

BOARD COMMUNICATION: YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

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Topic: Yolo 80 Managed Lanes Update	Agenda Item#:	8d
		Informational
	Agenda Type:	Attachments: Yes <u>No</u>
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RECOMMENDATION:

Informational.

BACKGROUND:

Note: This staff report focuses on updating the CAC on project activities since the April 8th Board meeting. Staff reports dating to the project’s inception can be found on the YoloTD website:

Yolotd.org → Planning & Projects → Freeways & Roads

Key Activities Since April Board Meeting

1. CTC Hosts CARTA Tolling Application Public Hearing

Consistent with AB 194 requirements, the CTC Hosted a public hearing on April 9th in West Sacramento to receive a presentation from the CARTA team and public input.

2. SACOG Hosts Interagency Consultation on Project-Level Air Quality Conformity

On April 16th, SACOG hosted an interagency consultation meeting with Caltrans District 3, FHWA, EPA, and CARB to determine whether the Yolo 80 Managed Lanes project is a project of air quality concern. EPA and CARB, who have jurisdiction over the topic deferred action and met with Caltrans District 3 to address their comments. On April 26th, the federal EPA and FHWA concurred with the determination that the I-80 and U.S.-50 Managed Lanes project is not a project of air quality concern.

3. Environmental Process Complete

Caltrans received several hundred comments on the Yolo 80 Managed Lanes EIR and provided responses. Caltrans released responses to comments from governmental agencies around April 5th. The Notice of Determination was filed on May 1st. The Final Environmental Document (FED) can be found at the below link:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2021060117/5>

4. YoloTD Citizens Advisory Committee: Caltrans Cooperative Agreement to Obligate INFRA Funds

Obligating the awarded INFRA construction funds is required by congressional statute to occur by September 30, 2024. As YoloTD is the recipient of these funds and Caltrans District 3 is the lead agency for design and construction, a cooperative agreement between YoloTD and Caltrans District 3 is needed for Caltrans to submit a Request for Authorization (RFA) to FHWA to obligate the INFRA funds. Submitting the RFA and receiving approval from FHWA are the final administrative

steps prior to breaking ground, assuming May CTC approval of the CARTA tolling application and Caltrans TCEP funding approval which will fully fund the Phase 1 project. This is a significant project milestone and one for which a CAC recommendation and Board action is needed (the latter of which the Board will receive at the June meeting). Executing the RFA will enable the project to obligate the INFRA funds within the September 30, 2024 statutory requirement. Failure to execute the RFA and obligate funding will result in the loss of INFRA funds.

On May 7, the CAC held a spirited discussion around the project and the significance of obligating the INFRA funds. Two motions were made at the meeting: The first motion recommended against obligating the INFRA funds, which failed on a 2-3 vote. The second motion approved the staff recommendation to obligate the INFRA funds, which carried on a 3-2 vote. This item will be brought to the YoloTD Board at the June 10th meeting.

Project Timeline

The below timeline illustrates key project milestones completed to date and forthcoming steps toward completing procedural requirements leading to project construction.

