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GEORGIA STREET EXTENSION NAMED PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY STA

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo’s Georgia Street Extension and Unity Plaza Project has been named Project of the Year for 2004 by the Solano Transportation Authority.

City officials received the award at the STA’s annual awards night, held November 10, 2004 in Fairfield. Eight other projects were also nominated for the award. The award is given to the Solano County transportation project that exhibits the most innovative planning and regional benefits.

“Receiving the project of the year award from the Solano Transportation Authority for the Georgia Street Extension Project recognizes that we are heading in the right direction of providing a vibrant, walkable, transit-oriented core in our community,” said Bonnie Robinson-Lipscomb Community Development Analyst for the City of Vallejo.

The completion of Georgia Street also enables the City’s efforts to build Vallejo Station, the multi-modal transit hub providing ferry parking, housing and live-work lofts, office, retail and community amenities along Mare Island Way, Georgia and Santa Clara streets.

“The Georgia Street Extension was a critical first step in our redevelopment efforts to revitalize the waterfront and downtown areas,” said Robinson-Lipscomb. “The extension of Georgia Street is the first among several planned street extensions reestablishing the historic grid and providing an important transportation linkage between the downtown and the waterfront as envisioned in the Waterfront Master Plan.”

Vallejo officials recently learned the City had been awarded a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) through their Transportation for Livable Communities Program for pedestrian enhancements associated with Vallejo Station. This is the second grant the City was awarded from the MTC, the first being for streetscape improvements associated with Georgia Street and Unity Plaza.

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“It’s clear that regional transportation organizations recognize that our efforts are aimed at creating more pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented areas in our city,” said Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr. “I’m thrilled that Georgia Street was named Project of the Year by the STA, and I congratulate all those who took part in this project.”

The STA was created in 1990 through a Joint Powers Agreement between the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo and the County of Solano to serve as the Congestion Management Agency for Solano County. The STA is responsible for countywide transportation planning and coordination, financing priority projects, the programming of federal, state and regional transportation funds, implementing a rideshare program and managing two transit services.