



County of Yolo

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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: Eldridge, Strandgaard, Woods
Invited member: Denix Anbiah, P.E.
Public: John Whitehead

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, September 26, 2019, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Assign minute taker for meeting: Bruce Eldridge agreed to do the minutes.
2. Denix Anbiah, P.E., Director of Capital Projects and Transportation for the City of West Sacramento spoke to the Committee concerning recent transportation developments in West Sacramento, with emphasis on projects either underway or being planned to better connect the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento.

He said that the streetcar planned earlier by both cities is dead because of the high bids received to build the system. However, using funds from the Federal Government (\$50m), the state (\$30m), and the two cities accumulated for the streetcar, it will be replaced by the extension of the RT Metro light rail system from the Sacramento Valley Rail Station, across the Tower Bridge, and then south west to a station at Raley Field Baseball Stadium, continuing down 5th Street to a second station near 3rd Street recently developed with the houses and apartments called the "Ironworks". Also, some of the light rail system will be double tracked. The JPA will be dissolved and the project will be designed and bid out as an RT Metro project. An agreement with the FDA needs to be made before October of 2020 else the funding is lost. The two cities and RT will have an MOU about the project. SACOG will no longer be involved. The ultimate plan would be to extend this line into Southport.

With regard to microtransit, Mr. Ambiah noted that the city's Via program is very successful in providing "last mile service" to the City's residents, providing 130,000 rides last year. He did not feel there was a conflict with YCTD's service, in fact riders of the Via service are given a voucher to continue their trips on YCTD buses, and this is very popular. The VIA service is part of a micro-mobility ordinance passed by the city which also includes scooters and bikes. It also looks at equity pricing and parking issues. He noted that YCTD had competed for the microtransit contract but the City had selected Via from the 10 companies that proposed. The City just started a "Master Plan for Mobility" in June using a consultant for \$250k. The Plan will address all forms of transportation and will help them determine a list of priorities which they will then use to apply for grants.

Mr. Anbiah also informed the committee that the city done a feasibility study for a portion of the Yolo County Rail Relocation project in West Sacramento that will connect the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad to the Port of West Sacramento tracks. The study was done by HDR and looked at 6 options. The City presently favors a route on an existing levee and then over or under Interstate 80. They estimate this will cost \$70 million, but there is no champion for the project at this time and the project is stalled.

Mr. Anbiah also discussed the progress on replacement of the auto lanes on the I Street Bridge with a new bridge that will eliminate the present curving route drivers must now face on the western end of the I Street Bridge. Work on this should begin in about 2 years and the cost is shared 50-50 with the City of Sacramento. The Broadway Street Bridge project is still several years away.

The I-80 widening project has been downscoped to be a managed lane project with either HOV or HOT lanes.

Various improvements on West Capitol Ave. should start soon to provide better pavement and smoother and wider bicycle paths. The bike lane will be separated from the traffic lanes by parking. The project cost is about \$11m.

Olin Woods asked if there were opportunities for any shared services with Yolo County of the other Cities in the County. Mr. Ambiah noted that they already do that with the City of Sacramento for parking enforcement, and they also cooperate with Sacramento for signal on-call services, but they did not see any other opportunities at the moment. Mr. Woods also suggested that the City consider consulting with LAFCO on potential joint projects, making use of the LAFCO Executive Officer as a resource.

Mr. Ambiah passed out a preprinted card that has the City Council's top 8 transportation priorities.

3. Public Comments. None.
4. The minutes to the August 22, 2019 were approved with a few changes.
5. CR32A-Crossing Study. Hans Strandgaard said that his company, TYLin

International, has been given the responsibility of examining options to solve the problems at the present at the Union Pacific Railroad grade crossing where CR105 and CR32-A roads meet east of Davis.

6. Public Works Updated. Panos Kokkas discussed a few projects underway, including repairs to CR22, CR 102, and noted that for Webster's corner, the farmer who on whose land the drainage ditch would have to be located is agreeable to allowing its construction, so the drainage issues may be solved. Panos is getting a survey done to verify the ditch will work to drain Webster's corner to the City's pumping plant to the south of the interchange.
7. Next Meeting Agenda Items. One possibility would be to invite a Public Works person from Woodland.
8. Next meeting date. The next meeting will be October 24, 4:30-5:30pm in the Cache Creek Conference Room, Woodland, CA.