



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

County Staff: Jim Campbell

Members Present: Eldridge, Zehner, Woods and Strandgaard

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, January 26, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Comments

- a. John Whitehead asked that the TAC minutes and Agendas include the name of the committee. Hans will revise the templates which had been modified by mistake.
- b. John Whitehead asked about the CR98 meetings that Darlene Comingore had mentioned at the last TAC meeting. Jim noted that the first public meeting would be on February 7th and said that all those on the TAC would be added to the mailing list for the project updates, including meeting announcements.
- c. Hans asked Jim about the lane closures and flooding of Chiles Road at I-80 and thought that we should add the item to the next agenda again as it has once again become relevant. Jim said Caltrans had recently acknowledged some responsibility and brought in pumps to try to drain the retention pond and reduce the flooding to the roadway. Panos was also in contact with Caltrans, Supervisor Provenza and Senator Dodd's office to seek remedies to this problem. Hans will add this to agenda again.
- d. Hans asked Jim what the procedure for replacing undersized culverts was in the County (ie Russell Blvd and Road 97 Flooding where water is flooding both roadways during storms). Jim said a County Wide drainage district is needed in order to better address flooding issues-there is little or no money for this type of work. He noted that the County also typically cannot upsize culverts due to threats of litigation from downstream landowners that often occur. The County will try to "maintain" their existing culverts when they are informed of problems-the County has a website to request culvert and ditch cleanings.

- e. John Whitehead asked about flooding at CR 98 and CR 31 intersection. Jim noted that the CR 98 widening project will try to address some of the problems at this intersection. He said it is complicated since there is currently a siphon-type drainage pipe under the roadway.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2016
 - a. Approved with no corrections (other than adding TAC title to the top of the page).
 3. Posting of Agendas and Minutes
 - a. Item delayed until next meeting, Bruce will get to it before then.
 4. Public Works Update (Campbell)
 - a. Jim noted the CR 98 public meeting to be held February 7th and passed out a flyer for the meeting.
 - b. Jim noted the County had a new website showing county road closures. One can click on the various icons on the webpage to see live updates of road closures. He passed out an example screen shot of the new website.
 - c. The County transportation staff had lots of overtime during the last set of storms due to the severity of the storms and the damage occurring in the County. They have exceeded the budget for emergencies. The County has requested disaster funding. There is a lot of mud on the roads and a number of culverts have washed out.
 - d. The County Road 99 bridge replacement at Buckeye Creek in Dunnigan is moving ahead with the County requesting federal funds for construction of a single span box girder type replacement. They hope to get the project out to bid in late February if the funding is approved.
 - e. The County's 2017 paving and rehabilitation job is underway. Jim reminded the TAC that the project included \$1.5m in general fund monies and \$2m in other monies for chip sealing of some County roads.
 - f. The County requested proposals from consultants to design three bridge replacements, two on CR 96 and one on Road 49. There was little interest and only two firms proposed.
 - g. The County is working on environmental clearance for two bridge projects at CR 29 and CR 95, but they are being delayed since Caltrans lost their NEPA approval rights from the feds. Apparently, projects all over California are being delayed due to Caltrans letting this lapse.
 5. Rob White from Sierra Energy gave an update on the Yolo Track Relocation Project.
 - a. Rob reviewed the proposed project's history and its proponents including the Cities of Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento as well as the County and SAFCA. He gave a short history of Sierra Energy and Railroad and their involvement in the proposed project.
 - b. He noted that the project is still looking for funding and some of the older funding sources are no longer available-like grade separation money from the feds or levee money from SAFCA(for removing the Fremont Trestle). However, the Rail Roads have a lot of ways to get low cost federal funding and Sierra might move forward with the part of the project from Swingle to

Woodland on their own in order to construct a zero waste innovation park at the dump. This could be a sale and taxation opportunity for the County since garbage might actually bring in revenue as it is converted to energy and aggregate using Sierra's special processes (after all normal recyclables are removed from the waste). Sierra has looked at funding an initial \$35m in track work to make this part of the project happen. He noted that Sierra already owns or has agreements for most of the properties needed for the new track line from Swingle to Woodland. Additionally, since a levee may be needed for development in Woodland, the track embankment might also serve a dual purpose to further that development. Sierra has approached the County BOS and many of them seem to be in favor of the project since it could generate revenue and end long term liability (since garbage would go away and could even be "mined" at the dump as a resource.). Sierra's blast furnace pilot project is moving ahead for the Army and they hope that they will have proof of concept in April. If it works well, then they expect to start moving on the Track Relocation project later this year. Rob will provide the TAC with a set of PowerPoint slides that have been shown at various public meeting in the past. He noted that UP won't object to the project as long as their operations are not impacted.

6. Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - a. Chiles Road Flooding
 - b. Elections
 - c. Activities Report and Work Plan review.
7. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location- February 23, 2017 4:00pm
Cache Creek Conference Room