



# County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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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, Bivins, Woods*

*Public: John Whitehead*

## Meeting Minutes

### Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room, February 22, 2018, **4:00 – 5:30 PM**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Assign minutes taker for meeting** – Bruce Eldridge agreed to take the minutes.
- 2. Causeway Widening** –

The Committee was anticipating a representative from Caltrans to attend the meeting and explain to us the details of a plan to widen the I-80 Causeway that crosses the Yolo Bypass. Unfortunately, the Caltrans representative was unable to attend our meeting. However, Caltrans announced a discussion and workshop on the Route 80/50 Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project to be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 beginning at 10am at the Galleria Room at the West Sacramento City Hall.

Hans reported some details that were included in press releases about the project. The County Board of Supervisors has already issued a letter of support for the project. Caltrans in conjunction with YCTD has decided to seek funds to improve the highway from Dixon all the way to West Sacramento, and to seek a solution to several problems, including a separate bicycle bridge across the Causeway, adding additional lanes on the Causeway for busses and HOVs, improving bicycle access from Davis to the Causeway and creating ways to replace the Union Pacific RR grade crossing at CR105. There are no definite plans for the improvements presently, but Caltrans hopes to obtain more than \$1 billion from the federal government to fund the improvements. SB1 funds may also be used for this purpose. Currently, over 147,000 cars a day cross the

Causeway each day and the congestion has gotten much worse. Soon, these numbers will increase significantly worsening congestion even further unless this stretch of highway is improved. The Davis City Council, also in favor of the project, is pushing for the bicycle bridge to be built before any of the work on the freeway so that the bike route to Sacramento can be maintained during the construction, which is planned to start no sooner than 2021. The EIR process will likely begin this summer. Mr. Kokkas noted that the project price tag for the project was closer to \$240million, and that the \$1billion figure included several other projects that Caltrans had applied for separately.

3. **Public Comment** –John Whitehead asked for an explanation of the County Transportation Master Plan discussed by Supervisor Saylor. Panos Kokkas explained that this likely refers to a plan to make Yolo County a self-help county whereby the County can collect funds for transportation projects. The County had to put together a list of all projects that were unfunded as a part of this process.
4. **Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2018 meeting** - By motion made and unanimously passed the minutes were approved with corrections suggested by Steve Zehner.
5. **TAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections for 2018** – By unanimous votes, Hans Strandgaard was elected Chair for another term and Sam Bivins was elected Vice Chair.
6. **TAC 2017 Accomplishments and 2018 Workplan Reviews** – With a few minor changes, these documents were approved for forwarding to the Board of Supervisors.
7. **Public Works Update** – Mr. Kokkas reported that the new Buckeye Bridge is now open for use. He also discussed possible safety problems with the proposed \$25million Indian medical facility to be built west of DQ University off of CR31. The group proposing the project does not have the funding needed to build a widening of the roadway for installation of turning lanes that would be needed because of proximity of the entry to the facility to the sharp curve just to the west. The County is delaying the applicant's encroachment permit until the roadway issue can be resolved.

The County is taking a wait and see attitude on other new projects until after the November elections, but one project that has separate SACOG funding may move ahead and that is the CR 27 road rehabilitation.

There will also be two important propositions than can affect the future of SB1 funds.

The County has not been successful in filling the two open engineering positions nor the three public works maintenance positions. They are going to reduce the requirements for the maintenance positions to hopefully attract more applicants.

Yolo County along with 4 other California counties and 5 counties in other states is participating in a federal pilot safety project to reduce accidents.

**8. Next Meeting Agenda Items and Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be held March 22, 2018. 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Possible agenda items include the County Transportation budget, if it is available by then; the Causeway Widening project and other items that are sent to Hans before the agenda is published.