

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Members: Lisa Baker (Winters), Olin Woods (Yolo County), Stephen Streeter (Davis),

Patrick Guild (West Sacramento), Mollie D'Agostino (Woodland), Andrew

Furillo (At Large), Frank Reyes (At Large), Vacant (At Large)

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IN-PERSON INFORMATION

Meeting Date: Tuesday, Oct 29, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Place: Yolo Transportation District

350 Industrial Way Woodland CA

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Estimated Time		Agenda Item		Informatio nal	Action Item
6:00 PM	1.	Call to order/roll call			
		Jurisdiction	Member		
		County	Olin Woods		
		Woodland	Mollie D'Agostino		
		West Sacramento	mento Patrick Guild		
		Winters	Lisa Baker		
		Davis	Stephen Streeter		
		At Large	ge Andrew Furillo		
		At Large	t Large Frank Reyes		
		At Large	Vacant		
6:05	2.	Comments from the public regarding matters NOT on the Agenda, but within			
		the purview of YoloTD (Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per			
		person— please identify yourself and in which community you live before			
		providing your comments)			

CONSENT CALENDAR

3a.	Approval of Minutes of CAC's Regular Meeting on July 22, 2024	X
	(Bernstein, pp 6-9)	
3b	Approve 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Calendar	X
	(Bernstein, pp 10-10)	

REGULAR CALENDAR

6:10 PM	4.	Review and Recommend Proposed Service Changes and Restorations for Davis Express Routes 43, 43R, 230 and 44 (<i>Romero, pp 11-19</i>)		X
6:45 PM	5.	Provide Feedback on Proposal for Special Budget Workshops (Bernstein, pp 20-26)	X	
7:50 PM	7.	Administrative Reports (Bernstein) Discussion regarding subjects not specifically listed is limited to clarifying questions. A. CAC Members' Reports B. Executive Director's Report	X	
8:00	8.	Adjournment	X	

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Autumn Bernstein

Autumn Bernstein, Executive Director

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VISION, VALUES AND PRIORITIES



Vision Statement

The vision statement tells us what we intend to become or achieve.

Provide seamless, sustainable mobility solutions to help Yolo communities thrive.



Core Values

A core value describes our individual and organizational behaviors and helps us to live out our vision.

- We are transparent, inclusive and accountable to the public, stakeholders and partner agencies
- We are committed to addressing inequities and improving outcomes for our most vulnerable communities
- We prioritize environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- We value efficiency, innovation and responsible stewardship of public funds

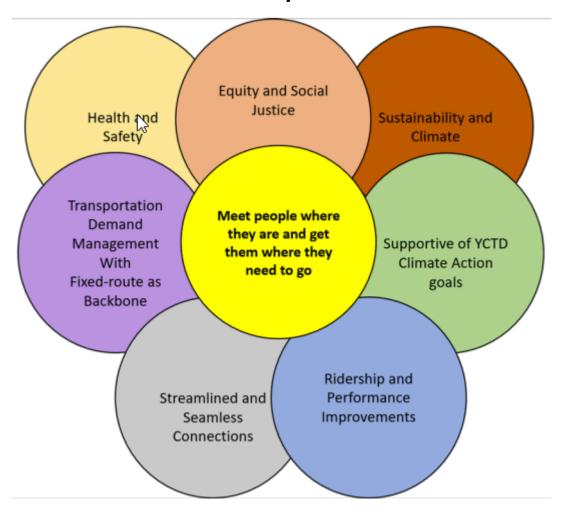


District-Wide Priorities

Priorities align our vision and values with our implementation strategies.

- 1. Provide transit service that is faster, more reliable and convenient.
- 2. Partner with member jurisdictions, community-based organizations and local, regional, state and federal agencies to identify and address the current and evolving mobility needs of Yolo County.
- 3. Coordinate, plan and fundraise to deliver a full suite of transportation projects and programs.

YoloTD Citizens Advisory Committee Framework



Citizens Advisory Committee YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776---- (530) 661-0816

Topic: Approve Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 22, 2024	Agenda Item#: Agenda Type:	3a Action
		Attachments: (Yes) No
Prepared By: A. Bernstein and D. Silva		Meeting Date: October 29, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2024

BACKGROUND:

The Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) Citizens Advisory Committee holds regular meetings in compliance with the Brown Act and public records laws. Those meetings are recorded in minutes, which are to be retained, in perpetuity, in the YoloTD archives.

The purpose of this item is to approve minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committe meeting for the historical preservation and posterity for future generations to understand the valuable work considered and accomplished by YoloTD.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

There are no anticipated financial impacts.

Attachments:

1. Minutes



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Yolo Transportation District Board Room 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA

1. Roll Call - Determination of Quorum

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Lisa Baker, City of Winters Olin Woods, Yolo County Stephen Streeter, City of Davis Andrew Furillo, At Large Mollie D'Agostino, City of Woodland Patrick Guild, City of West Sacramento

Staff Present:

Autumn Bernstein, Executive Director Daisy Romero, Director of Transit Operations

Courtney Williams, Senior Planner

2. General Public Comments

No public comment.

3. Consent Calendar

3a. Approve CAC Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024

The minutes were approved.

Regular Calendar

4. Yolo Active Transportation Corridors (YATC) Project: Results of Existing Conditions Analysis and Phase 1 Community Outreach

Greg Behrens from Fehr & Peers presented the results from the existing conditions analysis and the Phase 1 community outreach of the YATC Project.

Director D'Agostino expressed concerns about the focus areas and how the preliminary recommendations would be determined.

Greg Behrens responded by explaining that the evaluation criteria would be based on existing policies, project goals, and community input.

Director Guild raised questions about commuting data, including electric vehicles (EVs) and e-bikes.

Greg Behrens clarified that current census data does not distinguish between these modes, but other data sources indicate a growing use of e-bikes and scooters.

Director Furillo mentioned that Yolo County TAC's 2013 bicycle plan was limited and emphasized the need to consider both on-street and off-street projects.

Director Baker shared concerns about road debris and shading for cyclists, significantly as heat-related incidents are rising.

Directors D'Agostino and Furillo echoed the need for safer biking facilities, cautioning against relying solely on existing usage data to determine demand.

No public comment.

5. BeeLine Microtransit Progress Report

Director of Transit Operations Romero provided an update on the BeeLine Microtransit service.

Director Baker mentioned the heat maps showing transit usage in Winters and Davis and suggested further outreach to Solano Community College.

Director Furillo commended the complementarity of the fixed-route and microtransit services but expressed concerns about the decision to replace Route 220 in Winters.

Director Guild emphasized the importance of increased options and connectivity for transit users.

6. Updates to ADA Policy, Rider Information, and Service Changes

Courtney Williams, Senior Planner provided a presentation on ADA policy updates and potential service changes.

Director Baker requested information on areas where services would be added or eliminated and the potential impact on travel times.

Director D'Agostino asked for an assessment of how many riders would be affected by the changes.

Director Furillo expressed concern about reducing BeeLine service areas from ADA compliance, particularly concerning Route 220 restoration.

No public comment.

7. Administrative Reports

A. CAC Members' Verbal Reports

Director Furillo reported on the merger of the BTSSC and Unitrans Advisory Commission, with the first meeting of the merged commission scheduled for September.

Director Baker noted the usual summer dip in transit use and suggested organizing a "Summer Sizzler" to boost awareness.

B. Executive Director's Verbal Report

Executive Director Bernstein reported on the annual budget, at-large CAC seats, and staff vacancies.

C. Long Range Calendar

No discussion.

8. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.				
Respectfully Submitted,				
Denise Silva				
Denise Silva, Board Clerk				

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Yolo County Transportation District

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Topic: Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule	Agenda Item#:	3b Action	
	Agenda Type:	Attachments: Yes No	
Prepared By: A. Bernstein		Meeting Date: October 29, 2024	

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting schedule for 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The YoloTD By-Laws establish a Citizens Advisory Committee that meets at least four times a year. In practice, the CAC strives to meet on a bimonthly basis, or six times per year.

All meetings are held in person, in accordance with public meeting law. As a courtesy to the public, CAC meetings are held in a hybrid format, allowing members of the public to watch the meeting and offer public testimony online.

Unless otherwise noted, all CAC meetings are held at the Yolo Transportation District office at 350 Industrial Way in Woodland.

In 2024, several meetings were rescheduled around the annual budget process. In particular, we rescheduled the April meeting to allow the CAC to provide input on the Preliminary Annual Budget before it goes to the YoloTD Board for discussion in June. For 2025, the meeting schedule has been modified to provide for a CAC meeting during the comment period on the Preliminary Annual Budget (May 1-30).

Based on a poll of CAC members, the majority prefer to meet the first Monday of the month. This schedule accommodates

Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Citizens Advisory Committee

Monday, January 6

Monday, March 3

Monday, May 5* - meeting on annual budget

Monday, July 7

Monday, August 25* - rescheduled to avoid Labor Day holiday

Monday, November 3

BOARD COMMUNICATION: YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

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Topic: Proposed Davis Express Service Restoration and Service Changes for	Agenda Item#:	4		
Routes 43, 43R, 44, 230		Action		
	Agenda Type:	Attachments: Yes No		
Prepared By: D. Romero		Meeting Date: Oct 14, 2024		

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide feedback on the proposed service changes to the Davis Express Routes, 43, 43R, 230, and service restoration and changes for Route 44.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2020, the outbreak COVID-19 led to a nationwide pandemic that caused all non-essential services to shut down. The impact on YoloTD fixed-route service was immediate. Half of the routes and trips were temporarily suspended due to low ridership caused by the government mandated stay-at-home orders and regional state agencies transitioning their workforce to work from home. This impacted all Yolobus fixed route service and led to the suspension of service for routes 44, 232, 220, 45X, 46, 242, 243, 216, 217, and service reductions for most of the remaining routes.

In April 2021, the YoloTD Board of Directors approved YoloGO, a comprehensive operational analysis informed by early pandemic ridership trends. The YoloGO plan called for Yolobus to permanently suspend routes 44, 232, 220, 45X, 46, 242, 243, 216, and 217, while restoring and expanding other routes and services. Since 2021, Yolobus has implemented nearly all of the YoloGO-approved restorations and expansions. Some of the remaining services still operating below YoloGO-approved service levels are the Express Routes 43, 43R, 45 and 230. All of these services currently operate just one round trip per day.

Additionally, YoloTD has received numerous complaints about the discontinuation of Route 44, which provided express service between South Davis and downtown Sacramento. When coupled with changes to the Route 42A and 42B which eliminated stops in South Davis, this neighborhood is no longer served at all by intercity bus service. In July 2024, the Board approved restoration of the Route 44 South Davis Express as part of the FY 2024-25 budget.

In April 2024 Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive memo directing all state workers to return to inoffice work two days per week effective June 2024. Yolobus has seen a steady uptick in ridership on the existing Express trips, one of which (Route 43) is now standing room-only on most weekdays.

At the YoloTD Board meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024, the Board received a presentation from staff and opened the 30-day comment period for public feedback regarding proposed service changes to the Davis Express Routes. Specifically, this proposed service change includes updates to the schedule and proposed changes to bus stop locations for Routes 43, 43R, 44 and 230 from one morning trip and one afternoon trip per day to three morning trips and three afternoon trips per day Monday through Friday.

Rationale for Updating Schedules and Stop Locations

The existing schedules and stop locations for Routes 43, 43R, 44 and 230 were adopted before COVID and reflect pre-pandemic commute patterns and traffic congestion. Simply re-instating the pre-COVID schedules could result

in chronic issues with on-time performance and may not meet the needs of the current commute patterns. Key factors affecting rider demand and on-time performance include:

- Increased traffic congestion on the I-80 corridor
- Flexible work schedules, leading to less extreme peaks in the early morning and late afternoon, resulting in demand for later trips in the morning and evening
- Increased traffic on I-5 between Woodland and downtown Sacramento, which affects the amount of time needed for bus operators to "deadhead" from the Woodland bus yard to Downtown Sacramento to start afternoon express trips.
- The large number of stops in Davis, many of them very close together, contributes to added delay.

Taking these factors into consideration, YoloTD staff developed a Davis Express Travel survey targeted towards Davis residents commuting into Downtown Sacramento. Additionally, YoloTD staff and interns rode along on our existing express services, to get stop-level ridership data, and timed the existing service during a variety of traffic conditions. The recommended changes to the schedules and stop locations are rooted in the data we collected through these methods.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Travel Survey Findings

In total, 215 completed surveys were collected in August and September 2024. Demographically, the distribution of survey participants was spread across nine neighborhoods within Davis including North, South, Central, West, East, Downtown, UC Davis, Wildhorse, and El Macero. The highest proportion of respondents were residents of West and East Davis (20% each), while the remaining survey responses were spread more or less equally across the other neighborhoods.

Key findings include:

- 75 percent of respondents walk to stops, followed by 53% that transfer from another bus, 51% that bike, 30% that drive, and 7 percent get dropped off. (Respondents were able to select more than one option)
- 80% of respondents commute to Sacramento Monday through Thursday, while 70% commute on Fridays.
- 40% of respondents arrive to work in downtown Sacramento at 7:00am followed by another 40% of respondents arriving at 8:00am, with 20% of the remaining group arriving after 8:00am
- 66 percent of respondents depart downtown Sacramento between 4-5pm, with the remaining 34% of respondents split evenly between departing before 4pm and after 5pm from downtown Sacramento to Davis

Ride Along Findings

From August 19th – August 23rd staff conducted ride-alongs (also known as "ride checks") for Routes 43 and 230 to identify existing travel time conditions and stop level trends during the five-day work week. Travel data and stop level data was used to identify stop usage, to rank stop usage to identify redundant or low-utilization stops that could be eliminated, while retaining reasonable coverage. Having multiple stops in close proximity to each other makes the overall trip longer and affects on-time performance, particularly during congested times of day.

Based on the collected feedback, YoloTD staff are proposing the elimination of stops that serve the fewest number of riders, provided that another stop is within a short walking distance.

PROPOSED CHANGES

This section details the proposed changes in schedule and map of stop locations for the affected routes.

The Board-approved budget would allow an increase in service hours for Davis express routes 43 and 230, restoration of previously discontinued route 44, and adding six total trips (three in the AM and three in the PM) for Routes 230, 43, 44. Route 43R will continue to have one trip in the morning and one trip in the evening.

Changes proposed for each specific route are highlighted on the following pages. Attachment A provides full proposed schedules for each route.

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Route 43 Proposed Changes

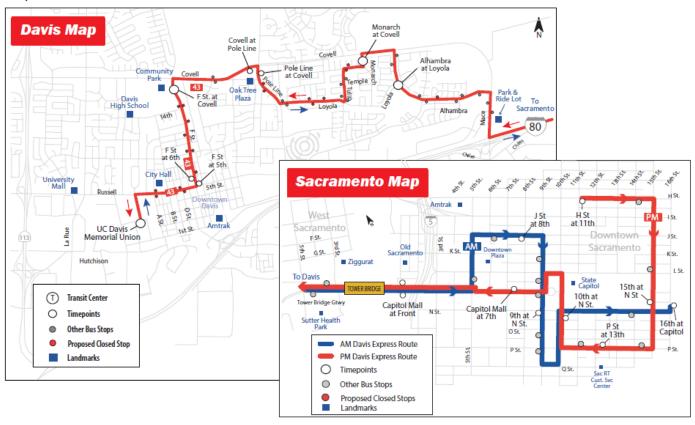
	Current	Proposed
Number of Trips	1 morning (AM)	3 morning (AM)
	1 afternoon (PM)	3 afternoon (PM)
Morning Start Times	6:57 am	6:30 am
		6:50 am
		7:10 am
Afternoon Start	4:33 pm	4:35 pm
Times		5:15 pm
		5:35 pm
Number of stops	AM: 39	AM: 28
	PM: 36	PM: 20
Trip duration	AM: 72 min	AM: 61 min
	PM: 59 min	PM: 60 min

Proposed Route 43 Map Last Updated: August 2024

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Davis - Sacramento Express

Proposed Route 43 Express provides service between central and east Davis to downtown Sacramento. The proposed closed stops are marked in red.





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Route 43R Proposed Schedule and Map of Stop Locations

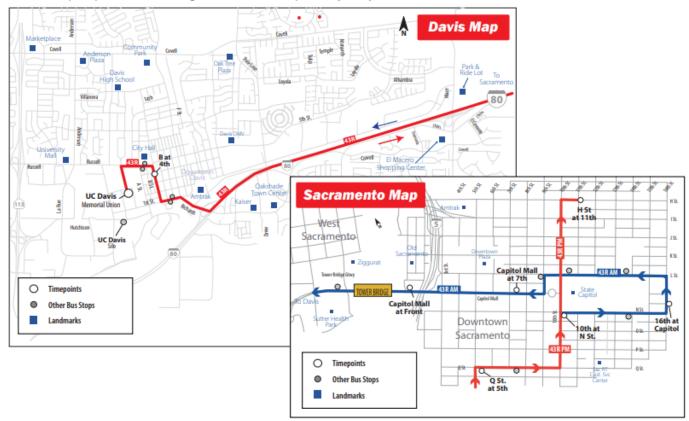
	Current	Proposed
Number of Trips	1 morning (AM)	1 morning (AM)
	1 afternoon (PM)	1 afternoon (PM)
Morning Start Time	7:50 am	7:48 am
Afternoon Start	5:36 pm	5:35 pm
Time		
Number of stops	AM: 13	AM: 13
	PM: 8	PM: 8
Trip duration	AM: 45 min	AM: 42 min
	PM: 40 min	PM: 42 min

Route 43R Map Last Updated: May 2023

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Routes 43RAM, 43R PM | Sacramento - UC Davis Express

Route 43R Express provides one morning and one afternoon trip, Monday-Friday, between downtown Sacramento and UC Davis.





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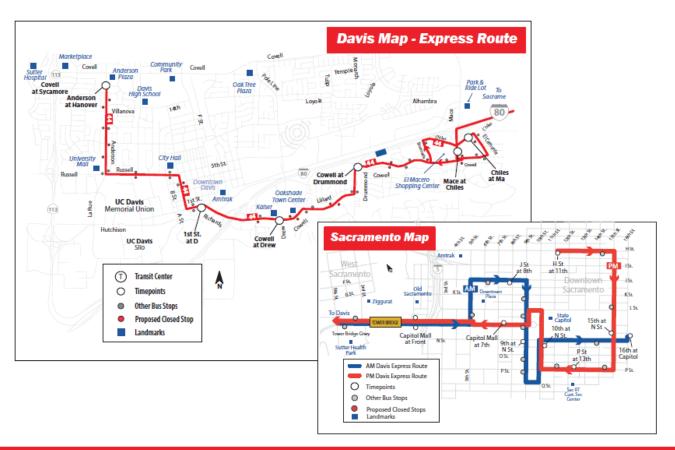


Route 44 Proposed Schedule and Map of Stop Locations

	Current	Proposed
Number of Trips	Discontinued	3 morning (AM)
		3 afternoon (PM)
Morning Start Times	Discontinued	6:00 am
		6:30 am
		7:00 am
Afternoon Start	Discontinued	4:15 pm
Times		4:30 pm
		5:15 pm
Number of stops	Discontinued	AM: 39
		PM: 41
Trip duration	Discontinued	AM:70 min
		PM: 66 min

Proposed Route 44 Map Last Updated: August 2024

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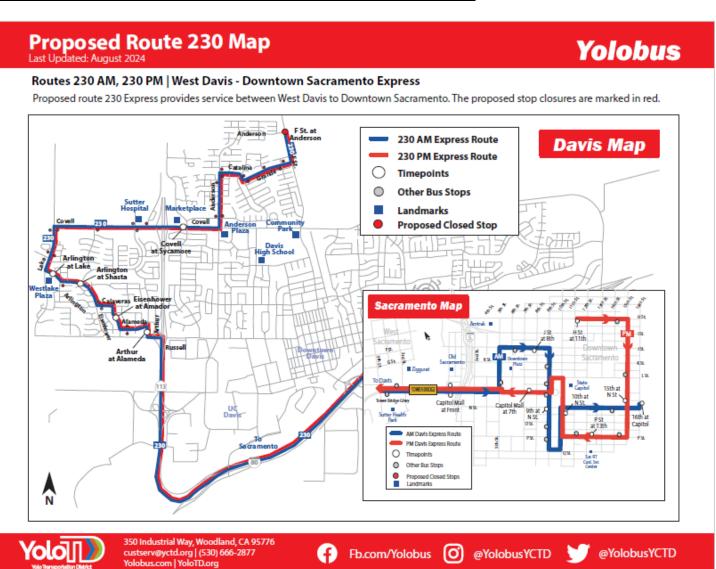
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Route 230 Proposed Schedule and Map of Stop Locations

	Current	Proposed
Number of Trips	1 morning (AM)	3 morning (AM)
	1 afternoon (PM)	3 afternoon (PM)
Morning Start Times	5:59 am	6:00 am
		6:50 am
		7:35 am
Afternoon Start	4:32 pm	4:35 pm
Times		5:05 pm
		5:35 pm
Number of stops	AM: 34	AM: 23
	PM: 28	PM: 22
Trip duration	AM:58min	AM: 57 min, final trip 64 min
	PM: 69 min	PM: 57 min



FISCAL IMPACT:

On July 8, 2024, the YoloTD Board of Directors approved the FY 2024-25 Budget which allows for future expansion of Davis Express service, adding two additional morning and afternoon trips to routes 43, 230, and fully restoring route 44 with three trips in the morning, and three trips in the afternoon.

NEXT STEPS

YoloTD Staff will incorporate feedback received during the thirty-day comment period and bring the final schedule and map of stop locations to the Board for approval at the November 18 Board meeting. Assuming Board approval, the service changes will take effect in January 2025.

For now, we invite the Citizens Advisory Committee members to make observations and questions on this update on any additional data or analysis they would like to see included in future updates and/or service change proposals.

Discussion Questions for CAC feedback:

- 1. Does the new schedule for Route 43, 43R, 44, and 230 work well for Davis commuters?
- 2. The proposal plans to reduce the number of bus stops in Davis. Do the remaining stops provide sufficient coverage in Davis?
- 3. Are there any other areas of concern with the proposed changes?
- 4. Once the proposed schedule changes and stop updates are implemented, what metrics should YoloTD track to determine whether these changes are successful in improving service reliability and meeting ridership demand?

Attachment:

1. Proposed Schedules for Routes 43, 43R, 44 and 230

DAVIS

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43
Davis - Sacramento
Express

43AM - DAVIS TO SACRAMENTO	MON - FRI		RI
UC Davis Memorial Union	6:30 6:50 7:10		
F at 5th	6:35	6:55	7:15
F at Covell	6:39	6:59	7:19
Covell at Pole Line	6:43	7:03	7:23
Monarch at Covell	6:49	7:09	7:29
Alhambra at Loyola	6:51	7:11	7:31
Capitol Mall at Front	7:15	7:35	7:55
J at 8th	7:20	7:40	8:00
9th at N	7:24	7:44	8:04
10th at N	7:28	7:48	8:08
16th at Capitol Ave.	7:31	7:51*	8:11

*Becomes route 43R to UC Davis.

43R
Sacramento - Davis
Express

43R AM - SACRAMENTO TO DAVIS	MON - FRI
10th at N	7:48
16th at Capitol Ave.	7:51
Capitol Mall at 7th	7:56
Capitol Mall at Front	7:59
B at 4th (Downtown Davis)	8:27
UC Davis Memorial Union	8:30

Davis - Sacramento
Express

44 AM - DAVIS TO SACRAMENTO	М	ON - F	RI
Anderson at Hanover	6:00	6:30	7:00
1st at C	6:11	6:41	7:11
Cowell at Drew	6:13	6:43	7:13
Cowell at Drummond	6:21	6:51	7:21
Mace at Chiles	6:27	6:57	7:27
Capitol Mall at Front	6:53	7:23	7:53
J at 8th	6:58	7:28	7:58
9th at N	7:02	7:32	8:02
10th at N	7:06	7:36	8:06
16th at Capitol Ave.	7:10	7:40	8:10

230
Sacramento - Davis
Express

230 AM - DAVIS TO SACRAMENTO	MON - FRI		
Covell at Sycamore	6:00	6:50	7:35
Arlington at Lake	6:07	6:57	7:42
Arlington at Shasta	6:10	7:00	7:45
Eisenhower at Amador	6:13	7:03	7:48
Arthur at Alameda	6:15	7:05	7:50
Capitol Mall at Front	6:41	7:31	8:23
J at 8th	6:46	7:36	8:28
9th at N	6:50	7:40	8:32
10th at N	6:54	7:44	8:36
16th at Capitol Ave.	6:57	7:47	8:39

43 PM - SAC TO DAVIS	MON - FRI		RI
H at 11th	4:35	5:15	5:35
15th at N	4:39	5:19	5:39
P at 13th	4:41	5:21	5:41
10th at N	4:44	5:24	5:44
Capitol Mall at 7th	4:46	5:26	5:46
Capitol Mall at Front	4:50	5:30	5:50
Alhambra at Loyola	5:13	5:53	6:13
Monarch at Covell	5:15	5:55	6:15
Covell at Pole Line	5:22	6:02	6:22
F at Covell	5:26	6:06	6:26
F at 6th	5:30	6:10	6:30
UC Davis Memorial Union	5:35*	6:15	6:35

43R PM - DAVIS TO SACRAMENTO	MON - FRI
UC Davis Memorial Union	5:35
B at 4th (Downtown Davis)	5:42
Q at 5th (Downtown Sacramento)	6:10
10th at N	6:14
H at 11th	6:17

44 PM - SACRAMENTO TO DAVIS	MON - FRI		RI
H at 11th	4:15	4:30	5:15
15th at N	4:20	4:35	5:20
P at 13th	4:23	4:38	5:23
10th at N	4:25	4:40	5:25
Capitol Mall at 7th	4:29	4:44	5:29
Capitol Mall at Front	4:30	4:45	5:30
Chiles at Mace	4:49	5:04	5:49
Drummond at Cowell	5:00	5:15	6:00
Cowell at Drew	5:07	5:22	6:07
1st at D	5:10	5:25	6:10
Anderson at Hanover	5:21	5:36	6:21

230 PM - SACRAMENTO TO DAVIS **MON-FRI** Hat 11th 4:35 | 5:05 | 5:35 15th at N 4:39 5:09 5:39 Pat 13th 4:41 | 5:11 | 5:41 10th at N 4:44 5:14 5:44 **Capitol Mall at 7th** 4:46 5:16 5:46 4:50 5:20 5:50 **Capitol Mall at Front** 5:15 5:45 6:15 **Arthur at Alameda Eisenhower at Amador** 5:17 5:47 6:17 **Arlington at Shasta** 5:20 | 5:50 | 6:20 5:21 5:51 6:21 **Arlington at Lake West Covell at Sycamore** 5:26 5:56 6:26 5:32 6:02 6:32 **F at Anderson**

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

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Topic: Provide Feedback on Proposal for Special Budget Workshops	Agenda Item#:	5
		Informational
	Agenda Type:	Attachments: Yes No
Prepared By: A. Bernstein		Meeting Date: Oct 29, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide Feedback on staff's proposal for a series of special budget workshops to inform YoloTD Board members, advisory committee members and other stakeholders about the building blocks of the YoloTD annual budget.

BACKGROUND:

The concept of a special budget workshop was proposed by Board members during the development of the FY 2024-25 budget. Board members expressed a desire for additional education about YoloTD funding sources, allocation of funds – particularly TDA funds – and the impact of lapsing one-time COVID relief funds.

The proposal to create a special workshop was included in the July 8, 2024, Board action to approve the budget. The relevant section of Resolution 2024-12, reads:

"Resolved, (k) That the Executive Director or their designee shall organize a special meeting, or series of meetings, of the Board of Directors to discuss the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding among YoloTD and its member jurisdictions, and any other matters related to the YoloTD budget. This meeting or meetings shall be held in accordance with the Brown Act."

The attached memo outlines a proposal for up to three special budget workshops. Staff propose that the first of these workshops would take place in January 2024, and the workshops would happen outside of the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meetings.

DISCUSSION:

The memo was developed by staff after reviewing the questions and comments that arose during the FY 2024-25 budget process. Each of the three workshops touches on a category or several categories of questions and comments, including:

- Federal funding sources
- State funding sources
- Local funding sources
- How operations costs are allocated across funding sources
- How one-time COVID recovery funds impacted the budget

- Future budget outlook
- Options for increasing revenues
- Options for reducing costs

BUDGET IMPACT:

None. All workshops will be organized by staff. If there are guest speakers who travel from out of the area to present at the workshop, YoloTD will offer to reimburse them for travel expenses. These costs can be absorbed by our existing budget for travel expenses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide feedback on the goals, speakers and topics for the proposed workshops. Discussion questions for the CAC include:

- 1. What are you hoping will result from the budget workshops?
- 2. Which topics are a priority for the workshops? Which topics would you de-prioritize?
- 3. Are there any topics we should cover that aren't currently included?
- 4. What role do you envision for the CAC and other stakeholders in the workshops?



Proposal for Special Budget Workshops

This memo outlines proposed content for up to three (3) special workshops, each approximately 2 hours long, each addressing a different aspect of the YoloTD budget.

Audience: The workshops are intended to provide a forum for education and discussion of the YoloTD Board of Directors. Additionally, advisory committee members, local agency staff and other interested stakeholders would be encouraged to attend. Workshops would be open to the public and held in accordance with the Brown Act. Meeting materials and recordings would be preserved and made available as reference materials.

Timing: Staff proposes that the workshops be held separately from the YoloTD Board of Directors regular monthly meetings. Timing wise, the workshops would ideally take place in January – April 2025, prior to the upcoming FY 2025-26 annual budget process.

Workshop 1: Overview of State and Federal Funding Sources

Goals:

- Increase Board/stakeholder knowledge of recurring funding sources that support Yolobus operations
- Hear from outside experts about current status and future of state and federal funding programs
- 3. Clarify roles and responsibilities of federal, state, regional and local agencies in determining YoloTD's share of these funding sources.

Potential Speakers Ray Tellis, FTA Region 9 Administrator

(not confirmed) Chad Edison, California State Transportation Agency

Kyle Gradinger or Josh Pulverman, Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transit

Kristina Svensk, SACOG

1A: Federal Funding Sources

- Overview of federal formula funding programs for transit
 - Legislative intent and priorities of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its predecessors
 - How funding flows from Congress to local transit agencies
 - Roles/responsibilities of FTA, Caltrans, SACOG, YoloTD
 - o Eligible uses, restrictions and reporting requirements
 - Urbanized service areas in Yolo County
 - How funding is divided among transit operators in our UZAs
 - o Annual total allocations to YoloTD and how that has changed over time



- o One-Time COVID Relief Funds and how they differ from ongoing sources
- Transit programs that flow directly from FTA to YoloTD
 - 5307: Urbanized Area Formula Grants
 - o 5311: Formula Grants for Rural Areas
 - 5339: Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities
- Overview of federal formula funds that flow indirectly from FTA → YoloTD
 - o 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
 - o 5337: State of Good Repair
- Future of federal transit funding

1B: State Funding Sources

- Overview of state transit funding sources
 - o Legislative intent and priorities of laws that govern state transit funding programs
 - Eligible uses and restrictions of state funds
 - How funding flows from Legislature to local transit agencies
 - o Roles and responsibilities of CalSTA, Caltrans, SACOG, YoloTD
 - Annual allocations to YoloTD
- Transit Programs
 - Transportation Development Act (TDA)
 - State Transit Assistance (STA)
 - Local Transportation Funds (LTF)
 - Unmet Transit Needs Process
 - o Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
 - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
 - o SB 125 Transit Program
- Future of State Transit Funding
 - o Transit Transformation Task Force
 - o Prospects for Future Transportation Funding Program to Replace Prop 1B
 - o Road User Charge Program



Workshop 2: Local Funding Sources, Cost Allocations and COVID Impact

Goals:

- 1. Increase Board/stakeholder knowledge of existing local funding sources
- 2. Understand how transit operation costs are allocated among funding sources
- 3. Understand how the COVID pandemic changed the YoloTD Budget

2A. Existing Local Funding Sources for YoloTD

- Fare Revenue
- Cache Creek Mitigation Funds
- CNG Fuel sales and LCFS credits
- Yolo 80 Mitigation Funds and Toll Revenues

2B. Allocation of transit operations costs across funding sources

- Recap Federal-State-Local funding sources
- How are transit operations costs allocated across funding sources? (using FY 2024-25 as an example)
 - Woodland
 - Davis
 - West Sacramento
 - Winters and Unincorporated Yolo County
 - Intercity Service (Route 42A/B)

2C: COVID Impact: how YoloTD's cost allocations changed in response to COVID-era service cuts and one-time recovery funds.

- Pre-COVID Revenues and Costs (2015-2019)
- o COVID Era Revenues and Costs (2020 2022)
- Post-COVID Revenues and Costs (2023- current)

Workshop 3: Future Budget Outlook and Options for Growing Revenues/Reducing Costs

Goals:

- 1. Examine assumptions that are baked into YoloTD Five-Year Budget Outlook
- 2. Explore options for new/increased funding sources for YoloTD

Potential Speakers

(not confirmed) Michael Pimentel, California Transit Association



Kari Watkins, UC Davis Professor, Co-Director, Transit Research Center and Member of the Transit Transformation Task Force Kristina Svensk, Director of Transportation, SACOG Keith Dunn, Self-Help Counties Coalition

3A. Five Year Outlook and Underlying Assumptions

- Review Five-Year Outlook from FY 2024-25 Budget
- Examine Revenue Assumptions:
 - Assumption: YoloTD continues to receive 50% of TDA funding
 - o Assumption: Increased availability and/or utilization of federal funds
 - Sac UZA Discretionary Funds Yolo utilization increases
 - Davis UZA Funds Unitrans shares increases with YoloTD
 - Assumption: Yolo 80 toll revenue sustains mitigation measures indefinitely
 - o Assumption: State does not replace SB 125 funding program
 - Assumption: YoloTD does not develop a sales tax measure or other self-help program
- Examine Cost Assumptions:
 - Assumption: Transit operation costs don't increase dramatically with new operations contract
 - Assumption: Zero emission infrastructure and other capital improvements are largely funded through competitive and non-operating funds.
 - Assumption: No net expansion of transit service beyond that funded by Yolo 80 mitigation

3B. Options for Increasing Revenue

- Federal Funding Options:
 - Davis UZA federal funding: Open discussions with Unitrans and City of Davis about increasing YoloTD share of Davis UZA funds
 - Sac UZA: develop strategy for receiving more Sacramento UZA discretionary funds
 - Hire consultants/lobbyists to assist with securing federal discretionary grants for zero emissions infrastructure and other capital projects
- State Funding Options:
 - o Increase engagement in state policy to develop new sources of transit funding
 - o Update formulas/assumptions about TDA allocations



- Local Funding Options:
 - o Shape CARTA toll policy to prioritize mitigation funds for transit
 - Work with jurisdictions to pursue VMT mitigation dollars for large developments (eg Cache Creek Casino)
 - o Explore countywide transportation sales tax measure

3D. Options for Reducing Costs

- o Discuss triggers/thresholds for reducing transit service
- New SRTP includes a reduced funding scenario and recommendations for how/where to cut transit service
- o Reduce multimodal programs and projects