

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Monday, September 18, 2017

5:00 PM

NVTA Conference Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present - Vice Chair-Frances Knapczyk
Michael Costanzo
Joel King
Eric Hagyard
Dieter Deiss
Barry Christian
Marisa Coyne

Absent –Trinity Talbott

2. Introductions

Public Present:

Patrick Band-Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Sergio Ruiz-Caltrans
Greg Stueland
Lorien Clark-City of Napa
Derek Moore-NVTA Public Information Officer

3. Public Comment

3.1 Patrick Band - Napa County Bicycle Coalition (NCBC) announced multiple bicycle events coming up:

- Sept. 30 - Bike Your Park Day-Cinedome Parking lot-8am-10am

- Oct. 21 - Bike for Tots Event-Yountville- All Day Event
- Oct. 28 - Oxbow Festival-Kidical Mass Ride-9:30am-Event takes place at Oxbow Commons
- Nov. 11-Family Biking Workshop-Yountville Elementary School

NCBC partnered with the Sonoma County and Marin County Bicycle Coalitions on a PSA Video-45 seconds long-Give riders of all types 3 feet-also reminds drivers that all types of people ride bikes-Looking for funding to get the PSA in local movie theaters.

Napa County Library-Contracting with NCBC to build a “mobile library bike (Trike)” for attending local events. NCBC is considering Crowd Sourcing for funds to support the effort.

4. Committee Member and Staff Comments

4.1 Member Christian - Parks Bond made it through committees. It will likely be on the ballot in 2018-Local/Regional Trails, Coastal Conservancy as well as Parks and Open Space Districts will be supported. The Gov. supports it (needs 51% to pass). Will bring a source of funding to trails.

4.2 Member Costanzo requested an update on the signals on the Vine Trail Oak Knoll segment. City of Napa staff, Lorien Clark said the City has hired a consultant to do evaluation for best timing and adjustment. It will be up to Caltrans to make the adjustments once recommendations are made.

Member Costanzo also reported there is a malfunctioning signal at Trower. He also reported the City App for reporting road issues is not working. City staff will work on correcting the App reporting issue.

5. Routine Accommodations/Complete Streets Checklist Review

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017 ATAC Meeting (Diana Meehan)

MOTION made by KNAPCZYK SECONDED by COSTANZO to APPROVE the July 24 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Nomination and Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) (Diana Meehan)

The committee nominated and elected a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the 2017 Calendar year to fill a vacancy

MOTION MADE by KING SECONDED by COSTANZO to APPROVE Frances Knapczyk as Chairperson for the remainder of 2017. Motion passed unanimously

MOTION MADE by HAGYARD SECONDED by KNAPCZYK to APPROVE Joel King as Vice Chairperson for the remainder of 2017. Motion passed unanimously

7.2 Caltrans District 4 Regional Bicycle Plan Update (Diana Meehan)

Sergio Ruiz, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator, Branch Chief provided a presentation and update on the status of the District 4 Regional Bicycle Plan.

The Plan Vision is to improve cycling on and across the State Highway Network and will complement the recently adopted State Active Transportation Plan-“Toward an Active California” which is policy focused document that includes strategies for making active transportation modes safer. The District plan will focus more on projects in the region.

Emphasis Areas of the plan are:

- Prioritize Safety
- Design safer and more intuitive highway crossings and interchanges
- Streamline and communicate process for engaging with Caltrans and local communities
- Promote innovation through design and testing new bicycle treatments
- Increase investments in bicycle facilities on state highways
- Incorporate social equity into the prioritization process

Demand projections- Caltrans is using the MTC Travel Demand model with a focus on trips between 2-5 miles which are considered an easy travel distance for bikes.

Current tasks-

- Project identification-This may include focus group meetings with jurisdiction staff to help identify priority projects. The goal is to prioritize projects within each county, not just the region.
- Round 2 outreach taking place this fall:
 - Oakland
 - Petaluma
 - Menlo Park

The plan goal is a final product that is a user-friendly document for staff, jurisdictions and the public which may include:

- Online mapping tool
- GIS data
- Methodology report

Other products:

- Vision, Goals, Objectives
- Outreach summary
- Bikeway Classification Guide
- Maps

- Project list

7.3 Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan Update-Refined Vision, Goals and Objectives (Diana Meehan)

Staff provided a brief overview and presentation of the current status of the Countywide Bicycle Plan Update:

- Outreach events
- Wikimap-progress update including a demonstration on how to use the Wikimap
- Breakout session to mark-up maps and provide written comments on plan vision goals objectives and policies

Vision, Goals and Policies -

Staff explained the desire to streamline the Vision and create a more succinct set of goals and objectives, which will include relocating some objectives to the implementation part of the document.

Committee member suggestions for Primary Goals:

- Safe Connected network that will encourage riding-such as making transformative improvements on the Trancas Corridor
- N/S and E/W protected networks where people feel safe and comfortable on the streets and emphasize the importance for bicycling as a form of transportation -
 - Context sensitive appropriate treatments
 - Intersection improvements that remove barriers along and across connected networks
- Increase the level of bike riding -
 - Not a high level of population
 - Parking is free and abundant
- Make primary and secondary connections across the county and within each jurisdiction
- Education component - opportunities for encouraging use
- Complete streets - all ages and all abilities
- Increase standard widths for Class 1 to accommodate higher rates of use
- Safety - (Removing safety barriers) not just safe improved infrastructure, but street level harassment and perceived safety issues; Include formal, clear protocol and reporting mechanism for issues occurring with riders, particularly road rage, harassment etc.
- Who are the stakeholders that will benefit from the networks? Identify network priority and needs based on user:
 - Students - better school routes
 - Tourists - Interest nodes-shopping, attractions
 - Commuters - Work nodes

Committee member Costanzo suggested all information also be circulated to ATAC members when draft documents are circulated to jurisdiction staff for Administrative review.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan – Adopt Vision, Goals and Objectives

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Approval of Next Regular Meeting Date of October 23, 2017 and Adjournment.

Meeting was not formally adjourned.

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