

# **Napa Valley Transportation Authority Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Advisory Committee**

625 Burnell Street  
Napa, CA 94559

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Thursday, May 2, 2019

2:00 PM

NVTA Conference Room

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## **1. Call To Order**

Chair Ahmann Smithies called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** 10 - Brent Cooper  
Eric Whan  
Lorien Clark  
Juan Arias  
Doug Weir  
Debra Hight  
Chairperson Erica Ahmann Smithies  
Aaron Hecock  
Steve Lederer  
Steve Hartwig  
**Absent:** 2 - Mike Kirn  
Joe Tagliaboschi

## **2. Introductions**

Chair Ahmann Smithies invited all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Also present: Patrick Band, Napa County Bicycle Coalition (NCBC).

## **3. Public Comment**

Public comment received from Patrick Band, NCBC, on Bike to Work Day 2019.

## **4. Committee Member and Staff Comments**

There were no committee member or staff comments provided.

## **5. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5.1 Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Report (Danielle Schmitz)**

Report by Danielle Schmitz

Caltrans has an unfunded mandate from the California State Water Resources Control Board for trash cleanup (control and implementation) on the sides of highways and right of ways. District 4 has to clean up 4,000 acres of highways and right of way by 2022, and 8,800 acres by 2026. Cost estimate is \$600 million. Caltrans is considering using the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) to fund the cleanup, the county transportation agencies (CTAs) are working with Caltrans to avoid using SHOPP funds. Caltrans may bring a draft revised SHOPP list to the next CTA meeting. Caltrans plans to implement control measures such as California Highway Patrol enforcement of homeless encampments, street sweeping, trash cleanup, storm drain cleanup and capital solutions such as trash capture systems in construction projects.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has released its third Horizon white paper, "Regional Growth Framework and Strategies". MTC is working on a priority development area (PDA) analysis. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and MTC will issue another call for projects (CFP) for priority conservation areas (PCAs) and PDAs.

MTC is also evaluating different land use types such as priority production areas (PPAs) and transit priority areas (TPAs).

Ms. Schmitz noted the agenda packet for the Regional Area Working Group (RAWG) has a lot of valuable information on growth framework and will send the agenda packet link to the Committee members.

Kate Miller added that MTC is still determining if/how transportation funds will be tied to housing.

## **5.2 Project Monitoring Funding Programs\* (Alberto Esqueda)**

Alberto Esqueda noted that there is no report this month, however, an in-depth report will be provided at the next TAC meeting.

## **5.3 Caltrans' Report\* (Ahmad Rahimi)**

No report - Ahmad Rahimi was not able to attend the meeting.

## **5.4 Vine Trail Update (Erica Ahmann Smithies)**

Report by Rebecca Schenck.

On May 16th the California Transportation Commission will consider NVTA's 20-month extension request for the Active Transportation Program grant that was awarded for the Vine Trail Calistoga to St. Helena segment. NVTA staff will attend the meeting.

NVTA released a request for proposal (RFP) on April 29th for final design, NEPA and CEQA as well as support during construction. The County of Napa, City of Calistoga and City of St. Helena are invited to have a staff member participate in the RFP review committee, potentially on June 4th.

## **5.5 Transit Update (Matthew Wilcox)**

Report by Kate Miller.

Phase 1 of the service changes to Regional Routes 10, 11, 21, 29, as well as the addition of 10X and 11X commuter routes, started on April 28th. Ms. Miller provided an overview of the service changes.

Staff is working on the service changes for Phase 2 (local routes in the City of Napa), which will be implemented this summer.

[Brent Cooper joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.]

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

Report by Alberto Esqueda

The next Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is June 5, 2019 at 2 p.m. The City of Napa staff will provide an overview of their projects.

Mr. Esqueda requested the jurisdictions send him pictures of their projects for uploading to the Measure T project website. Approximately forty (40) projects need to be added to the website. Additionally, he reminded the jurisdictions to request project numbers prior to starting a project.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.1 Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2019 TAC Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 7-10)**

**MOTION by HECOCK, SECOND by ARIAS to APPROVE the MEETING MINUTES of the APRIL 4, 2019 TAC meeting.**

Motion was approved. Chair Ahmann Smithies and Member Hartwig abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

### **7.1 State Route 29 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan and Project Initiation Document for State Route 29 through American Canyon Update (Rebecca Schenck) (Pages 11-121)**

Report by Rebecca Schenck.

NVTA Board awarded the contract for the SR29 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) and the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Napa Junction- American Canyon Road project to GHD. The project scope encompasses SR29 at Imola to SR29 at SR37.

The Staff Working Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. prior to the TAC meeting, starting June 6th and will meet through November. Additionally, the group will meet August 1st at 12:30 p.m.. Jurisdiction representatives are: American Canyon - Member Hartwig; City of Napa - Member Whan (primary) and Member Clark; County of Napa - to be determined.

### **7.2 Plan Bay Area 2050: Request for Regionally-Significant Projects (Alberto Esqueda) (Pages 122-138)**

Report by Alberto Esqueda.

Mr. Esqueda reviewed the revised project list provided in the handout packet. The revised list is approximately \$9 million over Napa County's target amount. All projects will be reduced proportionately after all jurisdictions have confirmed the amount of their project cost assumptions. A revised project list will be provided at the June TAC meeting.

### **7.3 Vine Maintenance Facility Value Engineering Overview (Rebecca Schenck) (Pages 139-143)**

Report by Rebecca Schenck.

Ms. Schenck provided an overview of the value engineering analysis and the measures staff selected to reduce the cost of the project.

Ms. Schenck will investigate the feasibility of committee members' suggestions to consider modular buildings and replacing a portion of the lift bays with in-ground and pit bus bays.

Kate Miller assured the TAC that if NVTa uses \$4.1 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds that are currently committed to Soscol Junction and the City of Napa's Silverado Trail Five-Way intersection and is unable to backfill with other fund programs, NVTa will add the Soscol Junction Project to the Vine Maintenance Facility Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan package and increase the loan by \$4.1 million to ensure project funding. Ms. Miller emphasized that funding for the Soscol Junction and the Silverado Trail Five-Way intersection projects are not at risk.

Member Arias cautioned that implementing more changes to the design at this point, which is at 100%, may result in additional design costs that may significantly reduce any project savings.

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

Report by Kate Miller.

Reviewed the report and changes to the State Bill Matrix.

Asked the TAC for input on AB1633, which would require cities to develop a traffic signal optimization plan.

Patrick Band reported SB152 (Active Transportation Program) was amended to distribute the funds as follows: 60% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to award projects in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000, 15% to fund projects in small urban and rural areas, and 25% competitively awarded by the California Transportation Commission.

Patrick Band encouraged support on SB127 - the Complete Streets Bill.

#### **7.5 May 15, 2019 NVTa Board Meeting Draft Agenda\* (Kate Miller)**

Kate Miller reviewed the May 15, 2019 NVTa Board Meeting Draft Agenda.

### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Separate meeting/training for SB743  
Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) - Marin to Suisun Feasibility Study presentation  
Vision Zero

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **9.1 Approval of Next Regular Meeting Date of June 6, 2019 and Adjournment.**

Chair Ahmann Smithies adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.