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# YCTD WELCOMES ABBANAT AS NEW SENIOR PLANNER

**Woodland, Calif. (March 10, 2022):** After an extensive recruitment process, the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) is pleased to announce Brian Abbanat as its next Senior Planner for Multimodal Projects. Abbanat begins his service at YCTD on March 9, 2022.

Abbanat brings over twenty-six years of transportation planning knowledge and experience to the District. Abbanat has served in various capacities around the Sacramento region, most recently as the Senior Transportation Planner for the City of Davis. His work in multimodal transportation planning and policy management has helped improve the City's transportation systems function more effectively, efficiently, and equitably for Davis and Yolo County residents.

"Bringing in a seasoned planner was important to us, but bringing in someone who also understands the needs of the community was crucial. Brian is the exact person the District needs right now to help move forward key mobility projects for Yolo County," said Autumn Bernstein, Executive Director of YCTD.

Abbanat's knowledge and experience working on projects in the City of Davis will help YCTD tackle the Yolo 80 Corridor Improvements Project, which aims to ease congestion, speed up transit and improve bicycle travel between Davis and Sacramento.

Additionally, Abbanat will lead the District in planning the RAISE Intercity Trails project. This project aspires to develop a modern, safe, and accessible network of intercity bicycle paths connecting cities and rural communities in Yolo County. Abbanat's experience in developing bicycle and pedestrian-friendly facilities for the City of Davis will be a great asset in implementing this project.

In his new role, Abbanat will lead the development of multimodal transportation plans, programs, and policies. He will also be responsible for developing funding applications to secure state, federal, and regional grants, managing contracts, and more.

**About:** The Yolo County Transportation District has kept people moving since 1982 by providing affordable, convenient mobility options to our community, including Yolobus and YOUR Ride Microtransit. We also partner with local and state agencies to continually improve all aspects of Yolo County's transportation system so that residents have easy access to jobs, schools, shopping, and essential services.

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*Brian Abbanat posing in front of bike racks in Davis, CA.*