



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CAC Agenda Letter

TO: Citizens Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Executive Director Report

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New Staff

NVRTA recently backfilled two vacant planning positions.

Rebecca L. Schenck has over 10 years of planning and economic development experience. Most recently, Rebecca worked as the Senior Project Development Specialist for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh. Rebecca has a Bachelor's degree from the Denison University and a Master's in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Shaveta Sharma has over 10 years of planning experience. Most recently, Shaveta was a senior planner at the County of Napa. She has a bachelor's degree in Public Policy, Management, and Planning from the University of South California and a master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics.

Project/Program Update

The Oak Knoll Vine Trail project, which is the segment that links Yountville to north Napa, is expected to be completed within the next few months. Work to install the signals is the cause of the delay. We are working with the contractor and the City to complete the work on time. If the work is delayed beyond this point, temporary signage directed bike/pedestrians to safe crossing will be installed and the trail will be officially opened. The One Bay Area Grant II Program (OBAG 2) is a 5 year program (FY 2017-

18 through 2021-22) administered by MTC for transportation projects. The funds can be used for all modes of transportation but in Napa are primarily used for active transportation projects and/or road projects on the federal aid system. OBAG funds cannot be used for roadway expansion to increase vehicle capacity. Under the OBAG 2 call for projects there is a set aside for Safe Routes to School (\$620,000) and for Priority Conservation Area projects (\$2,050,000). Eligible recipients include the Cities, Town, County, and NVTA. Project sponsor's such as non-profits and special districts, may be eligible for funding but would have to enter into an agreement with a public agency that had a Caltrans agreement in order to receive funds. The total amount of funding available for programming is \$6,483,000.

Upcoming Events

The Oak Knoll Vine Trail ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled sometime for late October pending calendar coordination.

Legislative/Funding Update

State and federal funding for transportation has not experienced a meaningful increase since 1993 when Congress passed a gas tax increase. Since then, transportation construction and operating costs have increased and maintaining and improving transportation infrastructure has become a significant challenge for local governments. Senator Beall and Assemblyman Frazier have worked tirelessly over the past year to address this challenge. A recent funding package proposal introduced in special session, identical bills SBX 1 (Beall) and ABX 26 (Frazier), while optimistic is not likely to pass. Their joint proposal would generate \$7.4 billion in revenue to repair and maintain our highways and local roads, invest in trade corridors, and support public transit and active transportation.

If successful, this would result in significant annual increases in funding to Napa. A summary of the new revenues is in Table 1 below.

Table 1: SBX1 and ABX 25 Proposed Estimated Annual Revenues for Napa	
Local Streets & Roads	
AMERICAN CANYON	763,495
CALISTOGA	207,074
NAPA	2,944,865
ST HELENA	236,827
YOUNTVILLE	122,209
COUNTY OF NAPA	5,834,890
LS&R Sub Total	\$10,109,360
NAPA STIP*	2,320,000
NVTA Transit	52,256
Grand Total	\$12,481,616

*STIP numbers annualized for clarity

FISCAL IMPACT

None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attachment(s): None