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STA Recommends Highway 12 Safety Measures

Suisun City, CA –The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board is scheduled to take action on a series of recommendations to improve mobility and safety on State Route (SR) 12 East corridor from Rio Vista to Suisun City and Fairfield.

“The STA has developed a multi-agency strategy to improve safety on SR 12 with the support of Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), Caltrans, and the local traffic and safety personnel from the County of Solano and the cities of Fairfield, Rio Vista and Suisun City,” said Len Augustine, Chair of the STA Board. “We will increase traffic enforcement efforts to make the SR 12 corridor safer to travel.”

Safety on SR 12 has been a priority for the STA Board for a number of years, but recent accidents and fatalities have increased the urgency to take immediate action. The STA, working closely with law enforcement agencies, has outlined the following immediate steps:

1. Develop a Highway 12 Safety Plan as part of the STA’s Overall Work Program for 2007-08.
2. Sponsor state legislation to designate State Route (SR) 12 Corridor as a double fine enforcement zone between 2007 and 2012 up to and through construction of various SHOPP projects along the corridor.
3. Co-sponsor an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant application with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the city police departments and the County Sheriff’s department to develop a SR 12 Safety Plan to increase awareness and enforcement along the corridor.
4. Develop a funding plan and strategy with various funding options to construct the additional safety and capacity improvements as part of an updated SR 12 Major

Investment Study (MIS) to be conducted concurrently during 2007-08 with the SR 12 Realignment and Rio Vista Bridge Study.

5. Reconvene the SR 12 Steering Committee to provide a regular forum to review the various recommendations and results of the various studies, improvements, programs and enforcement activities to be conducted and to provide additional SR 12 Safety and funding recommendation to the STA Board.

The STA Board meeting will be held at the Suisun City Hall Council Chamber, 701 Civic Center Drive, Suisun City, at 6:00 p.m. For further questions regarding the proposed safety plan for SR 12, please contact Janet Adams, STA's Director of Projects at 707-424-6075.

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