

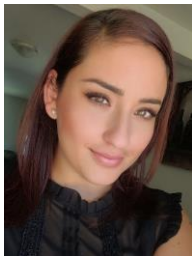
Executive Director's Report | September 2023

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

New Staff!



Addrell Coleman joined NVTA in August as an assistant program planner. Addrell will work on the Measure T program and other programming and planning activities. Addrell lives in Oakland. He recently graduated from San Francisco State University with a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning. He interned for the City of San Francisco in the Code Enforcement Department. Welcome Addrell – we're thrilled to have you on board!



Another new face you will see regularly at NVTA is that of **Mariana Toscano**. Mariana has contracted with NVTA and is working alongside the transit team as our bilingual outreach coordinator. Her extensive hospitality experience, paired with previous work as a social services coordinator, has made her a resourceful addition in our efforts to improve ridership for Vine Transit. In her role, she attends outreach events and meetings, educates members of the public on how to utilize apps such as Ride the Vine and Clipper, acts as an ambassador of the Vine by teaching others how to ride the bus, and assists our agency with identifying ways to meet the needs of our senior, youth, Latino, and low-income communities. Mariana lives in Napa with her husband and 10-year-old son. We are delighted to have her as part of our team!

NVTA has a new family member. Transit planner, Libby Payan, gave birth to a **healthy baby girl**, Madelyn "Maddie" on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 2:25am. Congrats to the Payan family!



Caltrans received \$155 million for **State Route 37** (SR 37) for the Resilient 37 project. The California Transportation Commission formally allocated the funds to elevate a key section of SR 37 to guard against future flooding and enhance habitat connectivity for San Pablo

Bay. The \$180 million project will raise the roadway by 30 feet over Novato Creek by 2029, well above the projected year 2130 sea-level rise. The \$155 million allocation comes from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).



MTC Announced this month that starting next year, the **Clipper Card** system will allow you to scan your credit card or debit card in lieu of having a clipper card or loading clipper onto your smart phone.