



The Honorable Timothy Fall
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
1000 Main Street
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September 10, 2024

Steven A. Oldham
Foreperson
Yolo County Grand Jury 2022-23
P.O. Box 2142
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VIA U.S. MAIL AND VIA EMAIL TO GrandJury@yolocounty.org

RE: *Addressing the Issue of Homelessness in Yolo County; We Won't Be Left Behind*

Dear Judge Fall:

On June 20, 2024, the Yolo County Grand Jury released a report entitled, *Addressing the Issue of Homelessness in Yolo County; We Won't Be Left Behind*.

This report directed specific responses to findings and recommendations to the Yolo County Transportation District. The requested responses are set forth below:

F-6 The Fourth and Hope property is difficult for its intended clientele to access by bus. The closest bus stop is approximately 1.5 miles away at the intersection of East Main Street and Yolo Polo Plaza. The transportation vans at Fourth and Hope, which initially were donated to alleviate the transportation issues, run irregularly or not at all due to a variety of factors.

Response: The respondent partially agrees with the finding. We agree that the nearest bus stop is 1.5 miles away, making it difficult for Fourth and Hope's clientele to access the facility via public transit. There are significant constraints to locating a bus stop at the East Beamer Campus. The roadways adjacent to the Campus are essentially rural roads, with no sidewalks or shoulders. There are inadequate roadway improvements for a bus to safely pull over and drop off passengers on East Beamer or Road 102. The Campus driveways and internal parking areas similarly were not designed to accommodate a full-sized (40') city bus. To accommodate a full-sized city bus at the site would require a significant investment in infrastructure. Barring a major investment in infrastructure, any transit improvements at the East Beamer Campus would need to rely on smaller vehicles such as passenger vans or minibuses.

We disagree with the finding with that the existing van service runs "irregularly or not at all." According to Fourth & Hope, the transportation vans they operate makes three daily round trips to the bus stop at East Main Street. This is an infrequent, but not irregular, level of service.

R-6: The City of Woodland and the Yolo County Transportation District should renew efforts to establish bus service in the northwest industrial area of Woodland. The request for a bus stop should be included in the next SACOG Unmet Transportation Needs report submission.

Response: This recommendation requires further analysis. The Yolo County Transportation District does not need approval from SACOG to provide transit service to Fourth and Hope. SACOG provides a backstop to ensure that unmet transit needs are given top priority for certain sources of state formula funds. If SACOG determines that there ARE unmet transit needs at Fourth and Hope that are reasonable to meet, it can withhold Local Transportation Fund (LTF) dollars from Yolo County jurisdictions until those unmet transit needs have been fulfilled.

Our agency proposes to evaluate options for improving transportation to the East Beamer Campus, in consultation with Fourth and Hope staff, clientele and the City of Woodland. We propose to conduct an analysis of the need, cost and available funding for several transportation options.

Options to be evaluated include:

- 1) Fixed-route transit service linking Fourth and Hope with key destinations and/or the broader transit network;
- 2) Expansion of our existing BeeLine microtransit service, which currently provides on-demand, point-to-point transit to destinations around Woodland;
- 3) Expansion of the existing transportation service operated by Fourth and Hope.

Additional options may emerge through the course of the analysis. The results of this analysis will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Transportation District by April of 2025.

Respectfully submitted –



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