

## **Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee**

### **2018 Activities Report**

**Adopted March 28, 2019**

The Transportation Advisory Committee currently has four members, with supervisorial districts two and four currently unrepresented. Hans Strandgaard served as the TAC chair and Sam Bivins as vice-chair from February 2018 to February 2019.

The TAC held eight meetings in 2018, during the months of January, February, March, April, May, July, September and December. 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. Caltrans has admitted its responsibilities for the flooding conditions, but has no current plans to permanently correct the problem. Caltrans has estimated that a permanent fix will cost \$15 million, and indicated that it will initiate pumping to temporarily initiate the flooding condition, when it occurs.
- Had several discussions about timely posting of TAC agendas and minutes on the County's website.
- Reviewed and discussed the County's proposed transportation budget. The budget was similar to last year's budget but included more money for paving and infrastructure. SB1 funds provided approximately \$5.2 million over 2 years. The El Macero homeowners association provided \$1.1 million to repair roads in their community.
- Discussed ongoing issues with the railroad crossing at County Roads 105 and 32A. Vehicles take the significant curve at the at-grade crossing too quickly, running through the guardrail and ending up on the railroad tracks. The County will act as the lead agency to study moving the at-grade crossing to the east, which may allow sufficient space to construct a safer crossing and reduce the occurrence of westbound cars ending up on the cracks. The County has applied to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for grant funds needed to prepare a scoping study.
- Analyzed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' plans to widen the existing weir along the west bank of the Sacramento River just North of West Sacramento. The project is expected to provide better flood protection for the region and will add 1,500 feet to the mouth of the weir, doubling the current width. The project will require removal or replacement of CR22 which will enhance safety and reduce maintenance costs, among other benefits. The weir expansion project will likely cost hundreds of millions of dollars and the target start date is 2021.
- Received an update from the Yolo County Transportation District on its activities. Several aspects of the Streetcar project have been cut back as a result of better cost estimates during the final design period. The Transportation District is also working with Portland State University to design a new type of bus shelter in Knights Landing that also serves as a community gathering place. Knights Landing currently doesn't have such a facility. YCTD received a \$50k grant toward this bus shelter which will be larger than normal and contain bulletin boards and tables with space for vendors to set up. If successful as a rural gathering space, the model could be used in other rural communities.
- Discussed Caltrans' proposal to widen the causeway bridge between Davis and West Sacramento. Currently, over 147,000 cars a day cross the Causeway each day and the congestion has worsened. Lanes added to the causeway would be "managed" lanes, i.e., carpool or toll lanes. The lanes would be added by eliminating the separated bikeway that currently exists and reducing the shoulders so that a new traffic lane can be added in each direction. A new bikeway bridge would be added to parallel the Causeway. Caltrans hopes to obtain federal funds for the project, which it estimates will cost approximately \$240 million.
- Heard a presentation from Staff about intersection alternatives for the CR 98 widening project. Adopted a resolution urging the BOS to approve three roundabouts for the CR98 Widening project.

- Three Committee members attended the Yolo County TED meeting held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, which included discussion of Yolo County becoming a self-help County by passing a sales tax measure.
- 2018 meeting minutes are attached.