

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

2:00 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Boardroom

1. Call To Order

Chair Ahmann Smithies called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 10 - Ramirez
Chairperson Erica Ahmann Smithies
Vice Chair Rayner
Lucido
Clark
Arias
Lederer
Hecock
Janzen
Borba

Non-Voting: 1 - Meligy

Absent: 3 - Cooper
DeRose-Hernandez
Kaplan

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

Steve Lederer, County of Napa - the County's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rose from 45 to 53.

5. Staff Comments

Danielle Schmitz introduced NVTA's two newest staff members, Joanne Au, Senior Accountant and Emily Charrier, Communications and Outreach Coordinator.

Ms. Schmitz reported that the work on northbound SR 29 Soscol Junction project during last weekend's lane closure was completed ahead of schedule. The northbound SR 29 lanes now use the new overpass; the northbound ramp from SR 221 onto SR 29 is operational as well as the right hand turn lane.

Ms. Schmitz also noted that NVTA received a federal transit funding 5310 Program grant that will fund four new paratransit buses.

Grant Bailey asked the TAC if they were interested in learning about a reactive color treatment for rock, concrete and galvanized steel. He noted that one of the landowners along the Vine

Trail project asked if there was a way to make the guardrail running along their property more aesthetically pleasing. The contractor recommended this treatment as it is very durable. The landowner is paying the cost, which is approximately \$4,000 - \$6,000 for about 150 feet of guardrail.

Several members indicated their interest. Staff will coordinate scheduling a learning webinar for the TAC.

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 County Transportation Agency Report (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) program. PCAs will still be locally nominated. There are new categories: natural lands, agricultural/working lands, urban greening, regional recreation and climate adaptation. MTC will provide a presentation at a future TAC meeting.

6.2 Caltrans' Report (Amani Meligy) (Pages 8-12)

Amani Meligy reviewed the Caltrans report.

6.3 Vine Trail Update (Eric Janzen)

Eric Janzen reported that while most work on the northern part of the project has been suspended for the winter, paver installation continues. Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition staff met with Caltrans to perform the field review on the St. Helena to Yountville segment and are working with Caltrans to finish the preliminary environmental work.

6.4 Transit Update (Rebecca Schenck)

Rebecca Schenck reported that during the next couple of months, the Vine Bus Maintenance Facility will be moving from 720 Jackson Street to the new Sheehy Court location.

Ms. Schenck also stated that a Notice of Funding Availability for a Housing and Sustainable Communities grant that provides money for transit, affordable housing and public works projects such as sidewalks and bike infrastructure.

Member Lucido encouraged the TAC to consider the program, noting that the City of Napa and NVTA successfully applied for a grant and stated that it was a great partnership and win for the City, NVTA and the developer of the affordable housing project.

6.5 Measure T Update (Addrell Coleman)

Addrell Coleman thanked all of the jurisdictions for submitting their 5-year Project Lists on time.

Mr. Coleman also reminded the jurisdictions that they must submit their Maintenance of Effort and 6.67% Equivalent certifications with a resolution from their governing body no later than January 31st to measuret@nvta.ca.gov. Additionally, Semi-Annual Progress Reports are due March 1st.

Mr. Coleman noted that Yountville, Calistoga and St. Helena are scheduled to provide an update on the Measure T projects at the March 6, 2024 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) meeting.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 NVTA Project Update (Grant Bailey)

Grant Bailey provided an update on the following projects NVTA is currently working on: Calistoga to St. Helena segment of the Vine Trail; Vine Bus Maintenance Facility; Soscol Junction; Napa Valley Forward SR 29; Imola Complete Streets Project; and SR 37.

7.2 Solano Napa Activity Base Model (SNABM) Presentation (Arthur Chen of TJKM)

Arthur Chen of TJKM provided an overview on the updates to the Solano Napa Activity Based Traffic Model, noting that NVTA staff member Addrell Coleman would meet with each jurisdiction to review their traffic analysis zone data sets.

7.3 Measure T Database Presentation (Jeff Schwein and Jason Cox of GreenDot)

Jeff Schwein of GreenDot provided an overview of the new Measure T Database as well as a tutorial on entering projects into the database.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Meeting Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 13-16)

MOTION by LEDERER, SECOND by LUCIDO to APPROVE the November 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Potential November Sales Tax Measure - Draft Ordinance and Expenditure Plan (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 17-44)

Danielle Schmitz reviewed the draft Ordinance and Expenditure Plan for the Sales Tax Replacement Measure, and comments received.

There were questions and discussion regarding bonding; formulas and recalculation of the expenditure plan every 5 years; and the \$80 million for regional and emergency projects. The consensus was more clarification was needed on the bonding model and the expenditure plan.

NVTA staff will meet with the Technical Steering Committee to discuss these items.

MOTION by LEDERER, SECOND by LUCIDO to RECOMMEND the NVTA-TA Board discuss the draft Ordinance and Expenditure Plan with the understanding that the Technical Steering Committee will meet to discuss the bonding and expenditure plan. Motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Active Transportation Network - Existing Facilities Rubric (Diana Meehan) (Pages 45-52)

The TAC was in consensus to take Item 9.3, Legislative Update as Kate Miller needed to leave the meeting.

Kate Miller provided federal and state legislative updates.

Information Only/No Action Taken

Item 9.2 - Diana Meehan provided an overview of the existing active transportation network facilities and bike plan classification descriptions, noting that the goal is to create a GIS map of all facilities.

She requested the TAC members review their jurisdiction for updates and identify any facilities that don't fit the standard bike plan classification descriptions for further discussion on classification or if it is possible to bring it into standard or best practices.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.3 Legislative Update (Kate Miller) (Pages 53-67)

Item 9.3 was taken before Item 9.2.

9.4 January 17, 2024 Draft Napa Valley Transportation Authority-Tax Agency (NVTA-TA) and Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Board Meeting Agendas (Kate Miller) (Pages 68-74)

Danielle Schmitz reviewed the draft January 17, 2024 NVTA-TA and NVTA Board meeting agendas.

Information Only/No Action Taken

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 The next regularly scheduled meeting for the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is February 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Kathy Alexander, Deputy Board Secretary