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PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED TRANSIT STUDY

VALLEJO – A meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. August 14 at the Florence Douglas Senior Center to allow the public to give their input on senior and disabled transit services.

Gail Murray, a consultant with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates in San Francisco, will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Murray has been hired by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to develop a plan for better senior and disabled transportation within Solano County. She will give a brief presentation followed by a discussion with attendees to get their opinions about what improvements to transportation are needed for greater mobility.

The Senior Center is located at 333 Amador Street. The meeting is open to the public.

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is conducting a Senior and Disabled Transit Study from now through December 2003. The purposes are:

1. To improve existing services
 - STA wants to find out if there are ways that the current services can be more efficient in meeting people's needs within the existing resources of the transit agencies.
2. To plan for future services
 - One of the STA's main goals of this study is to determine the current and future transit needs for seniors and people with disabilities. The STA will use this study as a guide for how additional future senior and disabled transit funds should be spent.

STA is finding out what people want and need in two ways:

- Through discussion groups throughout the county; and
- Through written surveys.

Vallejo residents who cannot attend the discussion on August 14 can give their opinions by filling out the Senior and Disabled Transit Survey available at the Senior

Center. The survey can also be filled out on the internet at www.sta.dst.ca.us, which is the STA website.

After STA has heard people's viewpoints through discussions, focus groups and surveys, it will develop a draft Senior and Disabled Transit Study report. Vallejo residents will have another opportunity to voice their opinions at a large public workshop in the Fall, where the draft plan will be available for further comment.

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