MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2026

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Yuba City Council Chambers (Location Change)
1201 Civic Center Blvd.
Yuba City, CA 95993

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bains, Bradford, Buttacavoli, Cole (Vice-Chair), Flores, House (Chair), Hudson and Kirchner

II. Closed Session

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA
Agency Negotiator: Matthew Mauk, Executive Director
Negotiation Parties: Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

III. Public Business from the Floor

Members of the public may address the Authority on items of interest that are within the Authority's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda for this meeting. Public comment regarding agenda items will be permitted as each agenda item is considered by the Board.

IV. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and can be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion or specific action.

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2026. (Attachment)
B. Disbursement List for October 2026. (Attachment)
C. Monthly Performance Report for October 2026. (Attachment)

V. Action Items

A. Extensions of the State Route 70 Binney Junction Construction Easements and Yuba County Airport Property Lease Agreement. (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the terms of an amendment to the Settlement Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for two (2) Temporary Construction Easements necessary for construction of the State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway and Complete Streets Project, as proposed or amended.

2) Approve the terms of an Airport Land and Building Lease Agreement (Lease) with the County of Yuba for certain property described as Yuba County Airport Terminal Area, Lots 19 and 20, as proposed or amended.

3) Authorize the Executive Director to sign the settlement agreement, Lease, and any additional documents necessary to effect the terms of said agreements, as proposed or amended.

B. Staff Car Purchase Authorization. (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the issuance of a purchase order with Freeway Toyota in the amount of $68,053.26, for the purchase and delivery of two (2) 2027 Toyota Camrys under the terms of the current California State Contract, as proposed or amended.

C. Innovative Clean Transit Regulation Waiver Request. (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to the California Air Resources Board for a 2027 annual waiver of the zero-emission heavy-duty vehicle purchasing requirement due to the continued operational impacts of the Caltrans Binney Junction Roadway Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Project, as proposed or amended.

VI. Information Items

A. Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Performance Report. (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

B. Project and Program Updates

1. Next Generation Transit Facility Project
2. Lincoln/Roseville Service
3. Volunteer Driver Program Study

VII. Other Business / Correspondence

VIII. Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. in the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, California.

If you need assistance to attend the Yuba-Sutter Transit Board Meeting, or if you require auxiliary aids or services, e.g., hearing aids or signing services to make a presentation to the Board, please contact the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at (530) 634-6880 or by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com at least 72 hours in advance so such aids or services can be arranged.

AGENDA ITEM IV–A
YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2026

I. Call to Order & Roll Call (4:00 p.m.)

Present: Flores, Gilchrist (for Buttacavoli), House, Kirchner and Ziegenmeyer (for Bains)
Absent: Bains, Bradford, Buttacavoli, Cole and Hudson

II. Closed Session

Closed session was cancelled.

III. Public Business from the Floor

None.

IV. Consent Calendar

Director Kirchner made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Flores seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

A. Extensions of the State Route 70 Binney Junction Construction Easements and Yuba County Airport Property Lease Agreement.

Item was removed from the agenda.

B. Heavy Duty Low Floor Bus Purchase Authorization.

Executive Director Mauk discussed staff's recommendation for Board approval of the purchase of five (5) 35' low floor diesel buses quoted at $769,220 each to replace model year 2013 and 2014 buses currently in service on the local fixed routes.

Director Kirchner made a motion to authorize the issuance of the purchase order with Gillig, LLC. In the amount of $3,846,140, for the purchase and delivery of five (5) 35' diesel low-floor replacement buses, as proposed. Director Gilchrist seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

C. Release of a Request for Proposals for Final Design and Construction of the Next Generation Transit Facility Project.

Mauk presented staff's recommendation to initiate the second phase of a two-step procurement process in which the Authority is seeking proposals from pre-qualified Design/Build firms to provide final Design and Construction of the Next

Generation Transit Facility Project (Project), as recommended by the evaluation committee.

Director Kirchner made a motion to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified firms to provide final Design and Construction of the Next Generation Transit Facility Project as proposed. Director Flores seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Director Gilchrist made a motion to appoint Director House to serve on the Proposal Evaluation Committee charged with making a recommendation to the Board for award of a Design-Build contract to deliver the project. Director Flores seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

D. Release of a Request for Proposals for Operations and Maintenance of the Yuba-Sutter Transit System.

Mauk discussed staff's recommendation to release an RFP seeking a qualified transportation company to provide operations and maintenance of transit services beginning October 1, 2027, for a maximum term of eight years and nine months, and request for Board direction as to the formation of an Evaluation Committee charged with developing a recommendation to the Board for award.

Director Flores made a motion to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified private transportation companies to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Yuba-Sutter Transit system as proposed and directed staff as to the appointment of an Ad Hoc committee of two (2) Board members to participate in the screening and selection process. Director Kirchner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

E. Joint Letter of Concurrence Supporting Dual Designated Recipients for the Sacramento Urbanized Area.

Mauk presented staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Concurrence to the State supporting the establishment of a Dual Designated Recipient structure for applicable FTA formula funding apportioned to the Sacramento UZA.

Director Kirchner made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign on to the Letter of Concurrence as proposed. Director Gilchrist seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Project and Program Updates.

1. Lincoln/Roseville Service Launch

Mauk reported the Lincoln/Roseville service launched on Monday October 12th and the route has been reliably connecting with Rapid Link service at the Lincoln park

and ride. Mauk reported a few customers using the MOD service to go to Bishops and Hard Rock.

VI. Correspondence/Information

None.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM IV – C
YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT
DISBURSEMENT LIST
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

CHECK NO.		AMOUNT	VENDOR	PURPOSE
EFT	$	8,237.59	CALPERS HEALTH	HEALTH INSURANCE - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	5,712.09	CALPERS RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT PAYMENT (EMPLOYER SHARE) - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	862.00	CALPERS 457 PLAN	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	957.16	CYPRESS DENTAL ADMINISTRATORS	DENTAL & VSP INSURANCE - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	59,337.08	PAYROLL	PAYROLL - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	1,182.69	PRINCIPAL MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	L/D/LTD INSURANCE - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	792.99	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	CREDIT CARD: ABODE SUBSCRIPTION, REGISTRATION FEE, SECURITY EQUIPMENT FOR MELODY RD
EFT	$	400.00	FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	POSTAGE RESET 10/9/2026
EFT	$	455.00	CALIFORNIA DEPT OF TAX AND FEE	FUEL TAX: JULY 2026 - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	44.17	CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE	FIRE SUPPRESSION - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	509.21	CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE	WATER: 9/12/2026 - 10/13/2026
EFT	$	301.44	COMCAST BUSINESS SERVICES	INTERNET SERVICES - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	5,137.90	PG&E	ELECTRIC AT 2100 B ST: 9/10/2026 - 10/08/2026
EFT	$	29.13	PG&E	PARKING LOT LIGHTS - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	56.36	PG&E	GAS AT 2100 B ST - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	350.73	VERDANT COMMERCIAL CAPITAL	COPY MACHINE LEASE - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	14,473.12	RAMOS OIL COMPANY	BUS FUEL - GAS 9/11/2026 - 9/30/2026
EFT	$	7,055.80	RAMOS OIL COMPANY	BUS FUEL - GAS 10/1/2026 - 10/10/2026
EFT	$	9,091.45	THE LE FLORE GROUP	NGTF CONSULTING - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	1,980.00	THE LE FLORE GROUP	CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	5,196.00	MSC INTEGRATION	LIVE VIDEO MONITORING - OCTOBER 2026 AT 1430 MELODY RD
EFT	$	963.75	STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE: 10/1/2026 - 1/1/2027
EFT	$	336.00	HANSON BRIDGETT LLP	LEGAL SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	257.04	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD	CLEAN TRUCK CHECK FILING FEES FOR 8 VEHICLES
EFT	$	327.52	UTILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES	SEWER - OCTOBER 2026
EFT	$	145.54	CO-AD	PAYROLL FEES - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	2,820.00	VIA TRANSPORTATION INC	VEHICLE FEES - SEPTEMBER 2026
EFT	$	100.00	RENICK HOUSE	BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2026
EFT	$	100.00	WADE KIRCHNER	BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2026
EFT	$	342.48	ELAVON	MERCHANT SERVICE FEE - OCTOBER 2026
19799	$	282.47	ADVANCED DOCUMENTS CONCEPTS	COPY MACHINE CHARGES - SEPTEMBER 2026
19800	$	175.00	ALL SEASONS TREE & TURF CARE	LANDSCAPING & WEED CONTROL AT 2100 B ST - SEPTEMER 2026
19800	$	300.00	ALL SEASONS TREE & TURF CARE	CLEAN UP AT 1430 MELODY RD
19801	$	6,645.00	BARROW'S LANDSCAPING, INC	TREE REMOVAL & WEED CONTROL AT 6035 AVONDALE AVE
19802	$	810.00	CALIFORNIA FIRE AND ALARM INC	ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION AT 1430 MELODY RD
19803	$	50.00	CITY OF MARYSVILLE	REGISTRATION FOR 2026 MARYSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE
19804	$	1,110.00	CIVICPLUS LLC	WEBSITE SERVICES & DOCACCESS SUBSCRIPTION - OCTOBER 2026
19805	$	3,784.94	CONNECT CARD REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER	CONNECT CARDS SALES - SEPTEMBER 2026
19806	$	52,390.76	HUNT & SONS INC	BUS FUEL - DYED DIESEL
19807	$	16,450.00	PACIFIC FENCE RENTAL	FENCE INSTALLATION AT 6035 AVONDALE AVE
19808	$	1,100.00	RC JANITORAL	JANITORIAL SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026
19809	$	1,125.87	SC FUELS	DEF FLUID
19810	$	581,267.41	STORER TRANSIT SYSTEMS	CONTRACT SERVICES & VEHICLE INSURANCE - AUGUST 2026
19811	$	7,483.50	SUTTER BUTTES COMMUNICATION INC	SERVICE AGREEMENT & REPEATER FEES: 10/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
19812	$	436.80	T-MOBILE	WIFI SERVICES ON BUSES - SEPTEMBER 2026
19813	$	1,186.00	T-MOBILE	WIFI SERVICES ON BUSES: 8/21/2026 - 9/20/2026
19814	$	1,083.18	TEHAMA TIRE SERVICE INC	TUBES/TIRES AND FLAT TIRE REPAIR
19815	$	590.00	TELELINK BUSINESS TELEPHONE SYSTEMS	TELEPHONE SERVICE - OCTOBER 2026
19816	$	125.00	TRANSIT TALENT.COM LLC	LEGAL NOTICE FOR RFP #04-26
19817	$	2,150.00	ALLIANT NETWORLIMG SERVICES, INC	IT SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2026
19818	$	3,500.00	CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION	2027 PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP DUES
19819	$	111,453.66	CITY OF YUBA CITY PUBLIC WORKS	BUS PAD IMPROVEMENT AT SHASTA & ALTURAS
19820	$	100.00	DAN FLORES	BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2026
19821	$	51,420.49	HUNT & SONS INC	BUS FUEL - DYED DIESEL
19822	$	100.00	MICHAEL ZIEGENMEYER	BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2026
19823	$	73.46	OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	WATER & SEWER AT 1430 MELODY RD - SEPTEMBER 2026
19824	$	1,912.50	PROSIO COMMUNICATIONS	MARKETING SERVICES - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026
19825	$	2,259.90	QUEST	MAINTENANCE OF BUS STOPS/SHELTERS - SEPTEMBER 2026
19826	$	617.54	QUILL CORPORATION	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES: PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER & HAND SOAP
19826	$	140.70	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES: COPY PAPER
19827	$	4,006.56	RECLAMATION DISTRICT 784	FY 2027 LEVEE & INTERNAL DRAINAGE O&M - AVONDALE AVE
19828	$	3,008.75	RICH, FUIDGE, BORDSEN & GALYEAN INC	LEGAL SERVICES: 9/17/2026 - 10/15/2026
19829	$	524.86	RICHALL ELECTRIC CO	FACILITY SERVICE - OUTSIDE LIGHTS
19830	$	1,768.69	SC FUELS	DEF FLUID
19831	$	619.09	SECURITAS TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	SECURITY SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2026
19832	$	65.00	SHELBY'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL SERVICES - OCTOBER 2026
19833	$	1,593.89	STORER TRANSIT SYSTEMS	GAS FOR DR VEHICLES: 9/29/2026 - 9/30/2026
19834	$	100.00	STUART GILCHRIST	BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2026
19835	$	4,571.31	TEHAMA TIRE SERVICE INC	TUBES/TIRES
	$	993,936.57		

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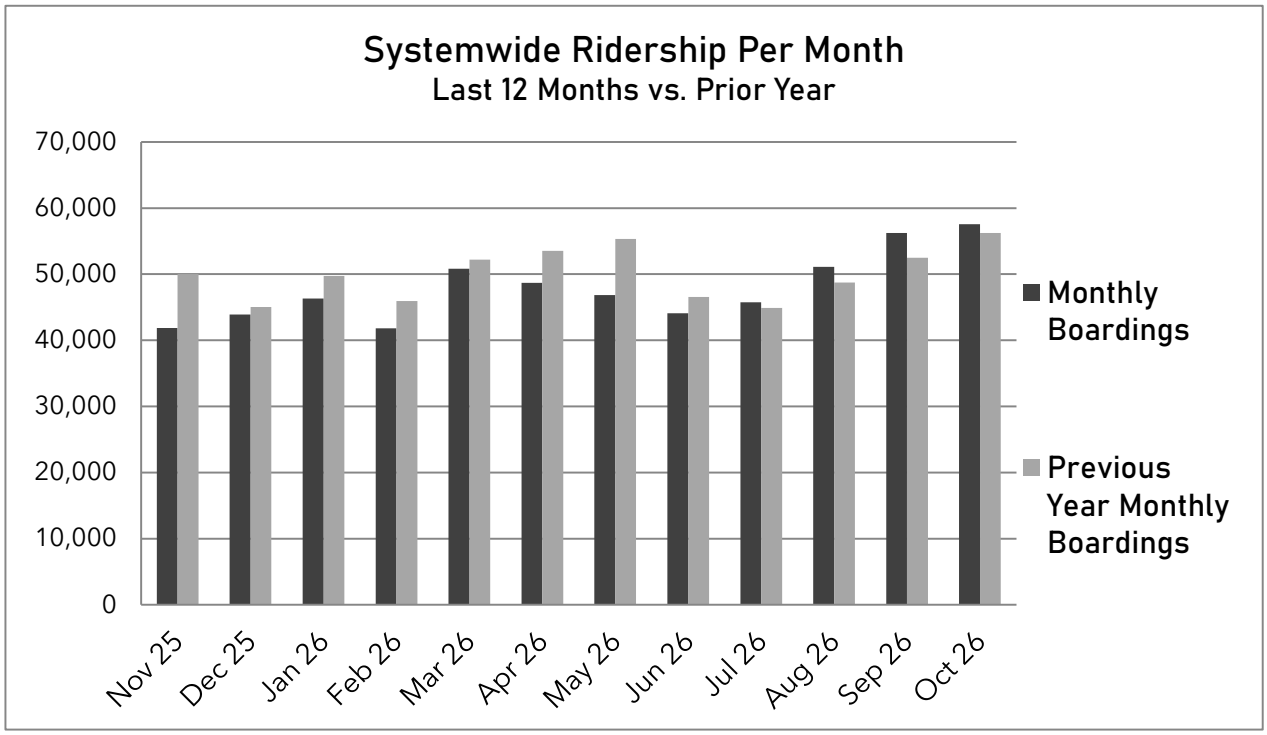
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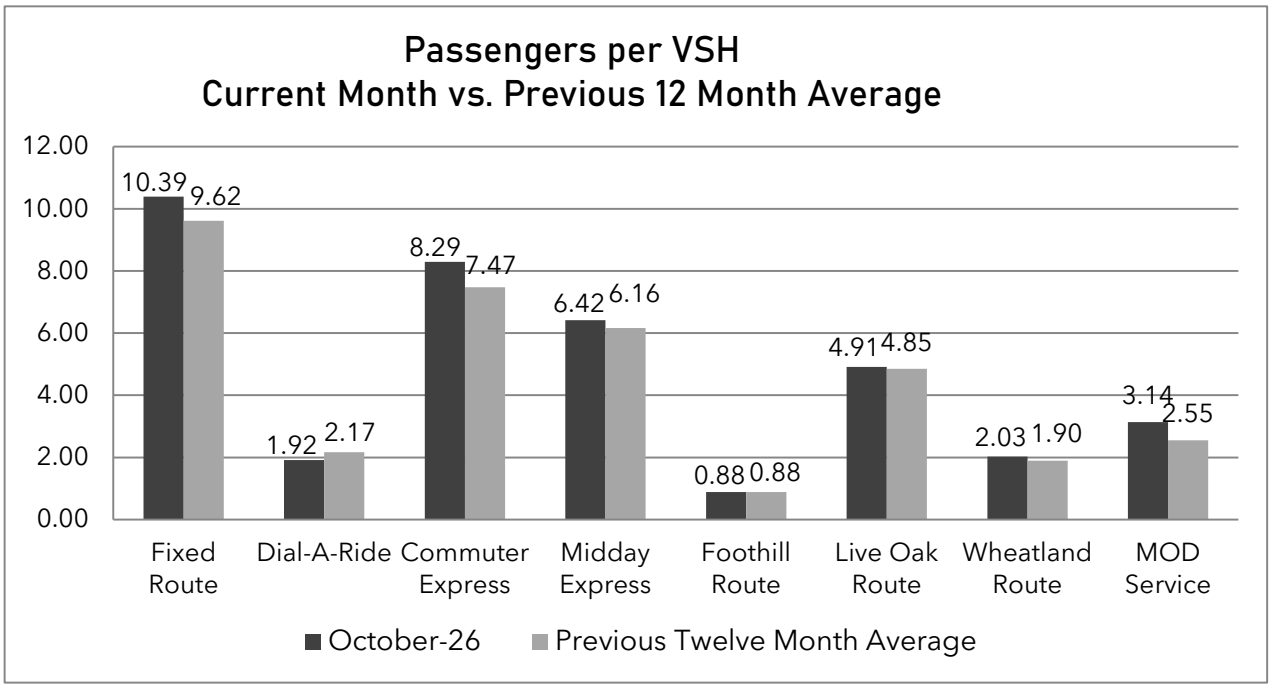
AGENDA ITEM IV- C

OCOTOBER 2026 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Ridership:	October-26	Previous Twelve Month Average	Fiscal YTD	Previous Fiscal YTD
Fixed Route	44,490	39,065	160,602	169,058
Dial-A-Ride	2,206	2,125	8,879	8,808
Commuter Express	6,869	3,256	26,657	19,305
Midday Express	797	2,430	2,779	2,553
Foothill Route	79	77	324	439
Live Oak Route	409	396	1,436	1,935
Wheatland Route	41	109	376	271
MOD Service	2,763	1,851	9,724	3,251
Total Ridership:	**57,654**	**49,309**	**210,777**	**205,620**
Vehicle Service Hours:				
Fixed Route	4,281.91	4,062.77	16,618.50	16,695.94
Dial-A-Ride	1,150.34	980.11	4,764.55	4,797.68
Commuter Express	828.51	435.71	2,886.80	2,796.36
Midday Express	124.15	394.37	483.80	513.18
Foothill Route	89.56	87.44	360.72	371.06
Live Oak Route	83.32	81.62	330.60	328.52
Wheatland Route	20.20	57.52	192.35	215.55
MOD Service	879.67	725.01	3,107.58	3,041.46
Total VSH's:	**7,457.66**	**6,824.56**	**28,744.90**	**28,759.75**
Passengers Per Hour:				
Fixed Route	10.39	9.62	9.66	10.13
Dial-A-Ride	1.92	2.17	1.86	1.84
Commuter Express	8.29	7.47	9.23	6.90
Midday Express	6.42	6.16	5.74	4.97
Foothill Route	0.88	0.88	0.90	1.18
Live Oak Route	4.91	4.85	4.34	5.89
Wheatland Route	2.03	1.90	1.95	1.26
MOD Service	3.14	2.55	3.13	1.07
Total Passengers Per VSH:	**7.73**	**7.23**	**7.33**	**7.15**

OCOTOBER 2026 PERFORMANCE REPORT





AGENDA ITEM V–A
STAFF REPORT

EXTENSIONS OF THE STATE ROUTE 70 BINNEY JUNCTION CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND YUBA COUNTY AIRPORT PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the terms of an amendment to the Settlement Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for two (2) Temporary Construction Easements necessary for construction of the State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway and Complete Streets Project, as proposed or amended.

2) Approve the terms of an Airport Land and Building Lease Agreement (Lease) with the County of Yuba for certain property described as Yuba County Airport Terminal Area, Lots 19 and 20, as proposed or amended.

3) Authorize the Executive Director to sign the settlement agreement, Lease, and any additional documents necessary to effect the terms of said agreements, as proposed or amended.

Background

Due to the planned construction in Phase 2 of the State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway and Complete Streets Project located between 14th Street and Cemetery Road, in Marysville (Project), the Authority settled on the terms of one (1) Permanent Access Easement on a portion of the Authority's property described as Parcel 37882-1, and two (2) temporary construction easements which it describes as Parcel No. 37882-2 and Parcel No. 37882-3. The easements are required for the purpose of providing construction contractors with access to construct retaining walls on the eastern border of the Authority's property at 2100 B Street as part of the Project.

The restart of work on the Project will require the Authority to relocate a significant number of vehicles to a temporary site for a planned twelve (12) month duration of construction. In coordination with Caltrans and the County of Yuba, the Authority identified an adequate site located at 1430 Melody Rd in Olivehurst described as Yuba County Airport Terminal Area, Lots 19 and 20. The site is generally sufficient for storage and dispatch of the fixed route fleet and lease agreement was executed with the County of Yuba for the property, commencing February 1, 2025, covering the construction period anticipated at the time through November 30, 2026.

Discussion

The next phase of construction on Caltrans' Project affecting the relocation of the Authority's operations is now anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2027 and Caltrans staff is requesting an 18-month extension of the two (2) temporary construction easements signed on March 27, 2025. This would extend the current expiration date of the easements from December 1, 2026, to June 1, 2028.

At the time of agenda publication, the Authority and Caltrans are negotiating the terms of an amendment to said agreement, including additional reimbursement of costs incurred by the

Authority as a result of the additional duration of the Project. Staff is charged with ensuring that the terms of the proposed amendment represent a fair and reasonable resolution and provide appropriate compensation to the Authority for the project's anticipated disruption to its operations. In addition, the terms of the original Agreement will remain in effect meaning that should construction extend beyond the planned timeline, or actual costs are higher than anticipated, the agreement can be amended further.

In combination with the Caltrans agreement, it is necessary to execute a new Airport Land and Building Lease Agreement with the County of Yuba for the relocation site at 1430 Melody Rd., described as Yuba County Airport Terminal Area, Lots 19 and 20. If approved, the Lease will be for an eighteen (18) month period commencing December 1st through June 30, 2028, to correspond to the amended Caltrans agreement duration. The proposed Lease currently under consideration includes terms largely identical to the previous lease, with the requested addition of a clause allowing the Authority to terminate for convenience at any time with 30 days' notice.

Pending ongoing negotiations and approval of final drafts by legal counsel, staff is requesting Board authorization to sign the settlement agreement with Caltrans, the Lease with Yuba County, and any additional documents necessary to effect the terms of said agreements as proposed.

Staff will be prepared to discuss the item in further detail and provide any available draft agreements at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None. Per the proposed terms of said agreements, the $12,500 monthly rental fee for the leased property will continue to be paid to the County of Yuba directly by Caltrans quarterly, and all additional costs incurred by the Authority because of the added time on the Project are assumed reimbursable by Caltrans.

AGENDA ITEM V–B
STAFF REPORT

STAFF CAR PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the issuance of a purchase order with Freeway Toyota in the amount of $68,053.26, for the purchase and delivery of two (2) 2027 Toyota Camrys under the terms of the current California State Contract, as proposed or amended.

Background

The Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority Procurement Policy requires that individual purchases over $50,000 be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval prior to execution.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Capital Budget adopted June 18, 2026, includes the subject purchase of two (2) staff vehicles to both replace an existing staff vehicle that has exceeded its useful life, and expand the non-revenue fleet by one (1) additional staff car.

Discussion

With the requested action, staff is recommending approval of the purchase of two (2) Toyota Camrys from Freeway Toyota, under the terms of the California State Contract #1-22-23-10C. If approved, these vehicles will serve to both replace an SUV used in continuous service since 2005, and to provide the contractor with an additional non-revenue staff vehicle. The recommended make and model is appropriately sized for the needs, is relatively fuel efficient, and the State Contract provides for a 5-year Toyota service plan to lower cost of operation.

Following past practice, staff are recommending purchase under the terms of the current California State Contract. Leveraging the State Contract results in lower unit costs, less administrative time and expenses, and ensures compliance with state and federal purchasing regulations. Freeway Toyota is the State awardee for the desired make and model of vehicle and delivery is estimated within twelve (12) months of a notice to proceed.

Staff will be prepared to discuss this purchase in detail at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, it is anticipated that the purchase will be funded with available State Transit Assistance funds, and the project will be carried over to the FY 2028 capital budget to correspond with the expected delivery.

AGENDA ITEM V–C
STAFF REPORT

INNOVATIVE CLEAN TRANSIT REGULATION WAIVER REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to the California Air Resources Board for a 2027 annual waiver of the zero-emission heavy-duty vehicle purchasing requirement due to the continued operational impacts of the Caltrans Binney Junction Roadway Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Project, as proposed or amended.

Background

The Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation was adopted in December 2018 by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to replace the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies. The regulation requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet. It applies to all transit agencies that own, operate, or lease buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 lbs. It includes standard, articulated, over-the-road, double-decker, and cutaway buses. However, over-the-road coaches and cutaway buses remain exempt from the ZEB purchase requirements until additional market conditions change.

Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (Authority) is considered a small transit agency under the ICT based on fleet size and service area population. The ZEB purchase requirements began in 2026 for small transit agencies, with a 25 percent minimum of new bus purchases each year that must be zero-emission. Beginning in 2029, 100 percent of new purchases by all transit agencies must be ZEBs, with a goal of full transition by 2040.

The ICT regulation does provide for exemptions and compliance options to transit agencies to ensure transit service is not adversely impacted through the implementation. Providing that all required information is correct and complete, year-by-year exemptions are to be granted upon request for circumstances that are beyond a transit agency's control. Examples include a lack of adequate available funding for incremental capital or electricity costs for depot-charging battery electric buses, unforeseen delays in infrastructure construction, or when a transit agency declares a financial emergency.

The California State Route 70 Binney Junction Roadway Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Project (Project), currently being undertaken by Caltrans District 3, is a multi-phase construction project involving the replacement of two railroad underpasses immediately to the north and south of the Authority's operations and maintenance facility at 2100 B Street in Marysville. The next phase of construction on the Project required the execution of two temporary construction easements (TCEs) granted to Caltrans for a significant portion of the Authority's current bus parking lot. It is anticipated that these TCEs and complementary lease agreements will be extended at least eighteen (18) months as construction is now estimated to begin April/May of 2027. Caltrans' exercise of these construction easements will necessitate relocating the Authority's entire heavy-duty bus fleet (currently thirty-three vehicles) to a temporary, leased operations site for the duration of the construction.

With Board authorization in November 2025, the Authority requested and received an annual waiver from CARB of the initial ZEB purchasing requirement for calendar year 2026, due to the anticipated relocation of the Authority's heavy-duty bus fleet to a temporary, leased operations

site during the Caltrans construction Project.

Discussion

With the requested action, staff recommends Board authorization to request another annual waiver of the ZEB purchasing requirement for calendar year 2027 based on there having been no change to the conditions warranting the 2026 waiver. It is staff's contention that a waiver is still justified due to the impracticability and undue cost of potentially installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure at a property the Authority is leasing temporarily and will occupy for an unknown period. In addition, Caltrans financial support for the relocation would not extend to major upgrades or improvements such as electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

If approved, staff will submit a written request, and any necessary supporting documentation, to CARB prior to the regulatory deadline of November 30th. Staff will be prepared to discuss this matter in greater detail at the meeting as needed.

Fiscal Impact

None.

AGENDA ITEM VI-A
STAFF REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Background

Attached is the systemwide performance report for the services operated by Yuba-Sutter Transit during the full 12-month Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2026, presented in comparison to the previous FY 2025.

Discussion

Systemwide ridership totaled 583,773 trips during the fiscal year, down 4.2 percent (4.2%) from FY 2025. This occurred despite the vehicle service hours (VSH) systemwide increasing just over eleven percent (11.1%) compared to FY 2025. Driving the overall drop in productivity was a year-over-year decrease in local fixed route boardings and Dail-A-Ride demand by just under eight percent (7.6%) and just under nineteen percent (18.8%), respectively. Commuter ridership leveled off in FY 2026 as well, increasing just over two percent (2.1%) annually. The overall ridership drop, coupled with the additional VSH, spurred in part by the MOD service (8,652), resulted in the nearly fourteen percent (13.7%) decrease in passenger trips per VSH.

Looking forward, systemwide ridership is expected to pick up in FY 2027, although remaining below pre-pandemic levels. Growing use of MOD microtransit services, new service offerings, and recent reversal of remote work policies for State workers have already resulted in positive ridership gains through the first quarter of the new fiscal year.

Staff will be prepared to discuss the performance summary in detail at the meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachment(s)

FY 2026 Annual Performance Report

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2026

Fixed Route:	Passenger Trips	Vehicle Serv. Hours	Pass. Trips Per VSH	Est. Fare Revenue	Fare Rev. Per VSH	Est. Farebox Ratio
July 2025 - June 2026	474,147	48,742.87	9.73	$630,965	$12.94	11.0%
July 2024 - June 2025	513,228	46,275.12	11.09	$641,682	$13.87	11.8%
Percent Change	-7.6%	5.3%	-12.3%	-1.7%	-6.6%	-6.6%
Dial-A-Ride:						
July 2025 - June 2026	25,490	14,468.18	1.76	$82,696	$5.72	4.8%
July 2024 - June 2025	31,384	17,684.01	1.77	$113,238	$6.40	5.4%
Percent Change	-18.8%	-18.2%	-0.7%	-27.0%	-10.7%	-10.7%
Sacramento Services (Commuter & Midday):						
July 2025 - June 2026	59,737	9,372.27	6.37	$312,491	$33.34	28.3%
July 2024 - June 2025	58,532	9,061.71	6.46	$306,902	$33.87	28.7%
Percent Change	2.1%	3.4%	-1.3%	1.8%	-1.6%	-1.6%
Foothill Route:						
July 2025 - June 2026	1,007	1,050.96	0.96	$813	$0.77	0.7%
July 2024 - June 2025	1,105	1,014.44	1.09	$1,014	$1.00	0.8%
Percent Change	-8.9%	3.6%	-12.0%	-19.8%	-22.6%	-22.6%
Live Oak Route:						
July 2025 - June 2026	5,165	972.89	5.31	$4,017	$4.13	3.5%
July 2024 - June 2025	4,501	936.09	4.81	$2,914	$3.11	2.6%
Percent Change	14.8%	3.9%	10.4%	37.9%	32.6%	32.6%
Wheatland Route:						
July 2025 - June 2026	1,163	670.78	1.73	$629	$0.94	0.8%
July 2024 - June 2025	487	604.78	0.81	$449	$0.74	0.6%
Percent Change	138.8%	10.9%	115.3%	40.1%	26.3%	26.3%
MOD Service:	17,064	8,651.94	1.97	$3,484	$0.40	0.3%
Systemwide Summary:						
July 2025 - June 2026	583,773	83,929.89	6.96	$1,035,095	$12.33	10.5%
July 2024 - June 2025	609,237	75,576.15	8.06	$1,066,199	$14.11	12.0%
Percent Change	-4.2%	11.1%	-13.7%	-2.9%	-12.6%	-12.6%

Notes: 1. All financial calculations are estimates pending final fiscal audits.
2. First available MOD service data is July 2025