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## NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TAC Agenda Letter

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**SUBJECT:** Local Road Safety Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the TAC discuss the development of a Local Road Safety Plan.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Caltrans is requiring local jurisdictions to have Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) (or its equivalent such as Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) or Vision Zero Action Plan) in place for an agency to be eligible to apply for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal HSIP funds. Caltrans announced a LRSP assistance program on October 8, 2019. Funds will be awarded to the applicants on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. There is no application deadline. Caltrans will continue to accept applications for as long as the funding is available.

NVTA believes embarking on an effort to develop a countywide safety plan like this would be lengthy and costly process. The Agency does not have this plan in its budget and would potentially need to pursue Caltrans’ funding and/or contributions from the jurisdictions if NVTA were to lead the effort and complete the plan(s) for all local jurisdictions. NVTA is interested in collaborating with its member agencies and discuss possible implementation scenarios.

To access the LRSP application visit the following URL : <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/hsip/2019/lrsprequestform20191008.pdf>

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes, but it is not currently budgeted.

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**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Federal regulations require each State to have a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). An SHSP is a statewide data-driven traffic safety plan that coordinates the efforts of a wide range of organizations to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. In coordination with federal, state, local and private sector safety stakeholders, the SHSP establishes goals, objectives, with an emphasis on challenge areas. The SHSP address the 4Es of traffic safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Services.

While the SHSP is used as a statewide approach for improving roadway safety, A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) can be a means for providing local and rural road owners with an opportunity to address unique highway safety needs in their jurisdictions while contributing to the success of the SHSP. The process of preparing a LRSP creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements. Preparing an LRSP facilitates the development of local agency partnerships and collaboration, resulting in a prioritized list of improvements and actions that can demonstrate a defined need and contribute to the statewide plan. The LRSP offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges.

A LRSP provides a framework for organizing stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements on local and rural roads. The process of developing a LRSP can be tailored to local protocols, needs, and issues.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None