

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## APRIL 2023

The following is a general summary of activity at Napa Valley Transportation Authority and Vine Transit:

### New Staff Members



**Dario Di Fede** joined NVTA last month in the senior accountant role. Dario grew up in St. Helena and currently resides in Napa. He has his bachelor's degree in business accounting from Sonoma State University. His experience includes accountant roles for the County of Napa in both the Treasury Tax and Public Works departments. Those roles built Dario's knowledge of governmental economics and the software programs that come along with it. This experience has transferred Dario seamlessly into his new position with NVTA. Welcome, Dario.



**Michelle Fajardo** Joined NVTA last month in the associate program planner & analyst role. Michelle resides in Sonoma, where she formerly held positions at the City of Sonoma in the Public Works Department and gained expertise in public sector project, contract, and grant management. Her knowledge also extends into the engineering realm, as she holds a degree in civil and surveying applied technology for land surveying and worked as a civil engineering technician for Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works for over 10 years. We welcome Michelle's diverse experience in her role, where she will wear many hats.

### Staff Promotions



**Diana Meehan** has been promoted to Principal Planner. Diana started her career here at NVTA as an unpaid intern in 2011. Her official position began in 2012, when she was hired as an assistant planner focusing on transit. In 2013, she was promoted to associate planner where she began her focus on all-things active transportation. In 2018, Diana was promoted to senior planner and has focused most of her efforts in the past five years on active transportation and alternative modes/transportation demand management (TDM). Congratulations, Diana!

### Events

The Highway 37- California Transportation Commission's Toll Application public meeting will be held on April 24 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in person at the Vallejo John F. Kennedy, Joseph F. Kennedy Library, Joseph Room, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Individuals may participate virtually on zoom or by phone. A copy of the agenda can be found on our website or using the QR code to the right. The Agenda has also been posted in the kiosk outside NVTA offices.



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### Earth Day Events



NVTA staff will promote V-Commute at the Trinchero Earth Day Employee Fair on Friday, April 21.

NVTA staff will promote alternative transportation at Earth Day in American Canyon on Saturday, April 22 and in Napa at Oxbow Commons on Sunday, April 23.

### Bike Month Events

Bike Fest takes place on Sunday, May 7 at South Century Center from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Three group bike rides are scheduled (MCE Clean Energy Kidical mass ride; PG&E Captains Mansions bike tour led by Scott Sedgley; and Vine Trail Month-of-Movement ride). There will also be food vendors, activities, live music, and workshops (fix-a-flat; bike decorating, basic maintenance, etc.)



Bike-to-Work/School/Anywhere Day is on Thursday, May 18 all day! There will be energizer stations throughout the county to support those who ride their bike to work, school, or anywhere. The NVTA energizer station will be located on the west side of Soscol Avenue, near the Vine Trail by Matthews Mattress from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Transit Manager Rebecca Schenck and Executive Director Kate Miller will participate in the regional BART General Transit Managers ride along event on Friday, April 21. The event begins at the Orinda BART station and will involve taking a number of connecting bus services, culminating in Walnut Creek for refreshments.



Just a reminder that the May 17 Board Meeting is a retreat focusing on how we can “Revive the Vine.” It will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Meritage Resort, 875 Bordeaux Way in Napa. The Meritage is served by Vine Route 10. Alix Bockelman, MTC Executive Deputy Director of Policy, has been invited to participate and will include thoughts on transit from a regional perspective. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Following the presentation and Board discussion, a Vine Bus will take participants to the Vine Bus Maintenance Facility construction site for a tour. Please wear flat, closed-toe shoes. Hard hats and vests will be provided.