

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

2016 Work Plan

1. Continue to seek discussions with and presentations by Yolo County city and town officials having responsibilities for transportation projects and problems with the County.
2. Hold meetings in various sites in the County where transportation projects are underway (e.g. Putah Creek bridge in Winters)
3. Continue to review Yolo County budgets for transportation, if possible, at the February or March meeting prior to the budget being sent to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Continue to maintain close contact with SACOG officers.
5. Continue to maintain close contact with Agencies in Yolo County with transportation responsibilities.
6. Provide advice on transportation-related requests received by County (e.g., requests to surrender County-owned rights-of-way.)
7. Provide advice on prioritization of bicycle path establishment or improvement.
8. Provide advice on selection of alternatives for major transportation projects.
9. Continue to seek updates on important projects such as the Yolo County Rail Relocation Project and the West Sacramento/Sacramento streetcar project.
10. Continue to seek public views on Yolo County transportation issues.
11. Advise the Board of Supervisors on transportation issues that have been brought to the TAC or which the TAC feels are important for the Board to know about.

Transportation Advisory Committee

2015 Activities

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) currently has five current members, one each from Supervisorial Districts 2,3,4 and 5, and one at-large member representing the bicycling community. Supervisorial District 1 currently is unrepresented. Hans Strandgaard served as the TAC chair from February 2015 until February 2016. He was re-elected for the February 2015 – February 2016 term.

The TAC held eight meetings in 2015, during the months of January, February, May, June, July, September, October and November. Significant TAC activities included the following:

- Heard a proposal by a bicycle group regarding a proposed CR 32A bike bypass. They proposed revising the Yolo County Bicycle Transportation Plan's priority projects list, by replacing the "Interstate 80 class I Bicycle Path Improvements, CR 105 to West Sacramento" project with a proposed CR 32A Bike Bypass project and elevating the projects priority rating from low to high. The bicyclists commute to Sacramento and expressed concern that shoulders on CR 32A are narrow and that motor vehicle traffic moves at dangerously high rates of speed.

Several proponents recounted anecdotal near-miss experiences. No formal feasibility study had been done, and no official bicycle commuter count had been conducted. Since the separated path would largely be on property owned by the City of Davis, TAC members advised proponents to engage in discussions with the City and that foundational studies would be necessary. TAC members generally supported the concept of the CR 32A bypass, but expressed concern about elevating the proposed projects' priority without a documented need, options for funding, and identification of permitting and funding issues.

- Discussed with staff ongoing issues with crack sealing on the Russell Boulevard bike path.
- Viewed a video titled "Sacramento Northern Railway 1939-40 Final Passenger Service". The video recounted the history of the electric railroad from the Bay area to Chico.
- Heard a presentation by SACOG representative Renee DeVere-Okie regarding programming and project delivery in the four county region and how Yolo County and its cities are doing. DeVere-Okie described SACOG, its funding role and project delivery in the region. Funds come from several Federal and State sources, for both roadway and transit projects. DeVere-Okie noted that Yolo County has an excellent record of delivering projects. She remarked that having shovel-ready projects helps when other agencies cannot deliver their projects. This allows counties, like Yolo, to borrow those unused funds to advance projects more quickly.
- Discussed expected flooding issues that might affect newly repaved Chiles Road and Interstate 80. Staff indicated that the flooding issue is a Caltrans' responsibility since their freeway retention basin overflows and does not drain properly into the bypass. Caltrans was slow to respond to requests to discuss the matter.
- Discussed Caltrans' proposal to install a four-way stop at CR 32A prior to the entrance ramp to Interstate 80. TAC members and staff expressed concern that such a stop would increase

congestion and worsen traffic backup during peak commute times. Staff will work with Caltrans to develop appropriate solutions.

- Staff relayed Union Pacific's proposal to close the at-grade crossing at CR 105/County Road 32A due to safety concerns and multiple fatalities.
- Reviewed the County's \$16.5 million transportation budget after its adoption by the Board. An accelerated budget process prevented review prior to adoption. Future budgets will be reviewed in February or March.
- Reviewed the State's recent law, "Three Feet for Safety Act" (Assembly Bill No 1371), requiring bicyclists be given a three foot clearance when passing. Some Questions are pending, like where the three feet are measured from - the bicyclist or the shoulder line.
- Held a meeting at Old River Road near the weir at CR 126 to review the 2010 full depth recycling project atop a flood control levee. TAC members and staff reviewed the process that resulted in a 14-inch thick base being equivalent to a 21-inch thick base. The process is environmentally friendly, since the existing pavement is recycled into base material which reduced truck trips to haul off and haul in new material. Found the pavement to be holding up well as has been borne out by testing performed in cooperation with UC Davis pavement experts.
- Received a staff presentation on two bridge replacement projects at CR 29 and at CR 95. Current bridges are over 80 years old and do not meet safety standards. Each project will require rerouting of traffic. Construction time for each is expected to be approximately four months at a cost of \$1.5 million each. The projects will be funded by the High Bridge program. The CR 29 bridge construction is anticipated to take place in the summer of 2018, while the CR 95 bridge project is planned for the summer of 2019.
- TAC members voted to hold regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, instead of the third Thursday. That schedule will commence in January of 2016, however, it will not be used in November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays
- Heard a presentation by Mike Luken, Deputy Director of Operations for the Yolo County Transit District (YCTD), regarding the status of the Sacramento/West Sacramento street car project.

The Street Car Committee consists of five entities: YCTD, Sacramento RT, the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, with Caltrans as an ex-officio member. The initial route will be 6.4 miles long and will run from mid-town Sacramento to the West Sacramento civic center. The initial route may be extended in the future.

West Sacramento's share of project costs, approximately 1/3 of total cost, will be funded using two different sales taxes, Measure K for operations and Measure V for capital costs. Preliminary route engineering has been completed, and an EIR is expected to be issued in early 2016. The project is expected to be funded for construction in FY 2018, at a cost of \$150,000,000.

- Heard regular staff updates on County transportation projects being planned, in design, or under construction; discussed bid results, number of bidders and contractor performance. Heard updates on County owned road maintenance equipment and efforts to repair or replace it. Heard staff updates on regular road maintenance projects. Heard staff updates on fatal accidents on County owned and maintained roadways.