

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Monday, September 29, 2025

5:30 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chair Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Michael Rabinowitz
Barry Christian
Jason Dominici
Aaron Heth
Thomas Gorton
Absent: 2 - Katherine Kittel
Jonathan Schellin

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

Member Dominici reported feedback on the new separated bicycle lane on Browns Valley Road and challenge with vehicles having obstructed vision when pulling out to enter the road.

Member Christian reported a recent community event that celebrated the Tuteur family for donating an easement above Skyline Park which provides a through trail to be completed next year.

Member Heth reported recent collaborative efforts of City of Calistoga, Caltrans and NVTa to install stop signs on a pedestrian crossing on Highway 29 North entering Calistoga.

5. Staff Comments

None

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Executive Director's Update (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 8-9)

Attachments: [6.1 Staff Report.pdf](#)

Information only/No action taken

****Special Meeting****

6.2 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Report by Carlotta Sainato of recent SRTS activities, including upcoming community events.

Public comment by Shawn Casey-White suggested partnering with local law enforcement to support walk and bike to school program efforts.

6.3 Napa Valley Vine Trail Update

Report by Shawn Casey-White of recent Vine Trail project activities, including maintenance efforts, new interactive phone app and digital gateway installations.

Member Gorton commented on Vine Trail signage challenges at the Trancas and Redwood Road intersection.

6.4 Active Transportation Legislative Updates*

Report by Patrick Band, highlighting bills that impact active transportation efforts: AB366, AB891, SB63, SB79 and SB720.

6.5 Caltrans Report (Patrick Band) (Pages 10-19)

Attachments: [6.5 Caltrans Report.pdf](#)

Report by Patrick Band, noted a new project map that will continue to be incorporated with Caltrans updates.

Public comment by TC Hulsey, inquiring about improvement design plans for area surrounding Maxwell Bridge.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 City of American Canyon Active Transportation Projects Update (Erica Ahmann Smithies)

Information only

Member Christian commented on benefits of Green Island Road improvement projects and raised concern over project delays impacting safety for the incomplete segment.

Public comment by TC Hulsey, frequent bicycle user of the Green Island Road and appreciates the improvement efforts being put forth by the City of American Canyon.

7.2 Brown Act Overview (Laura Sanderlin)

Presentation by Laura Sanderlin, providing committee with roles and responsibilities of members and requirements of Brown Act compliance.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion moved by CHRISTIAN, SECONDED by DOMINICI to APPROVE Agenda Item 8.1 meeting minutes of the July 28, 2025 ATAC. Motion passed unanimously.

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Aye: 5 - Chairperson Rabinowitz, Member Christian, Member Dominici, Member Heth, and Gorton

Absent: 2 - Kittel, and Schellin

- 8.1** Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2025 Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Meeting (Laura Sanderlin) (Pages 20-22)

Attachments: [8.1 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1** Measure U - Countywide Sales Tax Update (Addrell Coleman) (Pages 23-25)

Attachments: [9.1 Staff Report.pdf](#)

Information only/No action taken

- 9.2** Countywide Active Transportation Plan Update (Patrick Band) (Pages 26-28)

Attachments: [9.2 Staff Report.pdf](#)

Information only/No action taken

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1** Review of ATAC 2025 Work Plan (Patrick Band) (Pages 29-30)

Attachments: [10.1 Work Plan.pdf](#)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rabinowitz adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

- 11.1** The next regularly scheduled meeting for the NVTa Active Transportation Advisory Committee is Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Laura Sanderlin, Board Secretary

*Information will be available at the meeting