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Autumn Bernstein Selected as new Executive Director of the Yolo County Transportation District

(Woodland, CA) – At their meeting on August 9, 2021, the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) Board of Directors is expected to approve an agreement with Autumn Bernstein as the new YCTD Executive Director, effective September 1, 2021.

Autumn Bernstein brings a wealth of diverse experience to the Yolo County Transportation District. Most recently she served as an Associate for Arup in their Bay Area Integrated Planning Team, leading the team’s equity practice. She managed projects for public and private clients, including BART, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Stanford University, and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. As Principal at Estolano LeSar Advisors, an equity-focused urban planning and public policy firm, Autumn established the firm’s first satellite office in the San Francisco Bay Area where she won and managed contracts with clients including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the California Strategic Growth Council. Notably, Autumn is the founding Executive Director of ClimatePlan where she built and spearheaded a diverse statewide network to implement SB 375, California’s groundbreaking policy to advance sustainable communities and multimodal transportation.

Autumn joins YCTD following the former Executive Director’s retirement after more than 39 with the organization.

“We are living through a period of transformative change in how we live our daily lives - including where, when and how we travel,” said Autumn Bernstein. “I’m excited to help YCTD navigate these changes and create a future transportation system that is fast, reliable, sustainable and inclusive.”

The YCTD Executive Director is responsible for creating an economically and environmentally sustainable transportation program that provides continuity throughout the transit systems in the region. Under the guidance of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director is responsible

for a broad range of assignments including transportation management, personnel, finance, and implementing a robust communication program with stakeholders and partner agencies.

“I join my colleagues on the Board in welcoming Autumn Bernstein to our agency,” said Don Saylor, Yolo County Supervisor and 2021 Chair of Yolo County Transportation District. “Autumn is a thought leader in transportation and mobility innovation. She recently completed a major study of Next Generation Transit options for the Sacramento region. Autumn is an Aggie; she earned a Master of Science degree in Transportation Technology and Policy and an undergraduate degree in Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology from UC Davis. Ms. Bernstein will be a great addition to our YCTD team.

“Autumn Bernstein is just the right leader to take the Yolo County Transportation District into a new era as we all work to rethink the best ways to encourage mobility,” said Tom Stallard, City of Woodland Mayor and 2021 Vice Chair of Yolo County Transportation District.

The Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) serves as the Congestion Management Agency for, and administers public transit services throughout, Yolo County. Services include local and intercity bus service 365 days a year in Yolo County and neighboring areas, complementary paratransit services, and microtransit services. YCTD serves Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Sacramento International Airport, Cache Creek Casino Resort, Esparto, Madison, Dunnigan, Yolo and Knights Landing. YCTD services provide connections with other local public transportation systems, including Sacramento Regional Transit District buses and light rail, as well as Unitrans in Davis and Vacaville Transit.

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