



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Board Agenda Memo

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SUBJECT: Countywide Active Transportation Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVRTA) Board receives a progress update on the Countywide Active Transportation Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August 2024 NVRTA initiated work on a Countywide Active Transportation Plan. This plan will serve as comprehensive update to prior Countywide Bicycle Plan (2019) and Pedestrian Plan (2016). New and innovative approaches to active transportation policy and infrastructure, as well as changes in law necessitate periodic updates to ensure that planned improvements align with local and regional goals, and to better compete for limited funding to support the build-out of the active transportation network.

This update serves to provide the Board an understanding of work completed on the Plan over the past year, as well as key tasks and opportunities for jurisdiction and public input and engagement in advance of a full draft Plan expected in February 2026.

BACKGROUND

Current Status

NVRTA staff and the consultant team led by GHD have made significant progress toward completion of the Countywide AT Plan in the past 12 months. Comprehensive maps of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities have been developed, along with a detailed Treatment Toolkit providing guidance in a wide range of active transportation facilities. Over 500 comments have been received from members of the public, including 199 online surveys and 143 comments via an interactive web map. Jurisdiction staff have provided valuable feedback on the overall direction and format of the plan. Table 1 below provides

a review of each task in the plan development process, current status, and target completion date.

Table 1 – Plan Tasks & Status Summary

Task	Status	Target Completion
Project Kickoff	Complete	Fall 2024
Existing Conditions Assessment	Complete	Winter 2024
Phase 1 Public Outreach/Engagement	Complete	Spring 2025
Treatment Toolkit	Public Draft	Summer 2025
Future Demand Assessment	In Progress	Fall 2025
Phase 2 Public Outreach/Engagement	In Progress	Winter 2026
Proposed Facilities	Public Draft*	Fall 2025
Proposed Policies & Programs	Public Draft*	Fall 2025
Implementation & Funding Plan	In Progress	Fall 2025
Final Document for Adoption	Not Started	Winter 2026

**Planned public draft release by September 19, 2025*

Plan Organization, Vision & Goals

The Countywide Active Transportation Plan will include individual chapters specific to each of the six jurisdictions – the County of Napa, and Cities/Town of Calistoga, St. Helena, Yountville, Napa, and American Canyon. While each jurisdiction will have a separate chapter that can be adopted into their local General Plan Circulation Element for planning purposes, staff are structuring the Plan to have a single Vision Statement & Goals/Objectives and policies that are consistent across all communities.

Preliminary Countywide Goals have been proposed that address topics including Safety, Equity & Accessibility, Connectivity, Sustainability, Maintenance, and Data/Evaluation.

Draft Facilities & Countywide Policies

Building on prior planning efforts, data on roadway speeds and volumes, advanced modeling of active mode trips, and public comments received during earlier phases of the Plan process, a proposed Active Transportation network has been developed.

Proposed countywide policies were developed based on an analysis of existing planning documents, including local jurisdiction General Plans, Local Roadway Safety Plans (LRSP), Vision Zero Plan, as well as regional and statewide plans and policies, public comments, and issues or topics identified through discussions with local jurisdictions.

Proposed facilities and policies were provided to Public Works & Planning staff at each jurisdiction for review and comment. NVTA staff conducted both in-person and virtual meetings with all jurisdictions to discuss opportunities to better align draft documents with local needs, priorities, existing development patterns, and constraints.

Next Steps

Following review and consolidation of jurisdiction comments, NVTA anticipates releasing a public draft of proposed Facilities, Goals/Objectives, and Policies by September 19th, 2025. To support community engagement and feedback on these draft documents, NVTA will be hosting a community Open House event in early October. Should any jurisdiction be interested, NVTA staff is willing to present an update to City Councils, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and/or Active Transportation Advisory Committees as time allows.

A full Draft Plan is expected in January 2026, with adoption by the NVTA Board of Directors to follow in February or March. Following NVTA Board adoption, local jurisdictions will have the opportunity to adopt the Plan to support a consistent countywide vision and strategy for the future of active transportation.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None