



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PCC Agenda Letter

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SUBJECT: Accessible Transportation Needs Assessment Plan Adoption

RECOMMENDATION

That the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) recommend that the NVTA Board approve the Accessible Transportation Needs Assessment at the May 21, 2025 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Accessible Transportation Needs Assessment (ATNA) study identifies barriers to mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities across Napa County and proposes strategies to enhance equitable and accessible transportation options.

The draft plan was presented to the PCC for review at the March 6, 2025 meeting and to the NVTA Board at the March 19, 2025 meeting. The draft was available for public comment through April 11, 2025. No additional comments were received from stakeholders or the public by the comment deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

BACKGROUND

In late 2019, Napa County officials, NVTA staff, and representatives from senior and disability advocacy groups convened to assess transportation gaps and potential mobility solutions. NVTA committed to leading a countywide needs assessment to identify and address these gaps.

Building on these efforts, the County of Napa Commission on Aging hosted a Transportation Needs Summit in March 2022, reinforcing that transportation remains a

critical challenge for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Recognizing the need for a collaborative approach, NVTa took the lead in conducting the ATNA with broad stakeholder engagement.

In February 2024, NVTa partnered with Nelson/Nygaard, a leading accessible transportation planning firm, to conduct the study. The assessment was coordinated with stakeholders from the County of Napa's Older Adults Needs Assessment (NOAA), which examined senior services countywide, including transportation issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Insights from the NOAA's transportation planning sessions informed many of the ATNA's proposed solutions.

As part of the ATNA study, Nelson/Nygaard:

- Reviewed relevant regional plans and conducted a peer review of accessible transportation models in other counties.
- Engaged stakeholders through meetings, public workshops, and data analysis to assess mobility service gaps.
- Developed targeted strategies to improve transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Key Implementation Strategies

The following six priority strategies were identified for phased implementation as funding becomes available:

- **Partner with healthcare providers** to enhance transportation access.
- **Expand non-NVTa transportation options** to increase service availability.
- **Improve access to medical facilities in neighboring counties.**
- **Establish a dedicated mobility manager** and formalize an ongoing implementation committee.
- **Enhance public awareness and outreach** to seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- **Expand Vine Go service** to improve mobility options.

NVTa staff reached out to the public and stakeholder group to provide comments on the draft plan from March 19 through April 11, 2025. No additional comments were received from the public during the comment period. Staff is recommending adoption by the NVTa Board at the May 21, 2025 meeting.

Upon adoption by the NVTa Board in May, staff will work with stakeholders to form an Implementation Committee to work towards advancing strategies in the plan.

ATTACHMENT

None