

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

625 Burnell Street  
Napa, CA 94559

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Thursday, June 6, 2019

2:00 PM

NVTA Conference Room

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## **7.11. Call To Order**

Chair Ahmann Smithies called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Present:** 9 - Eric Whan  
Joe Tagliaboschi  
Dana Ayers  
Lorien Clark  
Chairperson Erica Ahmann Smithies  
Aaron Hecock  
Steve Lederer  
Steve Hartwig  
Daniel Gordon

**Absent:** 4 - Mike Kirn  
Brent Cooper  
Doug Weir  
Ahmad Rahimi

## **2. Introductions**

Chair Ahmann Smithies invited all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Also present:

Sandra Liston, Town of Yountville  
Patrick Band, Napa County Bicycle Coalition

## **3. Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

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

Eric Whan, City of Napa - Construction on the SR29/California Boulevard/First Street Roundabouts project starts June 10th.

Steve Lederer, County of Napa - The county has six major road projects either underway or starting very soon. There are also three earthquake repair projects starting next week.

Joe Tagliaboschi, Town of Yountville - Finished Measure T paving project - Yount Street from Washington to Mount Street.

Erica Ahmann Smithies, City of St. Helena - The city has several Measure T overlay projects out to bid. Streetscape is in the works - should have preliminary plans in a few months.

Sandra Liston, Town of Yountville - Introduced Daniel Gordon, the town's new planning manager.

Alberto Esqueda, NVTa - provided the following updates from Caltrans:

- Launched a new SB1 "one stop shop" web portal.
- Released a new mandatory form for authorizations or amendments to Local Assistance non-emergency relief federal aid projects.
- Released updates to the indirect cost rate proposal forms.
- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program applications are due July 15th.
- Active Transportation Program Resource Center is offering workshops for non-infrastructure projects to regional agencies to help them customize their program.
- Made changes and added policies to the Highway Bridge Program Project Delivery policy that will impact the County of Napa and possibly St. Helena - Mr. Esqueda will forward the information to those jurisdictions.

## **5. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Report by Danielle Schmitz.

Ms. Schmitz provided updates on the following topics discussed at the May meeting:

- "Faster Bay Area" mega measure effort led by the Bay Area Council, focused on the Peninsula and Silicon Valley areas.
- Kate Miller was appointed as the Partnership Board Vice Chair for next year.
- Status of Regional Measure 3 program guidelines and Jarvis lawsuit.
- SB1376 - Proposed 5 cent fee on transportation network companies (TNCs) provided rides (i.e. Uber and Lyft) to fund TNC Access for All program.
- 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) estimates will be released in June.
- SB 1 workshop in San Jose on June 7th, NVTa staff will attend.
- SAFE (Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient) proposed rulemaking reducing vehicle emissions standards would render the CalEPA and regional models out of compliance. If approved in August as expected, all projects requiring federal action would not be able to move forward until all California air quality conformity models are recalibrated, which could take up to a year.
- Caltrans Director Laurie Berman announced her retirement.

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

Report by Alberto Esqueda.

Mr. Esqueda reviewed the changes to project monitoring reports.

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

No report - Mr. Rahimi was unable to attend the meeting.

City of St. Helena requested Caltrans provide a presentation on the Conn Creek Bridge project.

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

Report by Rebecca Schenck.

Ms. Schenck provided updates on:

- Status of outstanding easements on the St. Helena to Calistoga alignment
- Status of the City of St. Helena agreement
- Sanjay Mishra provided an update on the environmental document request for proposal.

## 5.5 Transit Update (Matthew Wilcox)

Report by Rebecca Schenck.

Ms. Schenck provided the following updates:

- Several options for the local routes will be presented to the Board at the July meeting
- Transit service provided during BottleRock Music Festival

Member Clark requested that the five options be presented at the July TAC meeting.

## 5.6 Measure T Update (Alberto Esqueda)

Report by Alberto Esqueda.

- Provided a brief overview of the July 5, 2019 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) meeting
- Noted the City of American Canyon is scheduled to provide a presentation on its Measure T projects to the ITOC at the September 4th meeting
- Requested the jurisdictions send photos of all Measure T projects to him

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

### 6.1 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Growth Framework Presentation (Christy Leffall)

Christy Leffall of the MTC provided a presentation on the Regional Growth Framework that included:

- Changes to the Planned Development Area (PDA) definition and criteria
- No changes the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) definition and criteria
- An introduction of the Priority Production Areas (PPAs)
- Reviewed the next steps for aligning PDAs and for creating PCAs
- PDA planning requirements should be released soon
- New PDAs need to be at least 50% planned
- Transit service criteria for meeting transit rich requirements

### 6.2 Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Marin to Suisun Feasibility Study Presentation (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz provided an overview of the SMART Marin to Suisun Feasibility Study that included:

- Infrastructure options, station opportunities and cost estimates
- Service options

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### 7.1 Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2019 TAC Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 8-11)

**MOTION by WHAN, SECOND by HECOCK to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of the May 2, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed with Ayers abstaining (did not attend the May 2nd meeting).**

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

**8.1 Plan Bay Area 2050: Request for Regionally-Significant Projects (Alberto Esqueda) (Pages 12-30)**

Alberto Esqueda reviewed the changes to the project list that were requested by the jurisdictions.

**MOTION by HARTWIG, SECOND by WHAN to RECOMMEND that the NVTB Board of Directors approve the Plan Bay Area 2050 Project List. Motion passed unanimously.**

**8.2 Vision Zero Update (Diana Meehan) (Pages 31-35)**

Diana Meehan provided a presentation on Vision Zero that included:

- An overview of the program and core elements
- The coordination necessary between system designers, planners, engineers, and policymakers
- Strategies for safer street design

**8.3 California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Plan (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 36-58)**

Report by Danielle Schmitz.

- Provided an overview of MTC's Resolution 3606 and its purpose
- Reviewed the project monitoring and tracking process outlined in the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Annual Allocation Plan as well as the deadlines.

**8.4 Legislative Update\* (Kate Miller)**

Kate Miller reviewed the Legislative Update.

**8.5 June 19, 2019 NVTB Board Meeting and NVTB-TA Board Meeting Draft Agendas\* (Kate Miller)**

Kate Miller review the June NVTB Board meeting agenda, noting that due to quorum issues (California League of Cities) the June 19th meeting was cancelled and a Special Meeting was scheduled for June 12, 2019.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Vine Transit local route options
- Measure T deadline schedule
- Calendar matrix for SB1

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10.1 Approval of Next Regular Meeting Date of July 11, 2019 and Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.