

**TRANSIT NEEDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT IN
YOLO COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CITIES OF DAVIS,
WEST SACRAMENTO, WINTERS, AND WOODLAND
MINUTES**

November 1, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

Community Outreach Event – Davis Farmer’s Market

The Community Outreach Event at the Davis Farmer’s Market was held by Barbara VaughanBechtold, SACOG staff; Autumn Bernstein and Daisy Romero representing the Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD); and Jeff Flynn representing Unitrans and the Yolo County Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).

Three (3) people provided comments at the event and six items of correspondence were received.

Ms. VaughanBechtold and other transit agency staff arrived at the Davis Farmer’s Market at 3 PM and spoke to interested members of the public until 5:30 PM.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Sherrill Futrell, Davis, CA

Please expand Interstate 80! I cannot get to Sacramento anymore in less than an hour. I don’t want to keep breathing exhaust. We need help! Thanks!

2. Nate Tanzer, Davis, CA

The following is needed:

- Electronic signage would be good (real-time bus arrival information).
- The transit stop in front of IN and Out is unsafe (Richards Blvd. and Olive Drive in Davis) and should be moved.
- When are the transit operators switching to zero emission vehicles?
- Would like assistance planning school group trips using transit.

3. Anonymous, Davis, CA

A regular (fixed route) bus that travels between Winters and Davis. Later evening service between Winters and Davis on the current BeeLine (current service is only available 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Mon-Sat.).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Katrina Katzenbach, Davis, CA

To Whom it May Concern,

I saw your request for Sacramento Transit feedback on the Unitrans website, so I thought I would respond.

Several things deter me from going to Sacramento via public transit.

First, the lack of efficient routes - Between Davis and Sacramento is a REALLY long ride. Because we're at the tail end of the route, getting back into Davis is also a really long ride. Because the route is determined by the stop at the mall in Woodland, the bus had to stop and on one trip, I ended up buying three separate tickets. That alone makes it not worth going to Sacramento. I would like it if there was a more efficient way to get between Davis and Sacramento.

Rude Drivers - I was really shocked by how openly rude the drivers on the Yolo County bus system were. When I asked one for information I was literally blown off with a, "There's a schedule", which is poor customer service. The second interaction was with a bus driver blaming the entire bus for not being EXACTLY where she wanted us for pickup. Not in the general direction, but repeatedly blaming and stopping to talk about how stupid we all were. REALLY bad. So, maybe hire some people who are a little more polite.

Third, there are very few routes that actually meet my needs. I've often needed to get to Arden Fair Mall, but there's no way to do that which is even halfway efficient. It would be really nice if Yolo bus would consider adding or changing some routes.

I've been taking public transit since I was eleven. I've encountered many, many different systems, from New York, Philadelphia, DC, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco - as well as transit systems abroad. I've seen a wide variety of service frequencies and understand not every need can be met. But these things were well below what I think is the bare minimum for customer service and route frequency. I do think more people would use the bus if there were more options when connecting Sacramento with Davis.

You might not be looking for this, but since it was offered on the Unitrans site in Davis, I'm assuming feedback for Davis-Sacramento is valid.

Best,
Katrina K.

2. Charles Battaglia, Woodland, CA

For 10 years I've wondered when will Yolo bus have a route up/down County Road 102, between Woodland and Davis. There are so many people that live on the east side of Woodland in all the new developments. Nobody wants to take a local bus and transfer at the mall/transfer center to Davis. There needs to be a bus that goes up and down County Road 102 to service that east side of Woodland.

3. Brian Paddock, Esparto, CA

The public bus system should be self-sufficient.

Brian Paddock

4. Maria Montchal, West Sacramento, CA

There should be more efficient service to downtown Sacramento from West Sacramento. I shouldn't need to take a bus, the light rail, and then also have to walk for over 10 minutes to get there.

5. Kimberly Garza, Davis, CA

Hello I would like to request a bus stop close to Tremont Green Apartments in Davis at 5663 Marden Street. Currently it is a 30-minute walk to the nearest bus stop. I know many other people in my area would benefit from this please contact me if you need more information.

6. Michael Barnbaum, Sacramento, CA

YTD Route 42 A/B: The recommendation for this YoloBus Route is to operate on a frequency of once every thirty minutes throughout the service day on its existing route alignment in both directions of travel. Operating this route at once every thirty minutes throughout the service day would allow passengers to memorize the published timetable and realize that at their timepoint that the bus route would be there at exactly two times per hour throughout the service day. The portions of this route that are currently at once every forty-five minutes can become a bit confusing to riders ability to know exactly what two times after each hour that their bus route would be at specific timepoints.

7. Tanner Passmore, Davis, CA

I live in Davis where I usually get around by bike, but I wish there were faster/more frequent transit options to surrounding areas. Yolobus route 42 A/B could use streamlining and/or frequency increases to make it a faster service for getting to the airport and downtown Sacramento. Capitol Corridor really needs an 8 AM train towards Sacramento from Davis. I also wish transit could take me to recreational areas just slightly outside the SACOG region like Lake Berryessa.