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NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Community Advisory Committee Agenda Memo

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SUBJECT: Community Based Transportation Plan & CARE Program Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) is a community-driven process which engages residents and community organizations in shaping transportation solutions for these communities. The focus is to identify transportation gaps and needs that will improve mobility for identified Equity Priority Communities (EPCs).

Objectives include:

- Improving mobility and access for historically underserved communities
- Identifying resident-perceived transportation gaps or needs
- Transportation project or programmatic improvements that focus on affected communities, such as carshare, bikeshare or a bike loaner program, rideshare and/or carpooling and on-demand/flex-route transit pedestrian or bicycle safety improvements near schools or jobs.

The final version of the CBTP was approved by the NVTA Board of Directors at the December 17, 2025 meeting. The next phase of the project is to move towards implementation.

BACKGROUND

In July 2024, NVT staff commenced the process of updating its CBTP along with its consultant MIG. During the seventeen-month process, nine census-tracts in Napa County that contain high concentrations of disadvantaged residents, known as Equity Priority Communities (EPCs), were the focus of the plan. The following objectives were met during the planning process:

- 1) In addition to the five EPCs identified by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, staff internally identified four additional local EPCs in Napa County
- 2) Reviewed related planning documents and projects located in the EPCs and created a Community Profiles Report
- 3) Conducted nine interviews with key stakeholders that work with disadvantaged residents
- 4) Hosted direct outreach events at strategic locations within the EPCs & collected feedback from residents on their transportation challenges and improvements they would like to see implemented
- 5) Set up an outreach table/booth at other community events that were attended by residents in EPCs
- 6) Distributed surveys to residents in the nine identified EPCs
- 7) Created a project list based on feedback received and vetted them with each affected jurisdiction
- 8) Compiled all of the feedback, information, photographs, data into the final 2025 CBTP Plan
- 9) Submitted the final approved plan to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

The CBTP contains a diverse list of recommended projects, including capital improvements, transit improvements and information campaigns. Each of these are associated with a unique set of funding challenges and opportunities. The manner in which the projects are integrated into local programming efforts also differs, whether via inclusion in a Capital Improvement Program or adoption as local policy.

Implementation of this plan will require ongoing commitments by NVT and its partner jurisdictions and community-based organizations. NVT will regularly monitor CBTP progress, maintain a record of project milestones and offer technical support to sponsor agencies. NVT hosts monthly Technical Advisory Committee meetings with each jurisdiction's planning and public works personnel. Once a year during these meetings, NVT will include an item on the agenda reviewing the project and program implementation timelines listed in Figure 49 and Figure 50 of the CBTP.

One potential source of funding for implementing CBTP-recommended projects is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's new program called Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) (Formerly Lifeline Transportation Program). CARE is a competitive funding, grant, and implementation program that will provide state and federal funds across three program components:

- 1) Community Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E)
- 2) Project Development Technical Assistance for CBTP Projects
- 3) Participatory Budgeting (PB)

Table 1: Potential CBTP Qualifying Projects under the CARE Program

Project/Strategy Category	Proposal	Location
A4	Add lighting to Washington Street	Calistoga
A7	Add raised crosswalk and/or speed table to Hartle Court to slow vehicle speeds	City of Napa
A8	Install a traffic signal at Wappo and Lincoln Ave	Calistoga
A9	Add a high visibility crosswalk at Linda Vista Ave and Kathleen Drive/Sutherland Drive	City of Napa
A15	Add sidewalks on Gasser Drive	City of Napa
A16	Add sidewalks to fill missing gaps on the north and south sides of West Pueblo	City & County of Napa
B8	Add high visibility and raised pedestrian crosswalks on Spring Street, including at Kearney near school	St Helena
C7	Add lighting to the Vine Trail bridge segment over Highway 29, near the North Napa homeless shelter	City of Napa
C11	Add a signalized crosswalk at Vine Trail at Solano Ave intersection (just south of Redwood Blvd)	City of Napa

More information about MTC's new CARE Program can be found on their website linked below:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/community-action-resource-empowerment-care-program>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Final Community Based Transportation Plan: https://nvta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Napa-Valley-CBTP-2025_Final_12-04-25.pdf

2. Final Plan Appendices: https://nvta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Napa-Valley-CBTP-2025_Final_Appendices-A-D_12-04-25.pdf