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2013 Regional Priorities

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#1: Explore possible local revenue raising options, including a countywide sales tax to fund transportation projects via the Yolo County Transportation District: Upon approval from its member jurisdictions, the Yolo County Transportation District is legislatively-authorized to put a special sales tax to fund local transportation projects on the ballot subject to two-thirds voter approval. Legislation enacted in 2009 allows congestion management agencies (e.g. the Yolo County Transportation District) to raise the vehicle license registration fee to fund specific transportation projects, subject to two-thirds voter approval. Staff will work with city and other partners to research these and other potential opportunities to raise additional revenue.

#2: Work with the Yolo County Transportation District to establish countywide project priorities for the 2013 SACOG round and any other major transportation funding source. Depending on the size and type of transportation project, there are different funding options available. In addition, projects supported by multiple jurisdictions tend to fare better in competitive funding processes. Yolo County (including the cities, Unitrans, YoloBus, and UC Davis), could increase total funding awarded to local projects from SACOG, the state, and the federal government by prioritizing projects for all major funding sources.

#3: Pursue collaborative partnerships to secure full funding for the County Road 98 Safety Improvement Project. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) awarded \$6 million for construction of the Road 98 Safety Improvement Project in 2009 and an additional \$5.55 million in 2011. Yolo County needs an additional \$3-4 million to complete the project. The County will request financial or other assistance from the City of Davis, the City of Woodland, and the University of California at Davis, applying for available grants, and working with SACOG.

#4: Support the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District in efforts to help local agricultural producers to adapt to air quality regulations. Among other programs designed to improve air quality, the Air Quality Management District is developing an incentive program to replace high-emissions tractors. The County will coordinate with the District and local agricultural organizations to support these efforts.