

# Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street  
Napa, CA 94559

## Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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Thursday, March 2, 2023

2:00 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Boardroom

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### 1. Call To Order

Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Quorum was confirmed.

**Present:** 10 - Chairperson Ramirez  
Ahmann Smithies  
Rayner  
Lucido  
Clark  
Arias  
Lederer  
Hecock  
Janzen  
Leach

**Non-Voting:** 3 - Lu  
Chang  
Meligy

**Absent:** 3 - Cooper  
Levine  
Mitchem

### 3. Public Comment

None

### 4. Committee Member Comments

Erica Ahmann-Smithies, City of American Canyon - the City is holding a groundbreaking event for the Green Island Road Utility Underground Project on March 16 at 10 am.

Bobby Lu, MTC/ABAG (Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments) - announced that MTC/ABAG released Calls for Projects on two grant opportunities, and invited Krute Singa to provide more information.

Krute Singa, MTC/ABAG - provided a brief overview of the Parking Management Planning grant and the Regional Mobility Hubs grant, as well as information on where to view the pre-application workshop recordings.

### 5. Staff Comments

Danielle Schmitz provided brief updates on the Soscol Junction, Vine Bus Maintenance Facility, Calistoga to St. Helena Vine Trail segment projects.

Additionally, she announced that the MTC awarded NVTA approximately \$1 million in Transit Priority Initiative Program funds for improvements to the Redwood and Imola Park and Rides.

Ms. Schmitz noted that Caltrans approved the Project Initiation Document for the SR 29 improvements in American Canyon, which allows NVTA to start work on the environmental phase. Caltrans certified the environmental document for SR 37 from Sears Point to Mare Island, allowing the consortium to start working on the design phase.

Ms. Schmitz reported that the Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision on the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association lawsuit against Regional Measure 3, effectively dismissing the suit. Details on fund distribution are forthcoming.

MTC confirmed Alfredo Pedroza as Chair for an additional 2-year term.

MTC appointed Andy Fremier as Executive Director. Mr. Fremier has been with MTC for over 15 years and most recently served as Deputy Executive Director.

## **6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6.1 County Transportation Agency Report (Danielle Schmitz)**

Danielle Schmitz reported that Caltrans has appointed Tanzeeba Kishwarr as acting District Director for Planning.

Caltrans District 4 has released new Managed Lane System Plan (MLSP) Guidelines, which outline system objectives, multimodal considerations and performance measures for health and safety, and consistency with state policies.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working on the next generation freeway study, a requirement of Plan Bay Area 2050. The study's three main components are 1) Project planning and defining the problem; 2) Goals and pathways to development; 3) Technical analysis, pricing strategies, all lane tolling, and transit first strategies.

MTC is also updating the Lifeline Program to a Community Choice and Equity program. Staff will provide updates when available.

### **6.2 Project Monitoring Funding Programs (Alberto Esqueda)**

The Project Monitoring Spreadsheets will be provided next month.

### **6.3 Caltrans' Report (Amani Meligy)**

Amani Meligy reviewed the Caltrans report.

### **6.4 Vine Trail Update (Eric Janzen)**

Shawn Casey-White provided updates on the Calistoga to St. Helena segment project, the Yountville to St. Helena segment and signage along the trail.

### **6.5 Measure T Update (Alberto Esqueda)**

Alberto Esqueda provided an update on the March 1 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC), noting the ITOC requested additional information from the City of Calistoga

and the City of St. Helena on their Maintenance of Effort items.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1 Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 8-11)**

MOTION by LEDERER, SECOND by AHMANN SMITHIES, to APPROVE the January 5, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

### **8.1 Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Re-refresh Update (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 12-22)**

Information only/No Action

### **8.2 Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA 3) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Countywide Claim and Annual Review (Diana Meehan) (Pages 23-27)**

MOTION by AHMANN SMITHIES, SECOND by HECOCK to RECOMMEND the NVTA Board submit the TDA 3 FY 2022-23 Countywide Claim to MTC. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **8.3 Vine Transit Update (Libby Payan) (Pages 28-33)**

Information Only/no Action

### **8.4 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager Fund Authorizing Issuance of a Call For Projects (Diana Meehan) (Pages 34-51)**

MOTION by CLARK, SECOND by ARIAS to RECOMMEND the NVTA Board open a TFCA Call for Project for Fiscal Years Ending 2024-2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **8.5 Vision Zero Plan Update (Diana Meehan) (Pages 52-55)**

Information only/No Action

### **8.6 Legislative Update\* (Kate Miller)**

Information Only/No Action

### **8.7 March 15, 2023 NVTA Board and NVTA-TA Board Meeting Draft Agendas\* (Kate Miller)**

Information Only/No Action

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

### **10.1 The next Regular Meeting is April 6, 2023.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Kathy Alexander, Deputy Board Secretary