

**YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**October 11, 2021**

**Yolo County Transportation District (via videoconference)**

**350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776**

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

Chair Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 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) *joined the meeting at 7:13*

Yolo County – Don Saylor (Primary)

UC Davis – Matt Dulcich (Primary)

Caltrans – Alex Padilla (Primary)

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

Also, in attendance via Zoom were Mike Klein, Ron Bushman, Transdev; Alan Hirsch, Davis; Jason McCoy, City of West Sacramento; John Baylis, Patrick Guild, Greg Wong, G. Alvarez and Thiru.

Chair Saylor explained the meeting participation instructions.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consider Approval of Agenda for October 11, 2021**

**Minute Order 2021-36**

Director Loren made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs, to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2021, meeting. Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

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

None

**Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar**

**Minute Order 2021-37**

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

4a. Approve YCTD Board Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021 and Special Meeting of September 20, 2021.

4b. Consider authorization of continued remote meetings

4c. Consideration acceptance of First Amendment to Executive Director Agreement

Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

**Agenda Item 5 – Board Members Reports, Announcements, Other Nominations, Presentations**

None.

**Agenda Item 6 – YoloGo Phase 2 Public Hearing – continued from September 13, 2021 meeting**

Ms. Mazur presented the staff report.

Chair Saylor called for public comments. There being none he re-opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm. No one requested to speak, and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

*Director Stallard joined the meeting.*

**Minute Order 2021-38**

Director Loren made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs, to approve the following YoloGo Phase 2 service changes, effective no earlier than November 2021:

- Add New Route 37/Discontinue Routes 35 and 39
- Discontinue underutilized Route 241
- Make minor adjustments to Routes 40, 41 and 240 including restoring early and late trips that were temporarily discontinued due to COVID and modifying the route paths in Downtown Sacramento

Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma (*voted when internet access was restored*), Loren, Saylor, Stallard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

*Director Ledesma rejoined the meeting*

**Agenda Item 7 – Presentation by Caltrans on the I-80 Corridor Improvements Project**

Ms. Bernstein introduced Nawid Nessar, Caltrans, who reviewed his Power Point presentation.

Director Frerichs stated that he had not previously heard of the proposed fly-over lane. He was concerned about how westbound bicyclists would safely cross the railroad crossing at Co. Rd 32A. Mr. Nessar replied that Caltrans would discuss alternatives with the jurisdictions and steering committees as part of the process of choosing the alternatives for which funding was received. He added that Caltrans was coordinating with Yolo County to have safe access at the Co. Rd. 32A location.

Director Stallard asked if the project included lane reductions west of Davis. Mr. Nessar responded that the plan did not include additional lanes, just restriping. Ms. Takhar added that the Comprehensive Corridor Plan would address issues with that area mentioned by Director Stallard.

Director Stallard asked if the bike path across the causeway could be put at grade for a less expensive option. Mr. Nessar replied that Caltrans would look at the option but that it probably would not be feasible with the causeway being a flood zone would mean flood resistant construction techniques which would be expensive.

Director Loren stated that the priority list presented did not seem to address equity, climate change and multimodal alternatives. She stated her preference would be for HOT lanes and asked if that could truly be changed simply from HOV lanes to HOT by signage in the future. She stated that she could not recall mention of the fly over at the previous presentation and asked it be considered from an equity and cost lens. She also expressed concern about cyclist safety at the Co. Rd. 32A railroad crossing.

Director Ledesma stated the bicycle component was very important to the jurisdictions. Good infrastructure was needed to encourage the public to make use of alternative transportation modes.

Director Dulcich said that it was good to see the timeline moving closer. He stated that managed lanes encouraged us of transit and asked if managed lanes could be extended to Old Davis Road. Mr. Nessar replied that would put the project partially in Solano County but assured the director that the managed lanes would start at the Yolo County line.

Director Frerichs stated that the mega-region working group had approved a list of 10 to 12 projects including this one. He advised that SACOG should get together with District 3 representatives to synchronize goals and work with both Districts 3 and 4. He said that reducing the bottleneck west of Davis was critical to successful management of traffic flow in the area. He added that other mega-regions were using HOT lanes to good effect and this project should also include those.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – YCTD Goals for next 3/6/12 months**

Ms. Bernstein reviewed the staff report.

Director Saylor stated that Ms. Bernstein had done a good job of identifying necessary elements.

#### **Agenda Item 9– Authorization for SacRT to Temporarily Operate All Causeway Connection Service**

Director Saylor stated that he and Director Ledesma had been part of a 2 x 2 x 2 with Sacramento Regional Transit about two weeks previously.

Mr. Perez presented the staff report.

#### **Minute Order 2021-39**

Director Stallard made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs, to authorize the Executive Director to prepare and execute an amendment to the established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between YCTD, Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT), and the Regents of the University of California at Davis (UC Davis), for SacRT to temporarily take over full operation of the Causeway Connection bus route with the stipulation that such an amendment be equitable to all agencies involved and that the board be kept briefed on the status of negotiations. Roll call resulted in:

AYES: Frerichs, Ledesma, Loren, Saylor, Stallard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

#### **Agenda Item 10 – Consider Director’s Report**

a. Update on driver shortage – Ms. Bernstein reported that she was hopeful a Transdev proposal for an increase

in wages would be ready for consideration at the November meeting. Staff would present funding proposals to sustain such increases.

Michael Klein reviewed Transdev's recent recruiting efforts and challenges, with the current wage scale being a significant challenge.

- b. DISC project discussions
- c. Yolo Commute update
- d. Vaccine mandate
- e. CAC & TAC Updates

Attachments

- i. YCTD COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

**Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment**

There being no further regular business, Chair Saylor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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