



**NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**TAC Agenda Letter**

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**SUBJECT:** March 15 NVTA Board Retreat and Regional Measure 3 Priorities

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the TAC receive information about the March 15<sup>th</sup> NVTA Board Retreat.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

NVTA has scheduled a Board Retreat on March 15<sup>th</sup> titled "Wearing Your NVTA Hat". The purpose of the retreat is to focus on key transportation issues and to work collectively to identify solutions. The retreat will focus on *Transit as a Viable Means for Reducing Congestion* and *State Route 29 – Which Project Best Serves the Entire Community*. The discussion will culminate in a proposed Regional Measure 3 program.

The retreat will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM at Mont La Salle/Christian Bros. Resort, 4401 Redwood Road, Napa. Committee members and members of the public are invited to participate. Transportation will be provided from the Soscol Gateway Transit Center, departing at 9:15 AM.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a fiscal impact? No

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Board retreat will emphasize how Napa County jurisdictions can work together on common solutions to improve transportation in Napa Valley. Key in that effort is

acknowledging that transit can be a viable solution to relieving congestion on the County's major corridors.

Last summer, NVTa launched an Express Bus Study and a Comprehensive Operational Analysis to evaluate options that will enhance Vine transit by investing in infrastructure and identifying efficiencies that support strategic expansion. At the Board retreat, staff will review preliminary findings with the Board for enhancing the express bus system.

The NVTa Board will also receive an overview of the SR 29 Corridor Plan. Since the time that the NVTa Board received the plan in fall of 2014, NVTa staff has convened a multi-jurisdiction staff working group to refine the plan. A number of alternative roadway designs have emerged from these discussions as well as advancements in technology that may improve SR 29 operations with a significantly smaller investment. NVTa staff will review these alternatives with the NVTa Board and receive their feedback.

Finally, the Board will also be asked to comment and approve a Regional Measure 3 (RM 3) program. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) intends to seek legislation that will allow them to place a toll increase measure on the 2018 ballot that would increase tolls by \$1 to \$3 on the 7 Bay Area state-owned bridges. Since the bridge tolls are a fee there must be a nexus between bridge tolls and relieving congestion on bridge corridors. NVTa's *draft* RM 3 program was drafted to meet the nexus by improving connectivity to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal and BART by prioritizing projects identified by the Express Bus Study and the SR 29 Corridor Plan. The RM3 program would fund corridor enhancements that improve Express Bus running times through strategic capital investments that would place Vine transit stops directly on the SR 29 corridor instead of deviating off the corridor. These investments include access to transit projects (sidewalks, walkways, bikeways, on-corridor park-and-rides), passenger amenities (shelters, lighting, seating), and transit operational enhancements (intersection operational upgrades, queue jumps, bulb outs or curb extensions, signal upgrades/bus priority).

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Attachment(s): Draft Regional Measure 3 Program

**Regional Measure 3**

Item		Description	Estimated Cost (2016 \$\$)	RM3 Request	Project Horizon	
					Start	End
<b>SR 29 (Broadway) /SR 221 (Soscol) Multi-Modal Improvements</b>						
<u>Park &amp; Ride Improvements - Technology/Access Upgrades</u>						
Redwood P&R		Bus charging station, electronic variable message signs (parking capacity, real time bus arrival, and traffic advisory)	250,000		2021	2022
American Canyon P&R (@ Crawford)		Includes Bike/Ped access corridor from lot to SR 29/passenger shelters/bulb outs, bus charging stations, electronic variable message signs (parking capacity, real time bus arrival, and traffic advisory) - improvements on east and west sides of highway - see ped overpass below.	840,000		2021	2023
American Canyon P&R - (2) Pedestrian Overpasses		Overpasses at AmCan existing P&R (American Canyon Road) and new P&R (Napa Junction)	7,000,000		2020	2023
Imola		Widen southbound SR 29 on-ramp and connect P&R to corridor, passenger shelter, paving, striping	2,000,000		2022	2024
<u>Park &amp; Rides New</u>						
American Canyon-City Hall		Acquire property at and construct park and ride, including retail space and passenger amenities. Bus charging station and electronic variable message signs (parking capacity, real time bus arrival, and traffic advisory)	1,750,000		2025	2027
<u>Curb Extensions (Bulb outs)/Rider Stations/Amenities</u>						
American Canyon - City Hall/Walmart on corridor @Napa Junction			125,000		2025	2027
Napa Valley College - SR 221/State Hospital			250,000			

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<u>Bike/Ped Improvements/Landscaping</u>						
American Canyon - Napa Junction to Mimi Drive (2.6 miles)		Bike/Pedestrian - Both sides of Broadway/SR 29	5,200,000		2021	2025
Napa Valley College - Imola to Kennedy Park /Streblow Dr. (0.7 miles)		Bike/Pedestrian - Both sides of Soscol/221	875,000		2025	2026
<u>Intersection Improvements</u>		Signal prioity	750,000		2021	2025
		Queue jumps/intersection configuration improvements (3)	3,000,000			
Electric vehicles - Express Bus Expansion			14,000,000			
			36,040,000			

Other Priorities:

SR 37 Investments  
Vallejo Ferry Operating Funds

Other - Competitive Program ideas

Transit Clean Vehicle program (off property infrastructure/fueling)  
Transit Technology program (improve communications, predictability, etc. and encourage transit)