



County of Yolo

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MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 Samuel Bivins
DISTRICT 2 Bruce Eldridge
DISTRICT 3 Kevin Spesert
DISTRICT 4 Steve Zehner
DISTRICT 5 Hans Strandgaard
AT LARGE Olin Woods

County Staff: Panos Kokkas
Members Present: Eldridge, Strandgaard, Zehner,
Public: John Whitehead

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee
Cache Creek Conference Room, January 25, 2018, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Assign minutes taker for meeting** – Hans Strandgaard agreed to take the minutes.
2. **YCTD Streetcar and Rural Transit Update** –

Mike Luken of YCTD gave an update on the Streetcar project. The project's 3.3 miles of track are funded through final design but they are still working on the estimated \$200 million construction funding. It is difficult to predict what the federal participation will be on the project. Due to better estimates during final design, some aspects of the project have been cut back as follows:

- Only single track along 3rd street
- Less H street shared track with lightrail
- In West Sac, the River Rd maintenance facility will be a spur track only
- Only single track to civic center in West Sac
- While the track will be designed to accept lightrail to Raley Field, lightrail will not initially go to Raley Field
- No additional parking will be provided for the streetcar at the West Sac civic center as they don't want to get into parking rate war with Sac (Sac is using parking revenue to pay for new arena).

The newly formed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the streetcar has just put out a procurement for the streetcars. 6-8 cars will be built initially. The previous MOU

was replaced with a JPA consisting of the two Cities of Sac and West Sac, and the transit agencies (YCTD and RT) are out of it—so that the system will be owned by the Cities.

While the project has \$50m in cap and trade money awarded for construction, the project construction funding is not complete. The project will be made “shovel-ready” so that it can be started as soon as the funding is complete.

Mike Lukin also discussed proposed changes to rural transit service in the county. The existing rural transit service consists of three main routes:

- A Cache Creek route that serves Esparto, Madison and Woodland-that is funded by the casino.
- A Davis-Winters-Woodland route
- A central north east route serving Knights Landing, Dunnigan and Zamora

The central north east route is no longer well used and YCTD has reduced service severely-which has the effect of reducing usage even more. Working with SACOG they are going to try a pilot project with “on-demand-transit” that uses smaller buses on a fixed route but by request sort of like Lyft and Uber. This should save some money. YCTD is looking to add interested members of the public to a committee that will evaluate the proposed pilot project.

YCTD is also working with Portland State University to design a new type of bus shelter in Knights Landing that also serves as a community gathering place. Knights Landing currently doesn’t have such a facility. YCTD received a \$50k grant toward this bus shelter which will be larger than normal and contain bulletin boards and tables with space for vendors to set up. If successful as a rural gathering space, the model could be used in other rural communities.

Mr. Lukin noted the layout of the proposed streetcar lines is available at the www.riverfrontstreetcar.com website. He also noted that there are two future expansion loops being considered for the streetcar including a line north of Tower Gateway to C street and a line south of the Pioneer bridge to the proposed new Broadway bridge.

- 3. Public Comment** –John Whitehead noted two issues which might be important to the committee for discussion at a future meeting. The first was the recent news that Caltrans District 3 was looking at adding HOV lanes to the causeway bridge between Davis and West Sacramento. The lanes would be added by eliminating the separated bikeway that currently exists and reducing the shoulders so that a new traffic lane can be added in each direction. A new bikeway bridge would be added to parallel the Causeway. The second issue was Union Pacific’s recent request to the CPUC to close the at-grade crossing at CR 105. Hans said that these issues could be discussion items for a future meeting.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2017 meeting - By motion made and** unanimously passed the minutes were approved with no corrections.
- 5. Public Works Update** –Mr. Kokkas noted that some of the storm damage from last year still has not been repaired, for example, an area on CR22 near the Yolo

Bypass, where high pumped water near some retaining walls is too high to do the repairs. Apparently, the pumped water is being used for creating pond areas for duck hunting by Conaway Ranch.

The county's \$3.4m paving project is complete with no claims. John Whitehead asked about the striping on CR 29 which seems to have been painted onto loose gravel and so, the edge of road lines have already faded. Mr. Kokkas noted the recently repaired and restriped roads are under a 1 year warranty by the contractor, so if the paint is gone the contractor will have to repaint.

Mr. Kokkas reviewed some upcoming legislative proposals which would repeal SB1, the gas tax measure passed in the last election. He noted this would be very bad for California and for the County, in general, since it would eliminate this funding source used for roadway repairs. The County got \$1.3m in new money last fiscal year and expect more this year, but that could be in jeopardy if the repeal is passed. The money is critical since it can also be used for matching funds to bring in more federal and state money.

He also noted another proposed bill that would eliminate the option for up to 30% of the collected gas tax money going into the general fund. It would mandate that this money be used only for transportation projects, as was originally intended.

He noted that the potholing for the CR 98 widening project is complete and at >\$200k was more expensive than planned due to the many unknown utilities that were found during the investigations. He noted that many of those utilities are "franchised," meaning that the utility is in the roadway by permission and the utility will have to pay to relocate them if they are in the way of the widening project.

6. Next Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Date

Hans Strandgaard will try to get someone from Caltrans to discuss the proposed Causeway HOV widening project. The TAC will also need to hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair and the 2017 Accomplishments and 2018 Workplan will need to be reviewed by the group.

The next meeting date will be held at the normal meeting place in the Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, February 22, 2018, **4:00 – 5:30 PM**