

AGENDA ITEM III – A

**YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (4:00 P.M.)

Present: Bains (Chair), Blaser, Fuhrer (Vice-Chair), Hudson, Kirchner and Shaw
Absent: Buttacavoli, Flores

II. Public Business from the Floor

None.

III. Consent Calendar

Director Shaw made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

IV. Reports

A. Caltrans Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) Agreement Extension.

Mauk stated that the Caltrans State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway Temporary Construction Easement agreement allowing Granite Construction to fence and secure a significant portion of our north yard resulting in the loss of 15 bus parking stalls was delayed from the original June 1, 2023 start date to July 31st. Due to the two month delay, Caltrans is now requesting an amendment of the easement agreement to extend that agreement through March 31, 2024.

Staff recommended approval of the attached amendment to the Temporary Construction Easement based on a formal commitment by Yuba County to extend the current lease agreement for property at the Yuba County Airport where displaced buses are now being stored. There is no cost to Yuba-Sutter Transit for this extension as no costs were incurred during the two-month delay in the highway project. In fact, Caltrans will pay Yuba-Sutter Transit \$1,000 for the additional duration of the agreement.

Director Kirchner made a motion to authorize execution of the amendment to the Caltrans TCE, identified as Parcel #37882-4, as proposed. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Caltrans Quit Claim Request.

Mauk stated that during property and right-of-way research for the State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway project, Caltrans discovered an existing Yuba-Sutter Transit easement on the east side of B Street (Highway 70) in the vicinity of 24th Street. This easement, which is identified in the attached map as property parcel 38520-A, apparently resulted from the bisection of what is now Yuba-Sutter Transit's property by the State Route 70/B Street Realignment in the 1950's. This easement is not contiguous with the current Yuba-Sutter Transit property and Caltrans is requesting a Quitclaim Deed for that parcel so at the completion of the roadway project they can deed unneeded property to Marysville Unified School District without encumbrance of any easements. Mauk stated that this action would have no direct cost impact to Yuba-Sutter Transit.

Director Hudson made a motion to authorize the execution of the Caltrans Quitclaim Deed for parcel #38520-A as proposed. Director Shaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. State Transit & Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Grant Fund Master Agreement.

Mauk stated that Yuba-Sutter Transit applied for the last round of TIRCP funding and was awarded a total of \$13.725 million for the construction of the NextGen Transit Facility and procurement of Zero Emission Buses. Of this total, \$10 million will be used for the construction of the NextGen Transit Facility, \$3 million will fund 50% of the expected cost of 15 battery electric, on-demand busses and \$725,000 will fund 50% of the expected cost of a battery electric commuter bus for the new Roseville service.

Director Shaw made a motion to adopt Resolution No.13-23 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Caltrans Master Agreement and Program Supplements necessary to receive awarded TIRCP funds, as proposed. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Regional Funding Round Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

Mauk discussed that in May 2023 Yuba-Sutter Transit was awarded \$3.5 million in funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) FY2023 Region Funding Round. With SACOG's support, staff is now seeking to advance the environmental phase of the project to allow for the timely obligation of additional State and Federal funds that have been awarded for the full design and construction of the facility. The environmental phase, which includes review and approval of the project under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is expected to cost up to \$500,000 and take several months to complete.

On September 21, 2023 SACOG authorized the SACOG Executive Director to enter into a subrecipient agreement for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the environmental phase of the facility project.

Director Kirchner made a motion to execute a subrecipient agreement with SACOG, accepting up to \$500,000 from the previously awarded FY 2023 Regional Funding Round, as proposed. Director Shaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Project & Program Updates.

1. NextGen Facility Environmental RFP

Based on the available funding and applicable procurement guidelines, staff anticipates bringing a draft RFP to the Board at the November meeting under a single procurement to update the project cost estimate and complete all necessary environmental clearances including 30% design.

2. Annual Sacramento Area Council Governments (SACOG) Unmet Transit Needs Hearings

Mauk stated that the annual Unmet Transit Needs Hearings, as required by State Transportation Development Act regulations, will be held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23rd and in person locally at the Yuba County Government Center at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25th.

3. Sikh Parade Shuttle

Mauk noted that Yuba-Sutter Transit will again be providing an off-site parking shuttle service for the annual Sikh Parade on Sunday, November 5th.

4. Legislative Update

- a. SB 125 will provide \$4 billion statewide over four fiscal years to support transit operations and capital needs. TIRCP Cycle Six awardees, such as Yuba-Sutter Transit, are eligible for the additional funds if needed. Yuba-Sutter Transit met with SACOG on October 16, 2023, regarding our priorities and next steps.
- b. AB 400 extends the sunset date to January 1, 2031, allowing local agencies to use the design-build contracting method.
- c. The governor vetoed a measure to decriminalize transit fare evaders (AB 419), on the basis that it could, in turn, contribute to an increase in crime on transit.
- d. Under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (AB 1377), applicants of funds beginning with Round 3 are required to provide data and other information on specific and quantifiable steps that the applicant has taken to improve the delivery of services to people experiencing homelessness on transit properties that operate in their jurisdiction.
- e. AB 364 directs Caltrans to develop an open source and publicly available database listing the type and location of "street furniture" such as covered bus stops. The intent of AB 364 is to create a database that would provide transit riders with better data on where they can find bus stops with shaded structures to avoid the heat.

V. Correspondence / Information

- A. Zero Emission Bus Rollout Plan Acceptance Letter from California Air Resources Board.
- B. September 2023 SACOG Newsletter Article regarding the Yuba-Sutter NextGen Transit Plan.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED.