



DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: STA Board
FROM: Debbie McQuilkin, Program Manager
RE: Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for the City of Rio Vista

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) *2001 Lifeline Transportation Network Report* identified transit needs in economically disadvantaged communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition, the Environmental Justice Report for the *2001 Regional Transportation Plan* also identified the need for MTC to support local planning efforts in low-income communities throughout the region.

To advance the findings of these studies, MTC initiated and has been funding Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) in low-income communities throughout the Bay Area. The objective of the Community Based Planning Process is to develop a plan through a collaborative process that identifies transportation gaps, proposes and prioritizes strategies to address the gaps, and identifies potential funding sources and project leads for implementation. This process ensured that the low-income population directly affected by the transportation plan is guiding the process.

STA completed CBTPs in the City of Dixon in 2004, Cordelia, Fairfield, and Suisun Cities in 2008, and East Fairfield, and Vacaville in 2012, and in September 2020, the STA and the City of Vallejo completed the updated phase of its CBTP. The second phase of the City of Vallejo CBTP is currently underway with support from a California Air Resource Board (CARB) Grant. Additionally, the updated City of Suisun City CBTP was completed in August 2022.

As a result of the CBTP planning processes, potential transportation improvements specific to low-income communities were identified and cost-estimates developed to implement these improvements. This information, including prioritization of improvements, is considered most critical to address. Funding opportunities were explored to support them, and an outline for an action plan to implement the solutions was developed.

Discussion:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with the City of Rio Vista, began developing a CBTP to study and understand the transportation challenges facing Rio Vista's 10,000 residents. This effort kicked off on September 26, 2023, at the Rio Vista City Hall and represents the first CBTP for the city. This process enables the City of Rio Vista and STA to better understand current transit and mobility conditions and explore opportunities to make mobility and transportation services more accessible and efficient for all residents.

Extensive outreach, which included a direct mailer to each Rio Vista household, focus groups and pop-up events, was conducted to ensure good participation. In total, 641 surveys were completed, which was more than any previous CBTP. Additionally, feedback from focus groups was incorporated into potential options to enhance Rio Vista's transit and other projects, such as pedestrian, bike, Safe Routes to School and ADA friendly projects.

As the agency responsible for Solano County's transportation planning, programming, and project delivery, STA plays a key role in prioritizing improvements. The CBTP will be leveraged to seek funding for priority projects and guide transportation planning and implementation efforts in Rio Vista.

One of the main focuses of this plan was the Rio Vista Delta Breeze, which provides nearly 5,000 annual trips for the city's residents. The community was asked to prioritize the Delta Breeze services most important to them. All of the results can be viewed in the completed Rio Vista Community Based Transportation Plan, which was adopted by Rio Vista City Council on February 4, 2025 (Attachment A).

This item was presented to and adopted by the Rio Vista City Council on February 4, 2025. It was then presented to Solano County Intercity Transit Consortium at the February 25, 2025, meeting and recommended for approval by the STA Board.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to develop the for Rio Vista CBTP is \$100,000 utilizing \$60,000 of MTC funding and \$40,000 in State Transit Assistance Funds (STAF).

Recommendation:

Approve the Final Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for the City of Rio Vista as shown in Attachment A.

Attachment:

- A. Link to [Rio Vista Community Based Transportation Plan](#)