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Topic: Woodland Transfer Point Location Update	Agenda Item#:	6
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Receive update on activities related to establishing a new transfer center location in proximity to downtown Woodland.

BACKGROUND:

Staff Note: This staff report builds on prior Woodland Transit Center staff reports, specifically, from March 10, 2025 YoloTD Board Meeting.

Over the past several years YoloTD and the City of Woodland have coordinated closely on relocating the Woodland Transit Center from the existing County Fair Mall (CFM) to a location in or proximate to the downtown, a longstanding YoloTD objective and consistent with the City's General Plan policy.

In February, 2025 YoloTD brought to the Woodland City Council a proposal to relocate the transit center to a preferred location in the vicinity of Second and Court Streets. The City Council did not support that location but recognized the need to relocate from the CFM, directing Woodland staff to continue working with YoloTD and return with a recommendation for a mutually agreeable location(s) to relocate the transit center. An Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of City of Woodland councilmembers and YoloTD Board directors was also established to help facilitate the process.

Importantly, a decision is needed within calendar year 2025 for implementation of YoloTD's in-progress Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update and the accompanying transit service changes in fiscal year 2026/27.

DISCUSSION:

Since February 2025, Woodland and YoloTD staff have coordinated closely on identifying a substitute location for the existing transit center. Currently, intercity Route 42 A/B passengers must wait through a scheduled delay at the CFM as the "layover" location to enable route recovery time, driver breaks, driver

changes, and vehicle substitutions if needed. At a transit center such as CFM, several buses may converge and lay over for up to 20 minutes while these activities take place. When considering relocating a transiter center, specific conditions are needed to accommodate these activities, including dedicated parking areas, access to restrooms, and passenger amenities, among others.

With the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) update in progress, staff are exploring alternate locations from CFM for layovers to occur. While a layover site is not yet determined, some alternative locations include Main & Industrial Way, the Memorial Union at UC Davis, or Sacramento International Airport. The significance of this change is that it allows YoloTD to consider alternative "transfer point locations" in Woodland that struggle to meet the siting criteria of a transit center. In this context, a transfer point location may have some transit center features and is identifiable as a location for passengers to transfer bus routes but doesn't require the same footprint for many buses to dwell simultaneously. Furthermore, the scheduled layover would not occur at a transfer point location. That is, while routes would be scheduled to converge at this location, buses would continue their routes after dropping off passengers.

Main Street Between 5th & 6th Street Opportunity

Starting in late winter through spring, YoloTD and Woodland staff began evaluating alternatives to the 2nd & Court Street site. These sites included:

- 3rd Street between Court & North
- 2nd Street between Lincoln & Main
- 3 alternatives in the vicinity of 6th & Lincoln
- Main Street between 5th & 6th Streets

Through collaborative dialogue, YoloTD and Woodland staff identified the segment of Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets fronting the new Yolo County Courthouse (Attachment A) as a preferred alternative that could meet YoloTD's operational needs and downtown access objectives while addressing the City of Woodland's concerns of downtown circulation impacts and compatibility with surrounding land uses. This site was introduced to the Ad Hoc Committee in June 2025 for preliminary consideration and received enough interest to continue exploring. After further analysis and as well as discussion with the Yolo County Courthouse, no fatal flaws were identified and support among both staff and the Ad Hoc Committee strengthened support for this location.

Land Use Compatibility.

A siting criterion for a transfer point location is for close proximity to downtown commercial uses but avoiding conflict with retail businesses (e.g. excessive loitering, competing for parking, etc.). The proposed Main Street location is directly fronted by the Yolo County Superior Courthouse, Freeman Park, and a vacant lot. No active retail uses front the street, reducing potential on-street parking conflicts. The courthouse is a significant trip generator itself, with which visitors can benefit from transit access. The courthouse area also has substantial on- and off-street parking for drivers. Finally, this location offers access to downtown Woodland within a short walking distance.

Operational Compatibility

Operational compatibility of the courthouse location was confirmed early in the evaluation process. Consistent with preliminary proposed route revisions in the SRTP, local Routes 211, 212 and intercity Routes 42 A/B, 45 would realign to serve the transfer point (Attachment B). Yolobus already serves this location with Route 215 and a single bay exists on each side of the street. The new transfer point location would add a bay in each direction for four total. Operationally, a benefit of Main Street location is that both sides of the street can be used for boarding and alighting without requiring looping around the block. Additionally, the streets and intersections on which buses are re-routed have adequate space to accommodate bus turning movements, including a traffic signal at 5th Street to enable left turn movements from Main Street onto 5th Street.

Surrounding Environment

The proposed location has an inviting, pedestrian-friendly streetscape with street trees on the north side, separated sidewalks, sufficient lighting, and curb extensions to provide more comfortable intersection crossings. Substantial volumes of passing motorists increase "eyes on the street" to enhance the sense of safety. Major street improvements are not anticipated to be needed. However, YoloTD and Woodland staff are coordinating to identify minor improvements and installation of transit amenities and placemaking features to strengthen the location's identify for bus route transfers to occur.

Next Steps

The immediate next steps are for the City and YoloTD to conduct targeted outreach to the downtown business community and adjacent property owners to raise awareness of this preferred location. Staff then anticipate bringing this topic to the YoloTD Board and Woodland City Council for approval in the fall.

Implementation of the Woodland transfer point to this location will need to be coordinated with implementation of SRTP route revisions which is expected to occur in the first half of Fiscal Year 2026/27.

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>:

- A. Preferred Woodland Transfer Point Location
- B. Existing and Proposed Bus Routing

Woodland Transfer Point Location

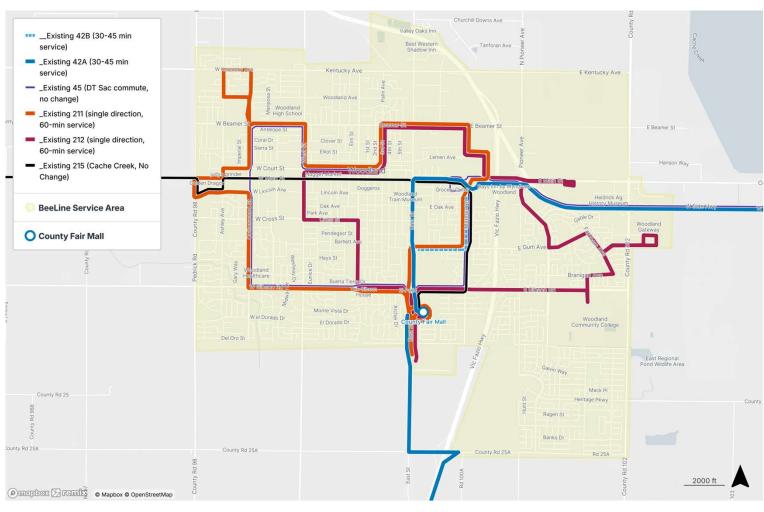






Existing Local Routes

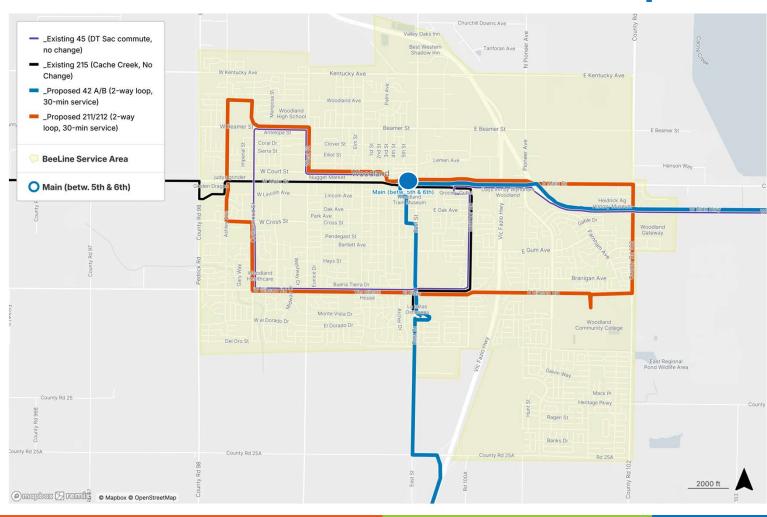






Woodland Transfer Point Route Assumptions* Yolo





*Preliminary Assumptions

