



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 OPEN
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; Thursday, March 22, 2018, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minute taker for meeting
 - a. Sam Bivins agreed to take minutes.
2. Public Comment
 - a. John Whitehead commented that the shoulder of northbound CR-99 is marked as a bike lane just after it intersects CR-25A. Staff said that the bike lane designation was a mistake but would be too costly to remove from the pavement and any removal process would distress the pavement, so it has been left in place. Staff believe this is one-off location.
3. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2018
 - a. The minutes of February 22, 2018, were approved unanimously as corrected.
4. Causeway Widening
 - a. John Whitehead attended the scoping meeting at the West Sacramento Galleria. Lanes added to the causeway would be “managed” lanes, i.e., carpool or toll lanes. New HOV ramp bridges would be provided in West

Sacramento. Every attendee besides John was affiliated with a public agency. Jim Campbell attended for Yolo County. Caltrans is optimistic about funding for the widening project which will begin in Solano County at Kidwell Road. Electric bikeshare will be permitted on the new bikeway. Comments were split regarding the location of the new “world class” bike bridge—some would prefer it to be quieter and further away from the highway traffic; others want it closer to the highway so cyclists aren’t isolated from view. A representative of the Air Quality Management District suggested locating the bikeway on the south side of the causeway to reduce exposure to exhaust fumes due to the prevailing wind direction along the Causeway-but this would require crossing I-80 twice so is probably not preferred. The discussion included CR 105 at-grade RR closure. A consultant is running the outreach process for Caltrans on this project.

5. CR105/32A Grade Crossing Arbitration

- a. There was another train-car accident last weekend, and there have been several articles in the Davis Enterprise about the crossing. The County can’t put a stop sign in because there isn’t an intersection at the crossing, and the crossing has active safety devices. Staff explained that the road is safe, but that there are a small percentage of drivers who are inattentive or impaired and have problems at the crossing. The County will be putting a light on a PG and E pole to illuminate the crossing on the north side, but this will not help the south side where most of the accidents are occurring. There is no power available on the south side of the tracks. CR-32A was closed recently to repair the guardrail at the crossing(again) and will be closed again to do the guardrail on the west side of the crossing. The County has considered putting in a concrete barrier, but has been advised that such a barrier would expose the County to liability. Someone suggested that radar speed warning-flashing signs could be added to the westbound lane before the crossing, but Mr. Kokkas said the cost was high and he questioned whether they would make any difference.

6. Yolo County Transportation Budget

- a. Staff provided a preliminary budget for the TAC’s review. The preliminary budget stands at \$28.1 million, which is similar to last year’s budget but includes more money for paving and infrastructure. SB1 funds provide approximately \$5.2 million over 2 years. The El Macero homeowner’s association is providing \$1.1 million to repair roads in their community. Bids on the El Macero project open next week, and the budget will go to the board of supervisors for approval in June. The budget includes monies for the unfilled engineering and road maintenance positions in the County. Hans felt it would be useful to see the budget from last year to compare to this year and Mr. Kokkas agreed to send out last year’s budget by email to the TAC. Hans asked the TAC to review the budget and bring any questions to the next TAC meeting.

7. Public Works Update (County)

- a. The County will likely support Proposition 69 and will likely oppose repeal of

SB1. The County was previously considering whether it should become a self-help county to take even better advantage of SB1, but will hold off on that decision to see how the SB1 repeal effort plays out in the next election. The County provided comments on transportation impacts discussed in the Cal Water Fix EIR (Delta Tunnels). Construction of the project would have serious impacts on County roads and structurally deficient bridges in the Delta.

- b. Mr. Kokkas handed out a map of proposed future projects in the County which was required to be turned in to the CTC prior to May 1st. The County expects to receive \$3.2million in SB1 funds in the 18/19 years that will go towards these projects. The map of projects had to be approved by the BOS on April 3rd prior to giving it to the CTC and Mr. Kokkas met with most of the supervisors in order to make sure they approved the map at their meeting by a resolution(as required by the CTC). While an effort was made to use the County's pavement management system to determine which roads needed to be fixed first based on their condition, the average daily traffic was also considered and some of the very lightly traveled roads with very bad pavement were not selected in favor of more highly traveled roads.
8. Next Meeting Agenda Items-Supervisory District 3 TAC Replacement, Budget Discussion, Other continued items from previous meetings.
 9. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location- Thursday, April 19, 2018, moved up since Mr. Kokkas can not attend the meeting in the regular 4th Thursday in April. Cache Creek Conference Room, 4:00-5:30pm