

BOARD COMMUNICATION: YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
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Topic: Approve Board Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023	Agenda Item#: Agenda Type:	<h1>3b</h1> <h2>Action</h2>	
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Prepared By: H. Cioffi		Meeting Date: January 22, 2024	

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023.

December 11, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

**YOLO TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 December 11, 2023
 Yolo Transportation District
 350 Industrial Way, Woodland, CA 95776**

Chair Stallard called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and requested a roll call to determine quorum.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Member	Jurisdiction	In Attendance	Absent
Tom Stallard (Chair)	City of Woodland	X	
Josh Chapman (Vice-Chair)	City of Davis	X	
Dawntè Early	City of West Sacramento	X	
Jesse Loren	City of Winters	X	
Lucas Frerichs	Yolo County	X	
Matt Dulcich (Ex-Officio)	UC Davis	X	
Greg Wong (Ex-Officio)	Caltrans	X	

YoloTD staff in attendance were Executive Director Autumn Bernstein, Clerk to the Board Heather Cioffi, Acting Planning Director Brian Abbanat, Acting Director of Transit Operations Daisy Romero, and Legal Counsels to YoloTD Kimberly Hood and Kirk Trost.

Chair Stallard asked for public comment on the closed session agenda item; Mr. Hirsch provided public comments.

Closed Session- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(1)

There was no report from the Closed Session.

Agenda Items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g — Consent Calendar*

Item 5 is an action item.

Chair Stallard asked if any directors or staff had any changes to the consent calendar. Chair Stallard noted the meeting date for November 2024 fell on Veterans Day and would be moved to the third Monday of the month.

Chair Stallard asked for public comments for items on the consent agenda; there were no comments.

Chair Stallard asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar with the suggested corrections; Director Early made the motion, seconded by Director Frerichs.

5a.	Approve Board Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 11, 2023
5b.	Approve Meeting dates for 2024
5c.	Appoint Chair, Vice-Chair for the 2024 Calendar Year
5d.	FY 2023-24 Operating & Capital Budget Status Report
5e.	Amendment #2 to Legal Services Contract with Law Office of Kirk E. Trost
5f.	Update on the Yolo Active Transportation Corridors (YATC) Project
5g.	Approve Increase to Intern Wages to Comply with Minimum Wage Changes Effective January 2024

Roll Call for Agenda Items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g— Consent Calendar

	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	STATUS OF MOTION
Stallard	X				Motion passed
Early	X				
Chapman	X				
Loren	X				
Frerichs	X				

Chair Stallard asked for public comment on items not on the agenda item; Mr. Hirsch provided public comments.

Agenda Item 6 — Yolo 80 Draft Environmental Document

Item 6 is an action item.

Ms. Bernstein began the presentation by giving an introduction on item 6. Mr. Abbanat reviewed the DEIR findings, VMT Mitigation Plan, the alternative preferred by staff based on the community engagement feedback YTD staff received. Mr. Abbanat also reviewed the the YoloTD survey results, the project timeline and staff recommendations.

Mr. Bhattal, project manager from Caltrans, District 3, reviewed the project description and the available alternatives. Mr. Bhattal reviewed the DEIR Project Description: The project would add managed lanes on I-80 and US-50 by a combination of lane conversion, restriping, and shoulder and median reconstruction with a concrete barrier.

Mr. Bhattal reviewed options 2a-7a. He also noted that all alternatives listed above have an associated “b” alternative that would add a Direct Connector at the I-80/US 50 interchange to help optimize managed lanes operations and improve multimodal mobility.

Since the November update, important project activity has occurred that has changed the Yolo 80 Managed Lanes project’s short-term trajectory. Recall, the California Transportation commission (CTC) did not recommend the \$103 million Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP) grant application by Caltrans and YoloTD, which introduced project uncertainty and subsequent delay of the Draft Environmental Document (DED), in this case an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Additionally, because the project’s DED is among the first in the region to address emerging California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations on freeway expansion projects, specifically Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impacts, Caltrans Headquarters and District 3 needed additional time to coordinate on the DED prior to its release, contributing to the delay.

Caltrans released the DED on November 13, 2023 and is consistent with the alternatives identified in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) released in June 2022. The draft DED complies with the required 45 day comment period, which is scheduled to close on January 5, 2024. EIR certification is critical as this milestone is a requirement to obligate the \$86 million INFRA funding awarded to the project.

Mr. Abbanat reviewed the previous outreach YTD and Caltrans has done and the outreach that is planned moving forward.

Mr. Abbanat reviewed the staff recommendation to the board of directors. Staff recommendations are to receive the presentation from Caltrans on the yolo 80 Managed Lanes Draft Environmental Document (DED), to receive the public input on the DED and to Direct staff to submit a letter to Caltrans affirming DED Alternative #4 as Yolo Transportation District’s (YoloTD) preferred alternative for the Yolo 80 Managed Lanes project.

Chair Stallard asked for public comments; Alan Hirsch, Stephen Wheeler, Babu Vaitla, Ken Wagstaff, Andrew Furillo, Christina Kimble Shoemaker and NJ Mvondo all provided public comments.

Chair Stallard asked if members of the board had any questions or comments. Questions and comments from the board included:

- Why is the cost to construct or implement VMT mitigation different from the full cost of the VMT mitigation. The answer was that the project’s contribution to each VMT mitigation program varies. For some mitigations, the project’s contribution covers the annual cost for the full 20 years and others do not cover the full annual cost.
- Does the annual VMT reduction number remain the same regardless of the contribution? The answer was yes.
- Will YoloTD weigh in on the equity program if the program moves forward? The answer was yes once the environmental review is completed the new JPA will oversee the equity program.
- When will YoloTD board have an opportunity to weigh in on the equity portion of the program. The answer was the equity portion has already been funded by SACOG and will start mid-April and move forward. It was also clarified that the new JPA will oversee the equity program.
- Will the YoloTD board have any say in the equity program with the JPA? The answer was at this time it is unclear how involved the YoloTD board would be directly involved.
- The concern that certain cities, not affected by this project, would be making decision on this program. The answer was this item would be reviewed in item 7, however, YoloTD has been working on making sure that Yolo County would be well-represented on the JPA Board.

Agenda Item 7— Yolo 80 Tolling Authority Application and JPA Formation

Item 7 is a non-action item and is for informational purposes only.

Ms. Bernstein gave a presentation on the Yolo 80 Tolling Authority and the formation of the JPA. The presentation included information listed in the staff report for item 7.

Ms. Bernstein stated that there will be a follow-up meeting regarding this item and Caltrans roll and the number of voting or non-voting seats.

Chair Stallard asked for public comments; Alan Hirsch provided public comments.

Chair Stallard asked if members of the board had any questions or comments. Questions and comments from the board included:

- Many Board members expressed the opinion that Caltrans should not have more than one voting member on the JPA. Having another member as a non-voting member would be okay, but Caltrans does not need more than one voting member.
- The majority of seats on the JPA should represent Yolo County not, specifically, Sacramento County.
- Ms. Bernstein stated that there was a lot of time devoted to negotiations between YoloTD and SACOG regarding the JPA and not as much conversation with Caltrans, due to time constraints. Moving forward, Caltrans will be more involved in talks with YoloTD and SACOG to make sure everyone is involved.
- SACOG will be voting on the JPA agreement at their next meeting on January 18, 2024.
- Ex-Officio Greg Wong noted that Caltrans looks forward to continuing conversations with YoloTD and SACOG on the JPA.

Agenda Item 8 — Financial Controls for YoloTD

Item 8 is a non-action item and for informational purposes only.

Mrs. Fadrigio gave an update on Financial Internal Controls. This presentation included YoloTD objectives, ongoing compliance checks and an independent auditor's assessment.

The control steps and procedures reviewed by Ms. Fadrigio are listed in the Staff report for item 8.

Chair Stallard asked for public comments, Alan Hirsch provided public comment.

Chair Stallard asked if members of the board had any questions or comments. Questions and comments from the board included:

- How long have we had these auditors? Ms. Berstein answered that as we work with SACOG for our auditing needs, we have had these auditors for a very long time. We will be moving forward in 2024 to request bids for new auditors.

Agenda Item 9 — Administrative Reports

Item 9 is a non-action item and for informational purposes only.

Ms. Bernstein provided administrative reports. Reports included:

- This is the last meeting that Tom Stallard will work as Chair.
- Staff participated in the Woodland Holiday Parade and it was a great success.

Chair Stallard asked for public comments, Alan Hirsch provided a comment and asked a question, which the Board asked Ms. Bernstein to respond to. The question was when will the approval of the FHWA funding agreement will be on the agenda? Ms. Bernstein stated that the environmental document needs to be certified and an alternative selected before that will happen. That action is currently anticipated for February 2024 but may be pushed back depending on when the environmental document is certified.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Heather Cioffi

Heather Cioffi, Clerk to the Board

The recordings of the YoloTD Board of Directors meeting can be viewed on our website at the following link: [Agenda & Minutes - Yolobus](#)