

# NVTA Executive Director Reports

*July – Dec 2025*

## **Executive Director’s Report, Dec. 17, 2025**

- To celebrate the winners of the Vine Transit Mascot naming contests, NVTA hosted recognition events, complete with a pizza party, at Calistoga, St. Helena, Willow and Alta Heights Elementary.
- NVTA was awarded \$6.8 million from the Federal Transit Administration for purchase of six new hybrid gas-electric buses.
- Staffing update: Patrick Band was promoted to Senior Planner.

## **Executive Director’s Report, Nov. 19, 2025**

- Caltrans re-paving was approved for SR-29 north of Yountville; road work will continue through February, 2026.
- A modern Bike and Pedestrian counter was installed in American Canyon, with another planned in Calistoga. These counters collect needed data for transportation planning.
- NVTA welcomed a new staff member to the team: Arcie Alvarado, an Administrative Assistant who previously worked at Napa Valley College.
- The Vine Transit mascot naming contest wrapped up with prizes for the winners and a pizza party for their class. Calistoga Elementary fifth-grader Genesis named the bee: Poppy; St. Helena Elementary fifth-grader Eleanor named the butterfly: Mari (Mariposa); Willow Elementary fifth-grader Cody named the hawk: Talon; and Alta Heights second-grader Kimber named the owl: Ollie.

## **Executive Director’s Report, Oct. 15, 2025**

- SR-121 closed due to Caltrans Arroyo Seco Bridge project.
- Napa County Bicycle Coalition hosted Walk and Roll to School Day on Oct. 8 with 2,000 student participants.
- Transit staff currently working on real-time data improvements have reported real-time data display at 80% in the month of September.

- Senate Bill 697 was signed by the governor, authorizing the SR-37 corridor project to have a longer construction window beyond 10 weeks.
- NVRTA took part in the St. Helena Harvest Festival, and Vine Transit will have its art bus in the Napa Christmas Parade on Dec. 6.

### **Executive Director's Report, Sept. 17, 2025**

- NVRTA welcomed a new staff member to the team: Zaira Renteria, a Bilingual Outreach Coordinator who previously worked at Abode Housing Services.
- Both improvement projects under the One Bay Area Grant have received notice to proceed. **CAN WE NAME THEM?**
- September is Transit Month. Vine Transit celebrated with our new Art Bus by Blanca Molina; a bus stop treasure hunt and four transit-themed pop ups.
- Vine Transit has launched a new contest for local students, K-fifth grade to name our mascot animals, the Bee, the Butterfly, the Hawk and the Owl. Open to all Napa County kids, visit [vintransit.com/nameme](http://vintransit.com/nameme) for more.
- **Legislative update for status of Senate Bill 697, Assembly Bill 1207 and Senate Bill 840.**

### **Executive Director's Report, July 16, 2025**

- Caltrans will provide a new map of local projects to enhance their monthly update to the NVRTA Board of Directors.
- SR-37's Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Plan received \$73 million dollars from the California Transportation Commission.
- Novato Creek Bridge completed \$67 million funding package from Caltrans
- NVRTA welcomed a new staff member to the team: Jon Stanton, an Associate Planner and Project Manager; and Denis Salazar, an Assistant Accountant.
- The NVRTA Board of Directors and staff recognized Transdev staff member Olga Zenteno for her 20<sup>th</sup> year of service.
- Soscol Gateway Transit Center's first floor renovation project is complete, adding much needed office, meeting and storage space.