



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

TAC Agenda Letter

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Countywide Bicycle Plan – Environmental Document and Plan Adoption

RECOMMENDATION

That the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Board (1) accept the Countywide Bicycle Plan environmental document-Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and (2) approve the Countywide Bicycle Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NVRTA released the draft Countywide Bicycle Plan (CBP) in February 2019. Following the release, NVTA held a series of open house events and council presentations. The comment period on the draft environmental document closed on September 9, 2019. NVTA has compiled and addressed all comments received on the environmental document according to established CEQA requirements.

Some CBP highlights include:

- Identification of 450 miles of new bicycle facilities that will provide a low-stress bicycling environment for all types of riders
- Updated set of goals and policies developed to increase safety, improve access for disadvantaged communities, and encourage bicycling for transportation
- Strategies and methods for building out bicycle facilities countywide along with a developed set of performance measures to evaluate progress
- A Bicycle Facilities Toolkit that will provide implementing agencies with current best practices and standards for bicycle facility design

The CBP combined with the adopted Countywide Pedestrian Plan will provide a complete active transportation plan for Napa County. The final plan and environmental document are now ready for adoption by the NVTB Board in October.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

NVTB staff and its consultants, Toole Design Group LLC (TDG) began the process of updating the Countywide Bicycle Plan in summer 2017. Initial public outreach took place in summer 2017 at pop-ups like local farmers markets and other events such as Porchfest. Jurisdiction staff participated in bicycle-led field reviews in February 2018 to experience real-time riding conditions on existing facilities, and to identify gaps and potential enhancements within the bicycle facility network.

The current Bicycle Plan, last adopted in 2012, required a series of comprehensive changes to align with current best practices in bicycle facility design and updated requirements under the state Active Transportation Program. NVTB and jurisdictional staff reviewed and revised the CBP vision and goals in the spring 2018.

The Plan consists of 11 chapters and 10 appendices as described in Table 1. Staff will bring the final plan and environmental document to the NVTB Board in October for adoption.

Table 1 Countywide Bike Plan Organization

| Chapter | Focus |
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| Chapter 1 | Introduction to the Plan |
| Chapter 2 | Plan goals and policies and relationship to existing plans |
| Chapter 3 | Existing bicycle environment in Napa County |
| Chapter 4 | Countywide recommendations for bikeways and programs |
| Chapter 5 | Implementation and funding strategy |
| Chapter 6 | City of Calistoga Bicycle Plan |
| Chapter 7 | City of St. Helena Bicycle Plan |
| Chapter 8 | Town of Yountville Bicycle Plan |
| Chapter 9 | City of Napa Bicycle Plan |
| Chapter 10 | City of American Canyon Bicycle Plan |
| Chapter 11 | Unincorporated Napa County Bicycle Plan |
| Appendix | Focus |
| Appendix A | Bicycle Facilities Toolkit, a guide for implementing bicycle facilities and improvements |

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| Appendix B | Summary of public and stakeholder engagement that guided the Plan recommendations |
| Appendix C | Overview of relevant plans and policies related to bicycling in Napa County |
| Appendix D | Strategies for developing a bicycle count program |
| Appendix E | Full list of Proposed Bicycle Network projects |
| Appendix F | Summary of the Plan's fulfillment of Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant requirements (to be included in the final plan) |
| Appendix G | Facility cost estimate details |
| Appendix H | Level of Traffic Stress and Bicycle Network Analysis Methodology |
| Appendix I | Glossary and Acronym List |
| Appendix J | Resolution of Adoption of this plan (to be included in the Final Plan) |

The Final Draft Countywide Bicycle Plan and corresponding environmental documents are at the following link:

<https://www.nvta.ca.gov/napa-countywide-bicycle-plan-update>

Staff is requesting TAC recommend the NVTB Board accept the IS/MND and adopt the CBP at its October 23 Board meeting.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attachments: None