads to the base, the funds were diverted from the

Commuter Rail to the BART program. Mr. Weise noted the Transit Consortium endorses the

transportation plan, the plan does reflect public priorities, a citizens oversight committee will be

formed to oversee spending, and that the cities of Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, and Vallejo

have endorsed the plan.

Supervisor Silva noted that for the Fast Track Program funding each city in the County has on

file with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) a list of priority projects for their respective communities.

Daryl Halls, Director STA and Solano Transportation Improvement Authority (STIA), reviewed a brief presentation, incorporated herein by reference, discussing the development of the Transportation Plan and the Expenditure Plan, challenges, categories for the Expenditure Plan, the Traffic Relief Plan, and the Citizen's Oversight Committee. Donald Tipton, Vallejo, noted his opposition to more taxes, and endorses giving the public the opportunity to make the choice to levy additional taxes or not. Mr. Tipton feels improvement associations should also have representation on the Citizens Oversight Committee, and would like a definition of "minimal" level of street maintenance as listed in the ordinance adopted by the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority. Rod Cameron, Plumbers & Steamfitters Union Local 343, encouraged the Board to approve the Expenditure Plan and put the issue to the vote of the citizens. Mr. Cameron noted the many effects of congestion on commuters, and the need to address traffic congestion. Marci Coglianese, STA and Mayor City of Rio Vista, urged the Board to place this matter before the voters, this is an historic opportunity to meet the challenges of transportation over the next 20 years, and this plan provides a balance of all the modes necessary to meet these challenges. Mayor Coglianese noted the many benefits to the City of Rio Vista if the initiative passes. Bernice Kaylin, League of Women Voters, urged the Board to pass the Expenditure Plan, which is balanced. Ms. Kaylin noted the cooperative process to develop the plan, and urged the matter be approved and placed on the November ballot. Jim Earp, Executive Director California Alliance for Jobs, read a letter dated July 23, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, urging the Board to approve the Balanced Plan and to put the measure before the citizens. James Williams, Solano County Taxpayers Association – Vacaville unit, posed questions relative to the decrease in funding changes for the Commuter Rail Program, Mr. Halls noted that \$3 million was diverted to the Fast Track Program and that the remaining \$117 million is to address three specific rail programs. Mr. Williams noted opposition to the Expenditure Plan citing concern that the

actual needs are not being met, with changing needs, to keep the funds flexible to meet the changing needs, project distribution of funds, and with discretionary funding. The State and Federal government needs to address the highway problem, and feels further study needs to be done to develop a better expenditure plan to achieve the "best bank for our buck."

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Silva regarding opposition to placing the issue before the voters, Mr. Williams supports the citizens voting on the issue. Pam Belchamber, Transportation Superintendent City of Vallejo, urged support for the Expenditure Plan and to place the measure on the ballot for consideration by the citizens. Ms. Belchamber noted the many benefits for the City of Vallejo, citizens of the County, and the many commuters that utilize transit services through the County, and discussed the added benefits to economic viability of the County. John Andres, Operating Engineers Union Local 3, would like the measure brought before the voters, discussed the pressing need for traffic relief. Rischa Slade, Councilwoman City of Vacaville, noted endorsement of the plan by a majority of the Vacaville City Council, feels the Balanced Plan will work for the County, and that the voters need the opportunity to decide how their money is spent. On motion of Chairman Carroll and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to approve the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority's Countywide Transportation Expenditure Plan, and to adopt Resolution No. 2002-148 Calling a Special Election to Vote on a Transportation Retail Transactions and Use Tax Measure. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Kromm and Kondylis excused. (see Resolution Book)

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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William J. Carroll, Chairman

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Maggie Jimenez  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

