

**BOARD COMMUNICATION: YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

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<b>Topic:</b> Appointments to the Capitol Area Regional Tolling Authority	<b>Agenda Item#:</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Informational</b>
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend the Board appoint two YoloTD Board members to serve on the Capitol Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) Joint Powers Agency (JPA).

**BACKGROUND:**

Note: This staff report focuses on appointing two members to a newly established regional tolling authority, CARTA. Staff reports dating to the project’s inception can be found on the YoloTD website:

Yolotd.org → Planning & Projects → Freeways & Roads

At its January Board meeting, YoloTD is considering approval of a Joint Powers Agreement with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to form CARTA. The CARTA governance structure recommended by staff as part of Item 4 includes two Directors appointed by YoloTD. The CARTA Board must meet in February to consider the submission of the Yolo 80 Corridor Improvement Project (Yolo 80) Toll Facility Application and Concept of Operations to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 194. For the CARTA Board to meet in February, Directors must be appointed in January.

***CARTA Appointments***

The CARTA governance structure includes two Director appointments from Yolo Transportation District and two Director appointments from SACOG, one at-large seat and one seat from a jurisdiction within Yolo County.

At the January 18, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, SACOG appointed Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas to the CARTA Board to represent the interests of Yolo County, and Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy to serve as SACOG’s Director At-Large.

YoloTD staff recommend that the Board appoint two members to serve on the CARTA Board. The I-80 corridor runs through three jurisdictions in Yolo County: the cities of Davis and West Sacramento, and the County of Yolo. For this reason, the YoloTD Board has previously appointed Ad Hoc Committee members from these three jurisdictions. Because SACOG has appointed a Director representing Yolo County, that jurisdiction will already be represented on the CARTA Board. Therefore, staff recommends that the YoloTD Board appoint Directors from the City of Davis and the City of West Sacramento.

***SACOG to Serve as Interim Administrator of CARTA***

Staff from YoloTD, Caltrans, and SACOG are recommending that SACOG take the lead on administering the CARTA organization until CARTA hires its own staff (which could be through a contract with another public agency or a private firm). Project-specific costs for Yolo 80 remain the obligation of YoloTD and Caltrans. The

administrative work will start this month, with organizing the first CARTA Board meeting. Other anticipated activities include: budget development, procurement and contracting, accounting, public communications, and administrative support. There are many details to be worked out as SACOG, YoloTD, and Caltrans form CARTA, but utilizing existing staff and resources for this fiscal year will allow the formation of CARTA to move forward quickly and efficiently, reducing schedule delays that could risk the \$86 million in discretionary federal funds on Yolo 80. YoloTD, SACOG, and Caltrans staff are working collaboratively to prepare a proposed 2024-2025 budget for the CARTA Board to consider prior to July 1, 2024. This will include how the partners might equitably share expenses and duties related to this new entity. Any additional financial contributions from YoloTD to CARTA, or reimbursement from CARTA for prior expenses, would need to be included in the FY 2024/25 Budget process and approved by the Board.

At its January 18, 2024 meeting, the SACOG Board of Directors approved a budget allocation for SACOG's administration costs. No action is required by the YoloTD Board of Directors, unless there are objections to SACOG assuming this role.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The staff and legal costs associated with forming a tolling authority and participating as a stakeholder on the Yolo 80 project is funded by prior YoloTD Board actions and a \$2 million SACOG grant.