



# County of Yolo

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

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## MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 Samuel Bivins  
DISTRICT 2 Bruce Eldridge  
DISTRICT 3 Kevin Spesert  
DISTRICT 4 Steve Zehner  
DISTRICT 5 Hans Strandgaard  
AT LARGE Olin Woods

*Members Present: Bruce Eldridge, Steve Zehner, Hans Strandgaard, Olin Woods, Samuel Bivins*

*County Staff: Jim Campbell*

## MINUTES

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, May 26, 2016, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. Public Comment

- a. A member of the public commented that the wide shoulder on CR 98 is great for bikers, but it doesn't extend far enough (past CR 29), also debris collects on the shoulder and causes flat tires for bikes.
- b. Jim Campbell noted that the widening of the rest of CR 98 from CR 29 southwards is in the planning stage and further, the County has a sweeping contract, but he is not entirely sure how often CR 98 is programmed for sweeping. He believes CR 99 is swept more often since it is used by more cyclists.
- c. It was suggested that after the further widening of CR 98, it may become the preferred cycling route, and then more frequent sweeping should be planned.
- d. A member of the public asked about the 100-meter stretch of CR 32A to the levee that is paved and who maintains it. Jim said this is jointly owned by Caltrans and the Department of Water Resources, but maintenance is the responsibility of Caltrans District 3.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2016

- a. Minutes unanimously approved as corrected.

#### 3. Follow-up on County posting of Agenda and Minutes on Co. Website

- a. Hans provided a disk to Jim with the last year and half of final minutes and agendas for posting.
- b. Staff suggested exploring a different calendaring tool for posting agendas and minutes.

#### 4. Yolo Track Relocation Project Discussion

- a. Hans: Woodland/West Sac/Davis/County/Port of West Sac obtained grant to study this issue; Davis spearheaded study. Result of relocation would mean that multiple at-grade crossings would go away in Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland and in the County.
- b. There are economic benefits when tracks go away due to redevelopment of the vacated land. Within Davis, 109 acres of land would be freed up. West Sac would get 257 acres, Woodland would get 275 acres. There are predicted huge increases in assessed value of freed land if it were redeveloped. Billions of dollars at a minimum.
- c. Flood control component is included in cost of project. Ability to expand capacity of Yolo Bypass by removing the railroad trestle would take pressure off levees during potential flood events and possibly open up new sources of funding from USACE/DWR for project.
- d. Bruce: thinks that economic benefit numbers with respect to land values are inflated.
- e. Part of the relocation project included a new north south track that extends through the Yolo County Landfill, this would allow garbage to be hauled into the landfill via train-Sierra Energy has a plan to generate energy from waste at dump using local and imported garbage.
- f. There are some safety benefits to the County by eliminating several at-grade crossings.
- g. Carry this item to next agenda, discuss possible motion by TAC expressing support of project concept to the BOS if they have not yet expressed an opinion, Jim will check whether the BOS has reviewed the study and expressed any opinions about it.

#### 5. CR98 Widening Roundabout Discussion(Zehner)

- a. Caltrans has intersection control evaluation protocol that helps them determine whether a roundabout or more traditional intersection should be used based on cost benefit analysis.
- b. Agencies in Monterey have been trying to come up with solution for terrible traffic problems at the Holman Highway (68) and Highway 1 intersection. A roundabout is the solution that seems to give the best traffic relief.
- c. Steve distributed a brochure explaining Monterey County roundabout project which will be under construction in the next few months and which will take \$9million and 11 months to build.  
The brochure is very informative and well-done. It would be great if Yolo County could do something like the Monterey brochure for possible roundabouts associated with the CR 98 widening.
- d. Getting bikes through roundabouts safely is still a big issue.
- e. The fact that roundabouts reduce traffic delay/congestion by 60-70% is huge benefit for CR-98.

#### 6. Public Works Update (Campbell)

- a. County has approval from Caltrans to do flashing beacons in crosswalks in Esparto. They are solar powered and radio controlled. The Board needs to approve an agreement with Caltrans and approve request for bids. The flashing beacons are \$15,000 each and will be installed at 2 crosswalks; the poles that Caltrans is requiring are really heavy duty. Studies have shown a 70% increase in driver yielding when beacons are installed.
- b. Still waiting for Caltrans authorization to proceed with Zamora Creek bridge on CR-12. May have to postpone because it's late in the year. Could get done if it went to bid right now, but since it cannot, will likely have to postpone. Bridge is structurally

- deficient and needs to be replaced. The programming process is broken, it takes too long to get authorizations considering the project already has federal approval and the request for funding was submitted back in March.
- c. The County's bridge preventative maintenance project is basically done until October; irrigation water needs to recede before the work can continue.
  - d. Road rehab project for Clarksburg Rd. and South River Road is going to Board for approval. Road was realigned and widened to 40 feet in 1972 but was poorly built and needs complete rebuilding and it can't just be overlaid. Big block cracks prevent it from being fixed with chip seals/patches. Highway 84 to Willow Ave. 3.5 miles total including ½ mile near the Freeport Bridge.
  - e. The County was awarded a safety grant of \$2.75 million dollars to assess road striping in County and to restripe with thermoplastic striping. Federal money entirely. Will allow County to offset painting/maintenance costs. County-wide project; also reflective markers on 240 miles of roads over the next three years.

#### 7. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- a. Airport Tour: UCD will be happy to give us short tour of UCD airport.
- b. Next meeting will be July 28.
- c. Yolo Track Realignment.
- d. Stevenson Rd. Bridge retrofit project status update

#### 8. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location- July 28, 2016

UCD Airport (Instructions of where to meet to be provided by Olin)