

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: YOLO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
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Topic: Establish an I-80 Managed Lanes Subcommittee	Agenda Item#: Agenda Type:	7 Deliberation/Action
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD) Board of Directors establish an Interstate 80 Managed Lanes Subcommittee to:

- Represent the YCTD Board in project development discussions with our partners at Caltrans, SACOG, FHWA and other interested parties;
- Work with staff to develop recommendations for Board consideration;
- Provide monthly reports to the full Board and seek direction on key issues;
- Provide advice, consultation and nimble guidance to staff to implement the Board’s vision.

While this project has implications for all of the YCTD service territory and the entire region, the proposed project directly affects the geographic territory of three member jurisdictions represented on our Board: Yolo County, West Sacramento and Davis. Chair Saylor requests that the Board ratify appointment of Directors Saylor and Ledesma to this Ad Hoc Subcommittee with Director Frerichs as alternate.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Establishing a subcommittee of the YCTD Board to focus on the Managed Lanes project will help provide internal and external consistency and clarity and avoid potential Brown Act violations.

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, YCTD was awarded an \$85 million INFRA grant to partially fund construction of the I-80 managed lanes project in Yolo County. Our partners at Caltrans are moving forward with design and environmental review. A draft environmental document is anticipated in early 2022.

At the October 2021 YCTD Board meeting, there was a robust discussion about the desired vision and outcomes for the I-80 managed lanes project. Since that meeting, there has been a flurry of formal meeting requests and informal conversations among staff and Board members of YCTD, Caltrans and SACOG. Staff anticipates that the need for ongoing staff and Board-level coordination will only intensify once we execute the INFRA grant and enter the environmental review process.

As the lead agency for the I-80 managed lanes project, Caltrans has established a Steering Committee to provide input to the planning process. Several YCTD Board members and staff have participated in those meetings, as well as several ‘focus meetings’ with Caltrans and SACOG staff.

At the most recent Steering Committee meeting on October 21, a next step was identified to have Board-level coordination between YCTD and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). YCTD does not currently have an established 2x2 Committee with STA. In the future, such a committee may be necessary. In the near term, what’s needed is a focused conversation about interstate 80, and the proposed I-80 Managed Lanes Subcommittee would be the appropriate group to participate in that conversation.

SACOG also provides funding to the 80 Managed lanes project and actively participates in most of these meetings. Four YCTD Board members currently serve on the SACOG Board of Directors. Ensuring consistent YCTD representation in joint YCTD/SACOG discussions will help avoid potential violations of the Brown Act.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.