



County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 Samuel Bivins
DISTRICT 2 Unfilled
DISTRICT 3 Bruce Eldridge
DISTRICT 4 Unfilled
DISTRICT 5 Hans Strandgaard
AT LARGE Olin Woods

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

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, February 28, 2019, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minute taker for meeting: Hans Strandgaard volunteered, since it was his turn.
2. Public Comment: John Whitehead said he and his wife are frequent riders of the Yolo County Transit buses and recently they noted that the buses have a strong odor of some sort of perfumed cleaning solution to the point of giving some rider headaches. He said his wife still has the smell on her clothes long after leaving the bus and the clothes have to be washed to remove the odor. He is concerned about the chemical that is being used if it has this kind of lingering odor. He has contacted Jose Perez at Yolo Transit to find out what the chemical is and whether it is safe. He will bring the issue back to the TAC if he receives no response from Yolo Transit.

Hans Strandgaard asked if the County was aware of the erosion of the roadway embankment just past Fairfield School on Russel Blvd. The erosion is also affecting the County Bike path. Panos Kokkas said the County was aware and that the culvert pipe at this location was not large enough to handle the flows from the farmer's field to the north and water ran over the roadway and bike path and eroded the embankments. The County plans to make repairs by adding large rocks, since such flooding is likely to happen again, as farmers have been laser-leveling their fields and changing the natural drainage patterns. There is little they can do to prevent this.

Mr. Kokkas noted that there may be a new TAC appointee for Supervisor Provenza's District. He will let the committee know if this person signs up.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2019. The minutes prepared by Bruce and Hans were approved without corrections.
4. TAC Elections were held and Hans Strandgaard was elected chair of the TAC and Bruce Eldridge was elected vice-chair.
5. Webster's Corner. The County is aware of the roadway flooding issue and will try to get Caltrans to pump out the water, but Mr. Kokkas expects that they will only engage when the I-80 ramps get flooded. Mr. Strandgaard noted that it was a good time to remind our elected representatives to put some pressure on Caltrans if the County roadway floods again.
6. Public Works Update. Regarding storm damage, Mr. Kokkas noted that FEMA emergency funding, when it is available by declaration, reimburses for emergency repairs at a 75% rate whereas the Federal Highway Program emergency relief program reimburses at a rate of 100% if the work is performed within 100 days, if the repairs are done >180 days, then the reimbursement drops to 88.5%. However, only 110 miles of 750 miles of County roadways are eligible for Federal Highway funding.

The county is waiting on the city of Davis to review some language on the co-op agreement for the CR 32A at-grade RR crossing study. After that is worked out, the County will go out with an RFP for a consultant.

The recent storms have caused a lot of flooded roadways in the County. At CR 27 the water was so high in the adjacent field that the farmers bee hives floated away, the roadway was also flooded. Willow Slough overtopped CR 98, which has not happened in recent memory. Covell Blvd and CR 98 is a mess and had to be closed. County staff have been working 12 hour shifts to take care of all the emergencies that have come up, which is eating into the roadway budget.

The County is again utilizing a new budget tool that requires specialized training to be able to use. Panos expects the County's transportation budget will be available for the TAC's review by the next meeting.

The County has not put any large project out to bid as there are no project ready nor is there any funding. They did put out an on-call RFP for geotechnical assistance from which they will choose two consultants who will be on-call to help with County projects.

Mr. Kokkas expects that CR 22 in Woodland near the bypass will become a project one day, as will River Road—the County is beginning to put money aside for a project that is expected to be \$5 to \$6 million. The County is also looking to combine some of their safety money grant funding to replace substandard guardrails in the same area.

Mr. Kokkas noted the BOS has authorized no general fund money for transportation projects this year, although they did last year.

7. TAC 2018 Activities Report and 2019 Workplan. Sam Bivins agreed to prepare the Activities report before the next meeting and Hans will do the workplan.
8. Next Meeting Agenda Items. Hans noted that the representative from Jump Bikes will be at the next meeting to present to the TAC. The TAC will also review the Activities Report and the Work Plan and hopefully also the County annual transportation budget.
9. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location: 4:30-5:30pm, March 28, 2019, Cache Creek Conference Room.