



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: Panos Kokkas

Members Present: Eldridge, Zehner, Woods and Strandgaard

Meeting Minutes

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

Cache Creek Conference Room; Thursday, February 23, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Comments
 - a. John Whitehead noted the posted agenda for the meeting had the incorrect date for the meeting and the wrong year of the meeting minutes to be approved. Hans noted the agenda was otherwise correct but he had not updated the dates correctly, he will revise and have Krista post the corrected agenda for February.
 - b. John Whitehead noted that Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, from Winters in Yolo County, is now in the State Assembly and is part of the State Transportation Committee so perhaps she can help the County with transportation issues.
 - c. Steve passed out an article on the Streetcar from the Bee dated January 26, 2017, that discussed how large downtown property owners may be taxed to help pay for the Sacramento contribution of the streetcar.
2. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2016
 - a. Approved with minor corrections.
3. TAC officer elections were held and Hans Strandgaard was reelected chair and Olin reelected as vice chair. Hans will contact TAC members who have been absent more than three meetings.
4. Posting of Agendas and Minutes--Bruce previously provided the County with an assessment of the posted agendas and meeting minutes on the County website. It noted multiple problems with incorrect links or no links to the agendas and minutes.

Panos said that the County is having difficulty getting things done on the website as staff has changed. Hans noted that the Committee is just working under the County's direction to all committees to get things posted on the website. Panos thought the County's website is third party hosted, but that staff are trained on how to post items to the website. It was noted that more regular updating and maintenance of the TAC portion of the website is required for the committee to meet its obligations per the County's Bylaws for Citizen Action Committees (9-10-2009). Panos will work with Krista to get the TAC website files corrected.

5. The 2016 Activities Report and 2017 Workplan were briefly discussed and several changes to the activities report were noted. Hans asked to delay approval until the next meeting in order to give committee member additional time to review the drafts. The committee will review for additional changes and approve at the next meeting.
6. Chiles Road Closure—Panos gave an update on the closure. Several people have been ticketed by the CHP for driving around the County's barricades. Apparently, there is a second pipe to the detention basins on the north side that is operated by the City of Davis, that valve was left open by mistake. Caltrans pumped the south side since their on-ramp was being affected, but they did not pump the north side. The result was there was still too much water on the roadway and it has remained closed. Panos also was told by Caltrans that the detention basins can't be cleaned out since they contain Fairy Shrimp which are a protected species. Panos also noted that the County's road closed signs and barricades are disappearing from the roadway and they are expensive to replace. John Whitehead, a public guest at the meeting noted the Davis Bike Club's use of inexpensive tracking sensors to locate stolen bicycles in the City of Davis. He noted the devices could be attached to the County's signs as well. However, the trackers rely on people having an app on their phones that will communicate with the trackers and pass that info back to a central location, so it might not work if the stolen signs are not near any cell phone with the app. Olin felt that Caltrans needs to solve the problem of their drainage water causing closure and damage to the County's roadway. He noted that it is important for the County to show strength on the issue and then Caltrans would likely respond. Panos noted there is a meeting scheduled with Caltrans maintenance about this issue coming up and he will see what they have to say and report back to the committee.
7. Public Works Update (Campbell)
 - a. Panos is meeting with the Feds regarding disaster relief for damages to the County's roadways. He noted that the Fed will pay 100% to get a roadway back open to a single lane. They pay 88% for doing more work than that. The California Office of Emergency Services is asking the County for a grand tally of damages, but in some cases the county can't even see the damage yet since it is under water or inaccessible.
 - b. The County has had two staff doing levee inspections from Knights Landing to the Fremont Weir since the County is part of the County Services Association. That has taken a lot of manpower to complete and was not anticipated.
 - 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. The County have exceeded the \$80k budget for emergencies and is currently at \$400k-and that doesn't include fixing any of the damages.

- d. Caltrans' loss of their NEPA approval rights from the feds is continuing to affect projects. SB1 is trying to fix this, but is not yet approved.
- e. Roadway pothole repairs will be delayed until hot mix is available from the suppliers. In the meantime, the County is using cold patch which doesn't hold up well to repeated wet weather.
- f. Panos will have a draft of the County's transportation budget available for the next meeting, though he will not be able to attend.

8. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- a. Continue carryover items, Chiles Road, Website, Activities Report and Work Plan approval
- b. County Budget

9. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location- March 23, 2017 4:00pm
Cache Creek Conference Room