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Solano Employees Can Get a Free Ride Home in Emergencies

Suisun City, CA – February 14, 2006. Solano Transportation Authority (STA) announces a new Emergency Ride Home Program available to all workers in Solano County when their employer registers for the program. This free program will provide an additional incentive for commuters to leave their car at home by guaranteeing that they won't be stranded in an emergency. The Emergency Ride Home Program is another incentive offered through STA's Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) program.

In order to participate, Solano employees must simply use alternative transportation on a regular basis – carpool, vanpool, bus, ferry, train, bike or walk – and register for the Emergency Ride Home Program with SNCI. Participants will then receive a free ride home by taxi or rental car if they or an immediate family member suffers an illness or an emergency, they are asked to work unscheduled overtime, or their ridesharing vehicle breaks down.

One of the most often cited barriers to using alternative transportation is concern of being unable to get home in an emergency situation. The STA's Emergency Ride Home Program removes this barrier for thousands of individuals commuting in and to Solano County – resulting in less cars on the highways and roads and improved air quality.

With the highest percentage of carpoolers in the entire Bay Area, many Solano County commuters have already caught on that carpooling and vanpooling are easy options that saves time, money, and makes for a less stressful commute. In addition to ridesharing options, there are a number transit options that meet the needs of many commuters – from local service in each city to express service from Sacramento and BART stations. Vallejo's Baylink Ferry and Capitol Corridor trains from Oakland and Sacramento also offer regular service to Vallejo's Ferry Terminal and the Suisun-Fairfield Amtrak station.

SNCI assists commuters in finding an alternative to driving alone that works best for them. And with the new Emergency Ride Home Program, they will help

make sure you can get home if an emergency arises. For commuters traveling to other counties, SSCI has information on other Emergency Ride Home programs. Call 800-53-KMUTE or visit www.solanolinks.com/commuterinfo for more information.

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