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### **SolTrans and Transdev Launch New Partnership for Transit Operations**

Vallejo, CA - Solano County Transit (SolTrans) welcomes Transdev as their new partner to provide transit services in South Solano County as of July 1, 2021. Transdev will transition current operators and staff from the prior contractor, but employees will have new uniforms, training, and be under a new management team.

“We are looking forward to the fresh, new approach that Transdev will bring to our daily operations,” said John Sanderson, Operations Manager for SolTrans. “Our goal is to provide our passengers with a safe, reliable, courteous, efficient, and accessible transportation experience and this partnership will help us achieve that goal.”

Transdev has a significant presence in the California region, and has committed corporate, regional, and local support team members to support the SolTrans operation. Transdev’s proposal was the highest ranked due to its focus on building a strong employee culture, its implementation of innovative technology to enhance the management of the system, and its experience managing and maintaining electric bus fleets.

Transdev will be operating the multimodal SolTrans system within the cities of Benicia and Vallejo, with regional connections to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) in Contra Costa County. They will be maintaining the SolTrans fleet of 68 buses to deliver 16 bus routes, which include 9 local routes, 3 supplemental school routes operating within the Benicia/ Vallejo area, 3 lines which provide regional service connections, and the entire paratransit service.

“We know that our experience, including our electrification expertise, along with our knowledge of this region, can make a difference to SolTrans and their riders,” said Ron Bushman, Transdev RVP for the Northwest region. “The new technology options that we provide will offer significant improvements to the service, quality and passenger experience. We are looking forward to helping SolTrans recover from the recent effects of the pandemic and make a positive impact to support our new partnership.”

**About SolTrans:**

*Solano County Transit (SolTrans) has been the public transportation provider for south Solano County since July 2011. SolTrans provides local and SolanoExpress fixed routes, complementary paratransit, and subsidized Lyft programs. The agency is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that is governed by a six-member Board of Directors, composed of two representatives from the cities of Benicia and Vallejo, Solano County’s representative on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and a representative from the Solano Transportation Authority.*

**About Transdev:**

*Based near Chicago, Transdev is the largest private-sector operator of multiple modes of transit in North America, including bus, rail, streetcar, paratransit, and shuttle services. Transdev is committed to being the trusted partner of cities and transit authorities through quality execution and innovations in mobility. Its parent company, Transdev Group, is a leading global operator and integrator of mobility operating in 17 countries and provides passengers every day the freedom to connect to what they care about in their cities. [www.transdevna.com](http://www.transdevna.com). Transdev Media Inquiries to Joelle Rockwood, [joelle.rockwood@transdev.com](mailto:joelle.rockwood@transdev.com), 630.430.9042*