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\$1,000,000 Grant Awarded to the City of Benicia

Suisun City, CA –The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has awarded a \$1 million grant to the City of Benicia for their State Park Road Bike and Pedestrian Bridge project. The project is one of three Solano County projects awarded grants as part of the STA's innovative Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) program.

“The City of Benicia is very pleased to receive the \$1 million grant for the State Park Road Bike and Pedestrian Bridge project,” said Benicia Mayor Steve Messina. “The project will make it safer for students and other pedestrians and bicyclists who currently have to cross the narrow and highly pedestrian/bicycle unfriendly freeway ramp bridge.”

The project in Benicia consists of a Class I bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian bridge and path facility over Interstate 780 into the Benicia State Recreation Area. This area is a focus for shopping, medical services, restaurants, and single- and multi-residential uses, all which will benefit from the safe connectivity to the recreational area.

The STA's TLC Program provides funds for transportation projects that encourage pedestrian, bicycle and transit trips and that link land uses to alternative transportation modes and support a community's larger infill development or revitalization effort. This is the first time the STA has awarded TLC funds to local communities. A total of \$1.8 million was awarded by the STA with additional funds being awarded to Suisun City (\$372,200) and the County of Solano (\$500,000).