



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TAC Agenda Memo

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Countywide Active Transportation Plan (AT Plan) Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August of 2024, Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) kicked off the process of developing a Countywide Active Transportation Plan, which will bring together prior planning efforts, including the 2019 Countywide Bicycle Plan and the 2016 Countywide Pedestrian Plan, into a single cohesive document that charts a path forward for active transportation across Napa County communities.

Forthcoming work is focused on jurisdiction review of proposed facilities, as well as countywide vision, goals, objectives, and policies. This item serves to provide the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with an overview of the process and timeline for jurisdiction review, as well as key upcoming public-facing comment periods and community engagement opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Current Status

NVTA staff and the consultant team have made significant progress toward completion of the Countywide AT Plan in the past 6 months. Comprehensive maps of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities have been developed. 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 high-level review of each task in the plan development process, current status, and an estimated target completion date.

Table 1 – Plan Tasks & Status Summary

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

During the month of July, NVTa staff and Plan consultants, GHD, will be meeting with jurisdiction staff to review those items currently shown in the Admin Draft phase. We anticipate spending much of August compiling jurisdiction comments, with a final round of public engagement on draft facilities, goals, objectives, and policies in late September or October.

Plan Organization, Vision & Goals

As was done with the 2019 Countywide Bicycle Plan, the Countywide Active Transportation Plan will be formatted to 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 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.

Countywide & Jurisdiction-level Policies & Programs

Recognizing the opportunity to support consistency across jurisdictions, staff are planning to approach AT Plan policies and programs primarily from a Countywide level, while leaving room for locally specific policies or programs where unique conditions, preferences, or other factors exist. Policies will be organized generally under the Six E's framework developed by the Safe Routes Partnership, a leading nationwide active transportation organization. While equity is one of the goals of this plan, it is not itself an "implementation channel." As such, the policies and programs that support the equity and accessibility goal are distributed among the other "E" categories.

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- Engineering
 - Education
 - Engagement
 - Encouragement
 - Evaluation

Next Steps

Following Administrative review and consolidation of comments, NVTa anticipates releasing a public draft of proposed Facilities, Goals/Objectives, and Policies in late September or October. To support community engagement and feedback on these draft documents, NVTa will be hosting a community Open House event in October, likely in the south county area. Should any jurisdiction be interested, NVTa staff would be more than happy to present an update to City Councils, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and/or Active Transportation Advisory Committees.

A full Draft Plan is expected in January 2026, with adoption by the NVTa Board of Directors to follow in February or March, with adoption by local jurisdictions occurring in late winter through early Spring 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

None