

Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee

2017 Activities Report

Adopted February 22, 2018

The Transportation Advisory Committee currently has six members, one from each of the supervisorial districts and one at-large member, representing the bicycling community. Hans Strandgaard served as the TAC chair and Olin Woods as vice-chair from February 2017 to February 2018.

The TAC held eight meetings in 2017, during the months of January, February, March, April, May, July, August and October. Significant activities included the following:

- Regular updates by staff about Public Works Division transportation projects and activities.
- Ongoing discussions about regular rainy-season Chiles Road flooding near the Yolo Fruit Stand/I-80. The TAC made a site visit to the site in May and discovered that the backflow valve for the drain was stuck in the open position due to debris-possibly allowing high water from the causeway to flow back toward the interchange. It is a Caltrans issue that requires remediation. Caltrans has been slow to respond to inquiries.
- Had several discussions about timely posting of TAC agendas, minutes, prior year activities and current year work plan on the County's website.
- Reviewed and discussed the County's proposed transportation budget. The budget was very similar to the prior year's budget with the exception of the new road rehabilitation funding allowed by SB1(the new gas tax). No significant new projects were expected other than road rehabilitation and paving projects, due to the absence of alternative funding sources.
- Discussed an ongoing proposal by Union Pacific Railroad to close the crossing at County Roads 105 and 32A. There have been issues with vehicles taking the significant curve at the at-grade crossing too quickly, running through the guardrail and ending up on the railroad tracks. The Public Utilities Commission will make the final decision on the application to close the crossing.
- Rob White from Sierra Energy, provided an update on the proposed Yolo County Track Relocation Project. After reviewing the project's history and identifying its supporters (Yolo County, SAFCA, the cities of Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland), White noted the project is still seeking funding. Many older funding sources are no longer available. Sierra Energy may seek funding to complete a portion of the project, allowing it to construct a zero waste innovation park at the dump.
- Discussed congestion and high speed traffic occurring on Mace Boulevard in South Davis. Between Vacaville and Dixon, Google Maps will divert traffic from a crowded I-80 onto surface roads, ultimately causing the issue on Mace Boulevard. The City of Davis plans a "road diet" on South Mace Boulevard, reducing it from four lanes to two. The lane reduction may affect Google's algorithms and keep them from routing heavy freeway traffic through Davis streets.
- Responded to a Yolo County Grand Jury report, that recommended action by the TAC and the YCTD on concerns about bicycle safety issues within the County by hosting meetings at least twice yearly for organizations and local governments to discuss matters relating to improved bicycle safety. TAC's response pointed out that the Committee's duties and responsibilities are specified by its creating ordinance, that the Committee is self-staffing and that it has no funding for the recommended activity.
- Held a TAC meeting at the site of the County's \$2.3million Buckeye Bridge Replacement project. The project was completed ahead of schedule and with no claims.
- 2017 meeting minutes and the TAC's August 24th response to the Grand Jury's request are attached.