



## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Lisa Baker, Chair (Winters)  
Stephen Streeter, Vice-Chair (Davis)  
Olin Woods (Yolo County)  
Mollie D'Agostino (Woodland)  
Andrew Furillo (At Large)

Committee Members Absent:

Patrick Guild (West Sacramento)

Staff Present:

Autumn Bernstein, Executive Director  
Chas Fadrigio, Director of Finance and Administration  
Daisy Romero, Director of Transit Operations  
Brian Abbanat, Director of Planning  
Daniel Gomez, Acting IT Specialist

### 2. Public Comments

Alan Hirsch spoke about the Environmental Impact Project for the Yolo 80 project and whether the Committee should make a recommendation on the project.

### 4. Consent Calendar

Motion: Committee Member Woods made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion was seconded by Director Furillo. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

Consent Calendar items:

4a. Approval of Minutes of CAC's Regular Meeting on January 30, 2024

### Regular Calendar

### 5. Draft Workplan for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Informational)

Executive Director Autumn Bernstein and Director of Transit Operations Daisy Romero gave a presentation on the workplan and fielded inquiries from the Committee.

Chair Baker called for public comment.

Alan Hirsch provided comments about climate change and the need for tree canopy/shading at bus stops.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Baker closed public comments.

General discussion commenced amongst the Committee with a lengthy discussion regarding restoration of fixed route services. The Committee expressed support for restoration of express routes and highlighted the need for more frequent headways on the 42 A/B.

Seeing no further comments or questions from the Committee members, Chair Baker closed discussion on the item.

## **6. Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Director of Finance and Operations Fadrigio presented a robust presentation and fielded inquiries from the Committee.

Chair Baker called for public comment.

Alan Hirsch made comments about the need for metrics such as efficiency, such as the cost per trip and cost per rider, and spending transit funding on projects other than transit.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Baker closed public comments.

General discussion commenced amongst the Committee. Questions and feedback from Committee members included:

- A comment was made that hourly headways on the Route 138 causeway connection are very long and inconvenient.
- Several CAC members expressed frustration that so much LTF funding is being retained by the jurisdictions.
- CAC members wanted to understand more about this unmet transit needs process and how STA/LTF local dollars are being divided between YoloTD and among the cities. CAC requested that a discussion of STA/LTF be added to the CAC's long-range calendar.
- Several members expressed support for expanding BeeLine microtransit in Winters. Alternative transportation is very limited in Winters, the city has lots its local Uber and Lyft drivers in Winters this year. People are getting stranded. Expansion of BeeLine service and possible restoration of Route 220 should be considered.

Seeing no further comments or questions from the Committee members, Chair Baker closed discussion on the item.

## **7. Caltrans Cooperative Agreement Obligating INFRA Funds for Yolo 80 Managed Lanes Project**

Director of Planning Brian Abbanat gave an overview of the Yolo 80 project, key milestones to date, and the action before the Committee.

Chair Baker called for public comment.

Alan Hirsch made general comments about the Yolo 80 project and the Committee's role.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Baker closed public comments.

Board members asked questions that were fielded by staff.

Committee Member Furillo made a motion to recommend against obligating the INFRA funds. Committee Member D'Agostino seconded the motion.

Chair Baker called for a roll call vote. The motion failed 2-3.

Committee Member Woods made a motion to support staff's recommendation to recommend that the YoloTD Board obligate the INFRA funds and sign a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to advance the Yolo 80 project. Committee member Streeter seconded the motion.

Chair Baker called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 3-2.

## **8. Administrative Reports**

### **A. CAC Members' Reports**

Committee Member D'Agostino shared that Woodland Tree Foundation has an upcoming tree-planting event.

Committee Member Woods complimented the Executive Director.

Committee Member Furillo provided an update from the Unitrans Advisory Committee on updated Unitrans fare structure. He also noted there is an upcoming meeting of the City of Davis Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Committee where they will discuss consolidation and restructuring of City commissions.

Chair Baker shared that the City of Winters recently rescinded a resolution dating from the 1940s barring the return of Japanese Americans to the City of Winters. A day of reconciliation followed and a new monument was created to mark the location of the historic Japantown.

### **B. Executive Director's Reports**

Executive Director Bernstein and Director of Planner Brian Abbanat thanked the Committee and Mr. Hirsch for their involvement and offered reflections on the Yolo 80 project. She also shared an update on applicants to the vacant at-large seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee. She also gave an update on community events that YoloTD participated in, and noted that the BeeLine service area in Knights Landing will be expanded to include the unincorporated community of Yolo, effective July 1.

## **9. Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.