

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes NVRTA Board of Directors

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Alessio called the meeting to order at 1:56pm.

2. Approval of Board Member Requests for Remote Participation

None

3. Roll Call

Leon Garcia
Alfredo Pedroza
Paul Dohring
Mark Joseph
Liz Alessio
Scott Sedgley
Margie Mohler
Kevin Eisenberg
Ryan Gregory
Robin McKee-Cant
Anna Chouteau
Non voting:
Devereaux Smith
Absent:
Donald Williams

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion MOVED by SEDGLEY, SECONDED by DOHRING to APPROVE Item 4 Adoption of the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 23 - Garcia, Pedroza, Dohring, Joseph, Alessio, Sedgley, Mohler, Eisenberg, Gregory, McKee-Cant, and Chouteau

Absent: 1 - Williams

5. Public Comment

None

6. Chairperson's, Board Members', Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner's, and Association of Bay Area Governments Update

Director Garcia reported recent ABAG activities, including Prop 1 discussion.

Director Pedroza reported recent MTC activities.

7. Executive Director's Update

Executive Director Miller reported:

- Reappointment as the Chair of the Small Operators' Committee
- Recent attendance at the second TTTF meeting
- Recent participation, along with Chair Alessio in LNV government day
- Staff attendance at recent MTC legislative event in Sacramento
- Soscot Junction project update
- Standard and Poor's issued NVTa a grade credit rating of A-
- Fully moved into the new Vine Maintenance Facility

8. Caltrans' Update

Daniel Chang, Caltrans presented on Tulocay Bridge Replacement project.

Directors requested for the following items to be added for Caltrans coordination meeting:

- Hwy 29 metered lighting from Salvador to Trancas
- Yountville bridge project and road closure traffic congestion after study

Note: Where times are indicated for the agenda items, they are approximate and intended as estimates only and may be shorter or longer as needed.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Public Hearing on the First Reading of the Napa Valley Transportation Authority's (NVTa) Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-25 and 2025-26 (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 10-30)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Chair Alessio opened the public hearing at 2:25pm, with Motion **MOVED** by CHOUTEAU, **SECONDED** by MCKEE CANT.

{Director Pedroza departed the meeting at 2:32pm}

Information only/no action taken. No public comment.

Chair Alessio closed the public hearing at 2:45pm, with Motion **MOVED** by JOSEPH, **SECONDED** by GARCIA.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Director Eisenberg requested to pull Item 10.4. Vine Trail St. Helena to Calistoga Construction Contract Budget Increase.

Motion **MOVED** by JOSEPH, **SECONDED** by SEDGLEY to **APPROVE** Consent Agenda Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.5. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 21 - Garcia, Dohring, Joseph, Alessio, Sedgley, Mohler, Eisenberg, Gregory, McKee-Cant, and Chouteau

Absent: 3 - Pedroza, and Williams

10.1 Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2024 (Laura Sanderlin) (Pages 31-33)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

10.2 Measure T 6.67% Equivalent Fund Certification (Addrell Coleman) (Pages 34-39)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

10.3 Amendment to Engineering Design, Environmental & Construction Document Services for the Vine Trail - Calistoga to St. Helena Project (Grant Bailey) (Pages 40-45)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

10.4 Vine Trail St. Helena to Calistoga Construction Contract Budget Increase (Grant Bailey) (Pages 46-51)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Director Eisenberg inquired about the need for this budget increase and potential other funding sources.

Motion MOVED by JOSEPH, SECONDED by GREGORY to APPROVE Consent Agenda Item 10.4. Motion passed.

Aye: 20 - Garcia, Joseph, Alessio, Sedgley, Mohler, Eisenberg, Gregory, McKee-Cant, and Chouteau

Nay: 1 - Dohring

Absent: 3 - Pedroza, and Williams

10.5 Amending Contract with Kleinfelder for Construction Services (Grant Bailey) (Pages 52-59)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

11. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Proposed Vine Transit Fare Increase (Rebecca Schenck) (Pages 60-84)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Director Dohring commented on the advertising revenue part and administration fee of farebox recovery; proposed delaying increase.

Director Eisenberg commented on the researched effects of ridership impact; proposed delaying increase.

Director Mohler commented on advertising revenue analysis and budget evaluation.

Chair Alessio and Director Chouteau commented on the community effort to assist riders in need of reduced fares.

Motion MOVED by GARCIA, SECONDED by JOSEPH to APPROVE Agenda Items 11.1 proposed Vine and VineGo fare increases. Motion passed.

Aye: 19 - Garcia, Joseph, Alessio, Sedgley, Eisenberg, Gregory, McKee-Cant, and Chouteau

Nay: 2 - Dohring, and Mohler

Absent: 3 - Pedroza, and Williams

- 11.2** Napa Valley Transportation Authority's (NVRTA) Annual Financial Statement with Independent Auditor's Report for the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and Single Audit Report of Uniform Guidance (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 85-184)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by JOSEPH, SECONDED by GREGORY to ACCEPT AND FILE Agenda Items 11.2. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 21 - Garcia, Dohring, Joseph, Alessio, Sedgley, Mohler, Eisenberg, Gregory, McKee-Cant, and Chouteau

Absent: 3 - Pedroza, and Williams

- 11.3** Vine Transit Update (Rebecca Schenck) (Pages 185-193)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Information only/No action taken

{Director Sedgley and Director Gregory departed meeting at 3:35pm}

- 11.4** Federal and State Legislative Update (Kate Miller) (Pages 194-215)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Information only/No action taken

12. CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel entered the Board into Closed Session at 3:51pm.

- 12.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Peters v. Burnham, et al, Napa County Superior Court Case No. 23CV001586**

The Board returned from Closed Session at 3:58pm. No reportable action from Closed Session.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Move meeting start time to 1:00pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alessio adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm.

- 14.1 The next Regular Meeting is April 17th.**

Laura Sanderlin

Laura M. Sanderlin, NVRTA Board Secretary