



County of Yolo

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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: Darlene Comingore
Members Present: Strandgaard, Woods, Eldridge
Public: John Whitehead

Final Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, April 25, 2019, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minute taker for meeting: Bruce Eldridge volunteered.
2. Streetcar and Transit Presentation, Terry Bassett, Executive Director, Yolo County Transportation District presented at the meeting. Director Bassett informed committee members that the streetcar project was not moving forward currently due to the project bids being 40-50% over the engineer's estimate and the lack of funding. However, there are three groups continuing to work on issues related to the streetcar, 1) a technical group that looks at new technologies and autonomous vehicles, 2) a regulations group looking at autonomous vehicles as alternatives to rails and 3) a funding group.

YCTD's annual budget is due at the end of April and he is currently working on it. One local project that Caltrans District 3 is working on is the I-80 managed lane project that would widen I-80 over the causeway. Caltrans is trying to use YCTD as the sponsor of the project.

In additional, Director Bassett discussed several new projects that were going forward with funds from the Volkswagen Emissions Lawsuit: purchase of electric busses, 6 for YCTD and 6 for RT including charging facilities, purchasing of electric airport parking shuttle buses, and more charging stations for electric autos. He felt the buses that were purchased for YCTD were not what they had hoped for since they had to purchase based on a schedule, and the electric buses were only

available from one manufacturer. YCTD new electric buses will primarily be used to replace the UC Med Center shuttle bus. He noted that YCTD typically runs their buses for 12 years and about one million miles before replacing them.

He noted that YCTD transportation development general manager has left to join RT staff, which is a big loss for YCTD.

He mentioned that RT light rail trains may be extended over the Sacramento River on the Tower Bridge. They have now created 3 new working groups to work on Transit improvement:

(1) New technology, (2) Funding, and (3) public communication.

He mentioned that YCTD's microtransit system serving Knights Landing is having to compete with West Sac's Via system, which is resulting in ridership losses to YCTD. Since West Sac is also a partner in the YCTD, their subsidizing of Via is problematic. YCTD wants West Sac to understand that their subsidizing Via, which lowers ridership on YCTD's microtransit will actually cost West Sac more, since they have to pay more into YCTD.

Director Bassett discussed an expansion of service to the Cache Creek Casino that will add two more daily trips to the casino, which has recently added a 259 bed hotel. Trips will increase from 17 to 19 per day. This route has very good ridership and as a result Madison and Esparto also get good bus service. The Tribe currently subsidizes half the cost of employee bus passes. Of 40 million annual rides taken on YCTD buses, 4 million of them are to the casino and 1 million are to the airport.

3. Public Comment: John Whitehead discussed the matter of cleaning product odors in YCTD busses with Terry Bassett. Terry said that he had looked into the problem and suggested several probable explanations for the odors, and assured John that they would take steps to avoid future problems.
Mr. Whitehead also discussed the problems with the Mace Blvd-CR 104 project. He met with the City and got the impression that the City had not vetted the plans before putting the project out to bid.
4. The meeting minutes for March 28, 2019 were approved with a minor correction.
5. The recent flooding of Webster's Corner was discussed. The section of the road that connects CR 32A with E. Chiles Road has been closed several times in late April as part of the road is under water again. The County is considering installing swing gates so that they can more easily close the road in the future as people tend to move and drive around the barricades that have been used for past closures.
6. Darlene Comingore gave a brief update on Public Works activities because Panos Kokkas was not able to attend the meeting. She said almost all the activity in the county involves repairs of road damaged by weather storms in April. She noted that the County had just selected geotechnical engineers for a 5 year on-call contract. They expect to do a similar contract for hydraulic engineer services shortly.
7. Several items were suggested for the next meeting of the committee, including review

of the Union Pacific RR modification of the CR 105 crossing, meeting with transportation representatives from Yolo County cities, study of next year's transportation budget, and the possible removal of the Sierra Northern Railway over the Sacramento Weir, and the removal of the long Fremont trestle, thus destruction of the SNR Woodland Branch. Hans Agreed to contact the various cities to set up future time for them to attend TAC meetings.

8. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location: 4:30-5:30pm, May 23, 2019, Cache Creek Conference Room.