

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 4, 2021

2:00 PM

REFER TO COVID-19 SPECIAL NOTICE

1. Call To Order

Vice Chair Hecock called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Aaron Hecock
Derek Rayner
Juan Arias
Julie Lucido
Lorien Clark
Erica Ahmann Smithies
John Ferons
Doug Weir
Trevor Hawkes

Non-Voting: 1 - Bobby Lu

Absent: 5 - Joe Tagliaboschi
Brent Cooper
Jason Holley
Hamid Heidary
Daniel Gordon

3. Introductions

Vice Chair Hecock invited all participants to introduce themselves.

4. Public Comment

Justin Hole provided public comment.

5. Committee Member and Staff Comments

Danielle Schmitz, NVTA - staff will present a request to the NVTA Board at its March 17 meeting that the Board authorize NVTA staff to submit a Nomination Letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike for the Napa Forward SR 29 Safety and Operational Improvements and the Napa County Safe Routes to School Program.

Alberto Esqueda, NVTA - reminded the jurisdictions to send their Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Funding Agreement to NVTA if they have not already done so.

Diana Meehan, NVTA - reminded the jurisdictions that Transportation Fund for Clean Air applications are due Friday, March 19, 2020 at 5 p.m. via email. Contact Ms. Meehan if you are having difficulty accessing the forms.

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 County Transportation Agency (CTA) Report (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz provided the following updates:

- Dina El-Tawansy has been appointed as the Director of Caltrans District 4
- Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza has been elected Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for a two-year term, through February 2023. Nick Josefowitz, San Francisco Mayor appointee and Chief Policy Officer for SPUR, will serve as Vice Chair.
- A brief overview of the California State Transportation Agency's Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) - which includes several proposed changes to transportation planning and programming to meet the Climate CAPTI goals. The Full Draft Plan and Public Comment Period will open March 10. A public workshop will be held on March 18 and Public Comments are currently due April 16. Ms. Schmitz will forward additional information to the TAC as it becomes available.
- Provided an update on the \$912 million in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) Highway funds that the State of California has received; the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to make a decision on funding allocation at its March meeting.
- The MTC is requesting feedback from local Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and transportation agencies on how it can provide better support for PDA development.

6.2 Project Monitoring Funding Programs (Alberto Esqueda)

Alberto Esqueda reviewed the projects listed on the Caltrans Inactive spreadsheets.

6.3 Caltrans' Report (Kelly Hirschberg)

Amani Meligy from Caltrans reviewed the Caltrans report.

6.4 Vine Trail Update (Joe Tagliaboschi)

Sanjay Mishra noted the Vine Trail Update would be provided in Item 8.1, NVTA Project Update.

6.5 Transit Update (Rebecca Schenck)

Rebecca Schenck reported that the Vine Transit continues to operate on the current reduced schedule, and staff continues to monitor ridership demand.

Danielle Schmitz added that Vine Transit is offering free rides to vaccination appointments.

6.6 Measure T Update (Alberto Esqueda)

Report by Alberto Esqueda.

- The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) reviewed the Draft Biennial Report at its March 3 meeting and complimented staff on the content and layout of the report.
- The ITOC reiterated its request that all of the jurisdictions use the same summary template to confirm that the Maintenance of Effort was met.
- In response to one of the findings of the Measure T performance audit, a column for reporting signage will be added to the progress report form.
- The next ITOC meeting is June 2 and the City of Napa and the City of Calistoga are scheduled to present project updates.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2021 TAC Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 9-12)

MOTION by LUCIDO, **SECOND** by AHMANN SMITHIES to **APPROVE** the meeting minutes of the February 4, 2021 TAC meeting as presented. Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Vice Chair Hecock, Member Rayner, Member Arias, Member Lucido, Member Clark, Member Ahmann Smithies, Member Ferons, Member Weir and Member Hawkes

Absent: 5 - Chairperson Tagliaboschi, Member Cooper, Member Holley, Alternate Member Heidary and Member Gordon

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 NVTa Project Update Presentation* (Sanjay Mishra)

Sanjay Mishra provided an update on the following NVTa projects:

- Soscol Junction Project
- Vine Trail St. Helena to Calistoga Segment
- Bus Maintenance Facility
- SR 29 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) and American Canyon Project
- Imola Avenue Complete Street Improvements
- SR 29 Adaptive Signal Control and Transit Signal Priority
- Imola Avenue Park and Ride
- SR 37 Corridor Improvements

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) Call for Projects and Guidance Review (Diana Meehan) (Pages 13-23)

Diana Meehan provided an overview of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) Program and Guidelines for Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2023-24, pointing out changes to the program. Applications are due by April 23, 5 p.m. via email.

MOTION by CLARK, **SECOND** by HAWKES to **RECOMMEND** the NVTa Board open the TDA-3 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2023-24. Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Vice Chair Hecock, Member Rayner, Member Arias, Member Lucido, Member Clark, Member Ahmann Smithies, Member Ferons, Member Weir and Member Hawkes

Absent: 5 - Chairperson Tagliaboschi, Member Cooper, Member Holley, Alternate Member Heidary and Member Gordon

9.2 Draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP): Advancing Mobility 2045 (Alberto Esqueda) (Pages 24-25)

Alberto Esqueda reviewed the elements completed on the Draft Napa Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP): Advancing Mobility 2045 to date. Additionally, he provided the next couple of steps

toward completing the Plan:

- Public outreach, including a Facebook Live session in Spanish on April 7 at 5 p.m. and a Zoom session in English on April 8 at 5:30 p.m.
- Requesting the NVTA Board approve releasing the Draft CTP at its March 17 meeting for public comment.

Kate Miller noted this Draft CTP is a very sophisticated plan and acknowledged Mr. Esqueda's leadership in producing the plan, and commended him and the NVTA staff members who worked on the plan on a job well done.

MOTION by ARIAS, SECOND by AHMANN SMITHIES to RECOMMEND the NVTA Board release the Draft Napa Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP): Advancing Mobility 2045 for public comment. Motion passed with the following vote:

- Aye:** 9 - Vice Chair Hecock, Member Rayner, Member Arias, Member Lucido, Member Clark, Member Ahmann Smithies, Member Ferons, Member Weir and Member Hawkes
- Absent:** 5 - Chairperson Tagliaboschi, Member Cooper, Member Holley, Alternate Member Heidary and Member Gordon

9.3 Draft Biennial Measure T Report for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 (Alberto Esqueda) (Pages 26-43)

Alberto Esqueda reviewed the Draft Biennial Measure T Report for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20, and invited the TAC to provide comments.

9.4 Legislative Update* (Kate Miller)

Kate Miller reviewed the Legislative Update.

9.5 March 17, 2021 NVTA Board Meeting and NVTA-TA Board Meeting Draft Agendas* (Kate Miller)

Kate Miller reviewed the Draft March 17, 2021 NVTA and NVTA-TA board meeting agendas.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Approval of Next Regular Meeting Date of April 1, 2021 and Adjournment.

Vice Chair Hecock adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Kathy Alexander, Deputy Board Secretary