

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Yolo County, California

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Excerpt of Minute Order No. 13-90 Item No. 14, of the Board of Supervisors' meeting of July 16, 2013.

MOTION: Saylor. SECOND: Provenza. AYES: Saylor, Rexroad, Provenza, Chamberlain.
ABSENT: McGowan.

14.

Adopt resolution affirming the County's intent to collaborate with the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland to explore strategies for realigning rail lines in central and eastern Yolo County. (No general fund impact) (Brazil/Lee)

[Att. A. Resolution](#)

Approved **Resolution No. 13-79** on Consent.



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To: Supervisor Duane Chamberlain, Chair
and Members of the Board of Supervisors

Consent-General Government # 14.

Board of Supervisors

County Administrator

Meeting Date: 07/16/2013

Brief Title: Rail Relocation

From: Dirk Brazil, Assistant County Administrator

Christopher Lee, Tribal & Intergovernmental Affairs Analyst, County Administrator's

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Information

Subject

Adopt resolution affirming the County's intent to collaborate with the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland to explore strategies for realigning rail lines in central and eastern Yolo County. (No general fund impact) (Brazil/Lee)

Recommended Action

Adopt resolution affirming the County's intent to collaborate with the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland to explore strategies for realigning the California Northern and Sierra Northern rail lines, including seeking a planning grant to evaluate the economic benefits and feasibility of rail relocation, and to appoint representatives to a staff working group.

Strategic Plan Goal(s)

Champion job creation and economic opportunities
Collaborate to maximize success

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

As part of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Regional Flood Management Plan process and other previous studies, the Fremont Trestle in the Yolo Bypass north of Interstate 5 has been identified as a significant constraint to the flood conveyance capacity of the bypass. Removal of the trestle could increase the capacity of the bypass without raising or setting-back levees, and related improvements to maintain rail service following the removal of the trestle could present opportunities for realigning existing freight rail corridors in the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland.

On April 9, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of the following policy to the County's 2013 Regional Priorities:

"Collaborate with city partners to examine the feasibility of freight rail relocation in Yolo County: The County will work with Yolo County cities to examine the feasibility of freight rail relocation within the County, provided that grant funding or other non-County funds are used to pay for feasibility studies, and funding requests for studies or later implementation activities do not directly compete with other priorities of the County."

The attached resolution is consistent with the Board's policy. It commits the County to appointing representatives to a working group including representative of the three cities to explore potential rail realignment options and pursue external grant funding for an analysis of the economic benefits and feasibility of the broader rail realignment project.

Other Agency Involvement

The cities of Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland will separately consider identical resolutions. The Department of Planning and Public Works reviewed the resolution and was consulted in the development of this staff recommendation.

Fiscal Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact (Expenditure)

Total cost of recommended action:	\$ 0
Amount budgeted for expenditure:	\$ 0
Additional expenditure authority needed:	\$ 0
On-going commitment (annual cost):	\$

Source of Funds for this Expenditure

General Fund \$0

Explanation (Expenditure and/or Revenue)

Staff work described in the resolution can be accomplished with existing resources.

Attachments

[PDF Staff Report](#)

[Att. A. Resolution](#)

Form Review

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Dirk Brazil	Chris Lee	07/09/2013 04:10 PM
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CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY *Rupita Ramirez*
DEPUTY

RESOLUTION NO. 13-79

IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND ADVANCE THE FREIGHT RAIL REALIGNMENT IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN YOLO COUNTY

WHEREAS THE CITIES OF DAVIS, WEST SACRAMENTO AND WOODLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF YOLO are impacted by rail routes operated by Sierra Northern Railway and California Northern Railroad, (under lease from Union Pacific Railroad) in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS such impacts include more than 20 at grade crossings affecting public safety response times, causing congestion, and preventing the economic use of lands in the central parts of the three cities; and

WHEREAS the Fremont Trestle located within the Yolo Bypass presents a significant flood protection obstacle to Yolo County jurisdictions as well as Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS potential realignment options that would re-route California Northern Railroad and Sierra Northern Railway lines from the core areas of the cities of Davis and Woodland and more favorably route remaining rail within the City of West Sacramento warrant further study; and

WHEREAS rail realignment could potentially allow stranded acreage in the Cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland to contribute to smart growth infill development in these communities, enhance response times for public safety, improve flood flows in the Yolo Bypass, and create recreational opportunities through potential rail to trail conversion for the abandoned right of ways; and

WHEREAS federal, state, and other funding opportunities exist that could bring substantial resources to bear on developing and implementing a comprehensive relocation plan and multi-jurisdictional grant applications are more highly favored than those submitted by single jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITIES OF DAVIS, WEST SACRAMENTO AND WOODLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF YOLO commit to exploring strategies for realigning the rail lines, establishing a working group with participation from all of the affected jurisdictions, and collaborating to seek planning grant funding to evaluate the economic benefits and feasibility of rail relocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County Manager's Group shall meet within sixty days of the date of adoption by the last jurisdiction to sign this resolution to recommend membership of the working group and develop a recommended action plan for pursuing grant funding to study the economic benefits and feasibility of rail relocation in Yolo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, this 16th day of July 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Rexroad, Provenza, Chamberlain.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: McGowan.

ABSTENTION: None.

Duane Chamberlain

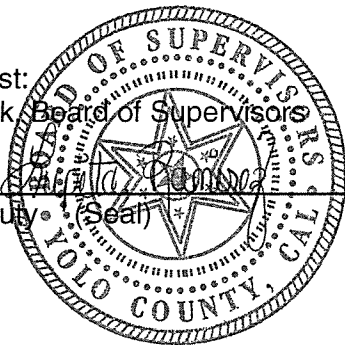
Duane Chamberlain, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk Board of Supervisors

By _____

Deputy



Approved as to Form:

Robyn Truitt Drivon, County Counsel

By Daniel Cederborg

Daniel Cederborg, Asst. County Counsel