



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 Vacant
DISTRICT 4 Steve Zehner
DISTRICT 5 Hans Strandgaard
AT LARGE Olin Woods

County Staff: Jim Campbell
Members Present: Bivins, Eldridge, Strandgaard, Zehner,
Public: John Whitehead

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room, Thursday, May 24, 2018, 4:00 – 5:15 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minutes taker for meeting. Bruce Eldridge agreed to take the minutes.
2. Public Comments. John Whitehead mentioned that despite his signing up for transportation-related information on the Yolo County website, he did not receive an agenda for this meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2018 meeting. Steve Zehner suggested minor changes. By motion made and unanimously passed the minutes were approved as corrected.
4. Discussion regarding the Yolo YED meeting held on April 26. Strandgaard, Eldridge, and Woods attended as TAC members. Campbell attended representing the Yolo County Public Works Division. The emphasis of the meeting, held in Winters, concerned transportation funding in Yolo County and elsewhere in the State. Agriculture in Yolo County is very dependent on a functioning and well maintained transportation system. There were several interesting illustrated talks given by speakers involved in various aspects of transportation in the County including a presentation by Frank Mueller of Pacific Coast Producers who discussed how agricultural products are transported to processing plants in and out of the County. There was a discussion on Counties that are “self-help” Counties that have special transportation taxes which help them to fund transportation projects. Yolo County is considering a sales tax measure sometime in the future. There was

also discussion about the effort by others to try to overturn SB1 and the additional gas tax that went into effect last year. Overturning the tax would be devastating to many projects in Yolo County and elsewhere in the State. James Corliss, the new director of SACOG also presented. Those of us who attended agreed that we learned a lot about agriculture and transportation and future funding plans and strategies for improving transportation in the County and in the State. Hans will ask the holders of the meeting if we can get a copy of the PowerPoint to distribute to those who did not attend.

5. District 3 Replacement. Kevin Spesert has resigned from representing District 3 on the TAC, the Board of Directors has been asked to advertise for a replacement.
6. CR105/32A Grade Crossing Arbitration. Talks involving Union Pacific Railroad, Yolo County, and the City of Davis have continued. So far, no information on probable solutions to the dangerous situation that is mostly caused by speeding cars not obeying various warnings at the crossings and either crashing through guard rails or ending up on the railroad tracks. The solution UP favors is eliminating the crossing. Jim noted the recently repaired guard rail was hit again just a few days ago and the County will be going after the driver's insurance to cover the damages.
7. Public Work Update. Jim Campbell distributed papers showing planned pavement resurfacing area in the northern part of the County. The low bid was by Lamon Construction and the County is happy about that since they have done good work for the County in the past. A bid for doing safety striping around the County is expected on June 6th. The County will also be going out to bid for the resurfacing of CR27 west of CR 98 and east of the 505 as soon as the County gets Caltrans authorization. The CR 40 low water crossing request for proposals is out, the County got approximately \$800k toward the design and replacement cost of a new low water crossing from the State. This was Jim's last meeting before his retirement. The Committee members thanked Jim for his contributions to TAC over the years and wished a happy retirement for him. The County has hired Nick Burton away from Solano County and he will fill one of the County's open positions.
8. Bruce Eldridge will attend the annual meeting of shareholders of the Sierra Northern Railway on June 19 and will report on the status of the Yolo County Railroad Relocation Project at the next TAC meeting.
9. Hans noted that SACOG has a master bike plan for the region. However, Jim noted that SACOG's plan is only updated every 2 to 3 years and the County's 2013 bike plan will likely not be updated due to lack of funds.
10. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location. There will not be a TAC meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 26 4:30 pm to 6:00pm in the Cache Creek Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm