

**YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 8, 2021**

**Yolo County Transportation District Board Room (via videoconference)  
350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776**

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Loren called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and requested roll call to confirm a quorum was in attendance through Zoom remote participation. The following individuals were in attendance:

Davis – Lucas Frerichs (Primary)

Winters - Jesse Loren (Primary)

West Sacramento – Chris Ledesma (Primary)

Woodland – Tom Stallard (Primary) *arrived at 7:08 pm*

Yolo County – Don Saylor (Primary)

UC Davis – Matt Dulcich (Primary) *arrived at 7:17 pm*

Caltrans – Nick Hernandez (Primary)

Staff present were Terry Bassett, YCTD Executive Director; Jose Perez, YCTD Deputy Director Operations, Planning & Special Projects; Janice Bryan, Deputy Director Finance, Procurement and Grants; Kristen Mazur, YCTD Senior Planner; Chad Mikula, YCTD IT Specialist; Hope Welton, YCTD Legal Counsel; and Kathy Souza, YCTD Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board.

Also present via Zoom were Sue Takhar, Nawid Nessar and Jess Avila, Caltrans; Kyle Eggen, Transdev; Mike Barnbaum, Sacramento; Joe Bolte, Alan Hirsch, Andy Furillo, Davis; Jason McCoy, West Sacramento, and Greg Wong.

Mr. Perez reviewed the instructions for public participation in the meeting.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consider Approval of Agenda for March 8, 2021**

Chair Loren asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being none, she called for a motion.

**Minute Order 2021-06**

Director Ledesma made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs, to approve the agenda for the March 8, 2021 meeting. Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woodland representative

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

**Agenda Item 3 – Comments from public regarding matters NOT on the Agenda, but within the purview of YCTD**

Mr. Hirsch stated that he had been impressed with the board members' discussion at the last board meeting.

*Director Stallard arrived.*

Mr. Barnbaum provided information about AB-1226 which focused on the Capitol Corridor between Auburn and San Jose. He stated his preference for hybrid style board meetings once in-person meetings were allowed.

Mr. Bolte stated that the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out had resulted in about 19% of the Yolo County inhabitants having at least 1 vaccination.

## **Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar**

### **Minute Order 2021-07**

Director Saylor made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar.

- 4a. Approve YCTD Board Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021
- 4b. Approve Mutual Aid Agreement and Amended Transfer Agreement with Sacramento Regional Transit District
- 4c. Authorize Two Procurements, Resulting in Sole Source Purchases
  - a. Modification to Contract Limit with CSched to include “Crew Module”
  - b. First Amendment to Contract Number 2006-01 Between Trapeze Software Group, Inc. and YCTD, for General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) Real Time Feed Software
- 4d. Adopt Resolution R 2021-02 Authorizing Filing of LCTOP Grant Allocation Requests and Agreements

Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor, Stallard  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

## **Agenda Item 5 – Board Member Reports, Announcement, Other Nominations, Presentations**

Chair Loren reported she and Director Stallard had participated in a virtual meeting with the League of California Cities at which Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg had spoken urging transit agencies to contact their congress members to support the funding for transit.

## **Agenda Item 6 – Financial Status Update**

Ms. Bryan presented the staff report.

Director Ledesma asked staff to follow-up with City of West Sacramento staff about the West Sacramento share of Local Transportation Funds.

Mr. Barnbaum thanked staff for explaining about funds that had not originally been programmed that were now becoming available. He suggested to Director Stallard to look for bus routes to either the Davis train station or the Sacramento Valley Station. Mr. Bassett replied that the additional funds becoming available would not be sufficient to fund new projects.

Mr. Bolte stated his opinion that, with the pandemic resetting, Yolobus could set up to capitalize on those changes.

Chair Loren informed staff that she wanted to see the Citizens Advisory Committee involved in planning the use of the incoming funding.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Authorize Application and Approve Resolution Number 2021-01 for INFRA Funds for Yolo 80 Corridor Improvement Project**

Mr. Bassett introduced Sue Takhar, Caltrans District 3 Deputy District Director of Planning, Local Assistance, and Sustainability, who in turn introduced Nawid Nessar, new Project Manager for the I-80 Managed Lane project and Jess Avila, former project manager. Mr. Nessar presented a Power Point on the project.

Director Saylor asked if there were changes since the previous year when the District was asked to partner with Caltrans. Ms. Takhar replied it was the same project. Director Saylor stated his appreciation for the cooperation and continued pursuit of funding for the project.

Mr. Perez read the following letter from Mr. Hirsch into the record.

To: Board of Directors  
Yolo County Transportation District/Yolobus

Cc: Chair and members, Yolobus Citizen Advisory Committee (Kathy pass on)

From: Alan Hirsch

Re.: 3/8/2021 Yolobus Board meeting Agenda Item 7  
Draft R20201-01 Ambiguity in resolution in support of Federal INFRA funding for I-80 improvements with Yolo Bus a lead applicant

I support this resolution to fund bus lanes in I-80 corridor to make bus transit a competitive mode by allowing them to by-pass congestion.

I complement staff or calling out potential need Bus Rapid Transit opportunities this project might present in Whereas bullet #8.

However this resolution includes **significant ambiguity**, and could be used to “Greenwash” a what might turns out to be a freeway widening project justified by minor transit and bike improvements, as the resolution does not draw a clear bright line that your board is against widen the freeway to increase auto capacity...widening that would encourage more Bay Area-Tahoe travel and long distance commute by car, and also decrease travel on the parallel Capitol Rail corridor.

**Adding any auto capacity to I-80 is anathema to addressing Climate Change:** We need to build infrastructure the reduces driving by mode shift to transit.

71% of Davis Carbon footprint is from driving, as it about 30% of Yolo Counties. This need to be changed to address climate change. As State climate adaption plans shows, reducing VMT dramatically, not just shifting from gasoline to EV is needed.

The Yolobus Board resolution of does not talk of Managed lanes, but of **Bus/Carpool** Lanes. As we have seen Carpool lanes, especially those that are available

a) HOV only for a few AM/PM rush hour, b) usable for low-occupancy car with 2 or 3 people, c) available to non-ubiquitous Electric Vehicles in effect add freeway capacity via those lane, And by moving EV vehicle from regular travel line to “HOV” lane freeing up capacity for single occupancy gasoline vehicles.

This is contribute to well documented Induced Demand phenomena, encourage longer commute, and support higher carbon life styles, especially hi carbon footprint Bay Area=Tahoe life style.

I therefore suggest the following amendments to the resolution:

- WHEREAS bullet 8 beginning “The provision...”: All reference to bus/ Car Pool lanes be change to “Managed lanes” And that it be defined: “Managed lane as used here are for exclusively for Hi occupancy vehicles and to encourage mode shift, and are not intended for to provide congestion relief of low occupancy vehicle that might include more travel demand.”

- WHEREAS bullet 7 beginning “Without...” be removed. If the goal is to reduce traffic congestion for low occupancy vehicles, this mean the project driving criteria is it add capacity, i.e. inducing VMT. This contra the Climate Emergency resolution yolo county has passed.
- Adding Whereas bullet saying “Whereas this we consider it a priority to address congestion as it effect large Trucks, i.e. hi capacity commercial vehicle over 4 tons.”
- Add Whereas that providing facilities to encourage Mode shift is key to addressing climate change. Climate change is not address anywhere in this resolution and should be driving our transportation sector investments, not congestion relief as the resolution seems to imply.
- THEREFORE point 1: Modify it to make is clear Yolobus is in support INFRA grant based on solely on fact it improves transit and bicycles mode compared to low occupancy automobile use.

**Climate Change is THE #1 issue facing our and the upcoming generations. This need to be acknowledged in the resolution. Any capital investment that that is not consistent with addressing this challenge needs to be deeply interrogated.**

Mr. Bolte stated he was not surprised at the lack of success of this project. He added this was contrary to Caltrans stated goals and would increase traffic in the area. He urged that the project should be worked backwards from those goals to achieve a sustainable project

Director Saylor asked the Caltrans representatives for their response to the topic of climate issues. They stated that their team was working on climate impact reduction. Mr. Avila reported on Caltrans’ goal to achieve increased bus ridership.

Director Dulcich stated that UC Davis supported the project and had received comments from Causeway Connection riders that the route was not usable if the buses were sitting in traffic.

**Minute Order 2021-08**

Director Frerichs made the motion, seconded by Director Saylor, to adopt Resolution 2021-01 expressing support for YCTD to act as the lead applicant, with Caltrans District 3 as a co-applicant, under the U.S. Department of Transportation Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program for the Yolo 80 Corridor Improvement Project. Roll call resulted in:

- AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor, Stallard
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8 - Update on Draft Final Comprehensive Operational Analysis Assessment Study (YoloGo)**

Mr. Perez presented the update on the COA study. Mr. Bassett added that staff recommended that the proposed changes to the Route 42 would not be implemented until September.

Director Stallard expressed concern about elimination of the Route 45. Mr. Perez responded that the Route 45 was not proposed to be completely eliminated. Only those trips found to be non-productive were proposed for elimination.

Director Ledesma asked if this would be brought to the board for action at its April meeting. Mr. Perez replied that was staff’s intent. Director Ledesma asked if there anticipated financial impact.

Mr. Barnbaum asked how peak hours for the Route 42 expansion were defined and again asked for expanded service to either the Davis or Sacramento Valley train stations.

Mr. Bolte stated the project was turning out well and ready for roll-out. He added that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did an in-depth review of the project.

Mr. Hirsch complimented the CAC on their involvement in review of the project.

Chair Loren asked for the final report to be available in a large print format stating she found some of the information hard to read.

Director Ledesma asked staff to provide financial implications to the City of West Sacramento as soon as possible so that they could proceed with considering approval of the project.

**Agenda Item 9 – Report on Current YCTD Microtransit (Yolo Urban-Rural (YOUR) Ride) Projects**

Director Frerichs asked that this item be continued to the April meeting. There being no objection, Chair Loren directed it to be placed on the April agenda.

**Agenda Item 10 - Grant Limited Emergency Authority to Executive Director**

**Minute Order 2021-09**

Director Stallard made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs, to grant continued emergency authority to its Executive Director, authorizing him, or his designee, in collaboration with the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and District Counsel, to:

- 1) On an ongoing basis:
  - a. Approve the insertion of additional bus trips, as necessary, when bus loads significantly exceed capacity restrictions set by the district, as such activities are consistent with YCTD board's core values on safety, as well as its sensitivity to the social distancing protocols of the County of Yolo; and
  - b. Plan for and execute emergency changes in services made necessary as the result of COVID-19 related guidance/directives from the Yolo County Emergency Operations Center, the Yolo County Health Officer, the California Office of Emergency Services, the Governor of the State of California, or other regional, state or federal authorities that have jurisdiction over YCTD.
- 2) For the period of March 9-April 30, 2021: Working with Cache Creek Casino Resort, plan for and implement service schedule changes on Yolobus route 215

Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor, Stallard  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11 - Consider Director's Report**

- a. Oral Report
- b. Free Rides For COVID-19 Vaccinations
- c. Update on Causeway Connection Service
- d. Monthly Progress Report on Three Primary Goals, Desired Outcomes for Succession Plan
- e. Attachments
  - i. February 2021 Ridership Report for Fixed Route, Paratransit and Microtransit
  - ii. Updated Long-Range Board Meeting Calendar

- iii. Draft Minutes of February 22, 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
- iv. Draft Minutes of March 1, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- v. Nominations Submitted Under Current SACOG Competitive Round

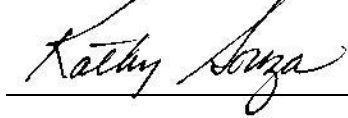
Chair Loren closed the Open Session at 8:30 pm after Counsel stated there would likely be no report from the Closed Session item.

**Agenda Item 12 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)**

**Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Loren adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk to the Board