

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

2:00 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Boardroom

1. Call To Order

Vice Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Vice Chair Lorien Clark
Jessica Lowe
Steve Lederer
Brian Bordona
Eric Janzen
Jackie Oneal
Rosalba Ramirez
Eyrn Ebach
Kristine Delos Santos

Non-Voting: 1 - Amani Meligy

Absent: 2 - Member Derek Rayner
Brent Cooper

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

None

5. Staff Comments

Executive Director Schmitz introduced Arcie Alvarado, NVTAs new Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Schmitz encouraged the TAC members to share projects and updates from their jurisdictions at each meeting.

Ms. Schmitz reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) at its special meeting for SB 63, the regional sales tax measure for transit, opted to not put SB 63 on the November ballot, many public comments were provided on a citizen initiative to support the same effort but would require a lower voting threshold.

Ms. Schmitz also reported that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is working to place its Local Taxpayer Protection Act which would require a two-thirds voter approval for local special tax measures, including sales taxes passed by citizen initiatives, on the November ballot.

Patrick Band thanked Town of Yountville for agreeing to provide an active transportation project update at the January 26th Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. Band informed the TAC that there is approximately \$550 million in the State's Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 for fiscal years 2027/2028 through 2030/2031. Applications are due in June. NVTA staff is aware of two potential applications, Imola and the Vine Trail St. Helena to Yountville segment, and encouraged all jurisdictions to coordinate with NVTA staff on submittals. He will email additional information to the TAC.

Mr. Band provided a brief update on the Active Transportation Counts program. The goal is to install two bike/ped counters per year, NVTA purchases the counter, the jurisdiction covers the installation costs. The Cities of American Canyon and Napa recently installed counters under the program, and the City of Calistoga will be installing one soon. If your jurisdiction has not utilized the program, please contact Mr. Band.

Addrell Coleman informed the TAC that MTC opened the call for projects (CFP) on the Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (PTAP), Round 27. Links to the application, which is due January 30 and registration for the January 14 webinar were emailed to the TAC yesterday.

Mr. Coleman reported that MTC will host two Fund Management System trainings, January 14 and February 18, both at 11 am.

Mr. Coleman noted that the Solano Napa Activity Based Model update is well underway and reminded the TAC to please review and compare the 2023 and 2050 population and employment numbers shown on the GIS maps provided with your general plan or other reliable sources and email your comments, changes or corrections to Mr. Coleman by January 12 for the 2023 numbers and February 9 for the 2050 numbers. The next Model TAC meeting is Wednesday, January 28.

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 County Transportation Agency Report (Diana Meehan)

Diana Meehan stated she did not have a report as there was not a regular meeting in December. She will provide an update in February.

6.2 Project Monitoring Spreadsheets (Addrell Coleman) (Pages 8-9)

Addrell Coleman noted that after the Project Monitoring spreadsheet was sent with the packet, two City of Napa projects were removed as they have been successfully closed out (Vine Trail Gap project and Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Program project).

6.3 Measure U Updates (Addrell Coleman)

Addrell Coleman reminded the TAC that Measure T fiscal year 2024/2025 Maintenance of Effort and 6.67% Equivalent fund certifications are due to NVTA by January 31.

Mr. Coleman noted that the Town of Yountville and the Cities of St. Helena and Calistoga are schedule to provide a presentation on their Measure U programs at the March 4 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee meeting.

6.4 Caltrans Report (Amani Meligy)

Amani Meligy reviewed the Caltrans Report.

Member Lederer encouraged the jurisdictions to monitor Caltrans repair work on SR 29 for

impacts on their jurisdiction, even though most of the work, including single and full lane closures will be at night.

6.5 Vine Trail Update (Eric Janzen)

Eric Janzen reported the first draft of the Environmental Impact Report for the St. Helena to Yountville segment is expected to be completed next week and circulated for internal review.

7. PRESENTATIONS (None)

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Meeting Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 10-13)

Motion by Lederer, Second by Janzen to approve the November 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Countywide Transportation Plan Progress Update (Diana Meehan) (Pages 14-19)

Diana Meehan reviewed the work to date on the plan and also upcoming outreach efforts, including three focus group meetings, one Up Valley, one in the City of Napa and one in American Canyon.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.2 Countywide Active Transportation Plan (AT Plan) Update (Patrick Band) (Pages 20-22)

Patrick Band briefly reviewed the work on the plan to date, noting almost 500 comments were added to the interactive maps including challenges on existing facilities and requests for new facilities. The draft plan will be presented to the NVTB Board at its February 18 meeting for a public comment prior to requesting the NVTB Board approve the plan at its March 18 meeting.

Mr. Band asked the jurisdictions to consider their process for their jurisdiction's approval of the plan, i.e., does it need to be approved by a planning commission and/or active transportation committee before their council or board approves the plan.

Additionally, Mr. Band noted that a county-wide set of policies has been added to the plan, which should be considered "a floor". Jurisdictions are encouraged to add in their local specific policies in their chapter of the plan before local plan adoptions.

Member Lederer provided comment on the County of Napa's pilot rumble strip safety project that resulted in noise complaints, and will be requesting guidance from the Board of Supervisors for future projects.

Public comment received from Kara Vernor regarding when the rumble strips issue will go to the County Board of Supervisors and if there had been any consideration for installing some vertical separation in the buffers where the rumble strips are causing an issue.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.3 Vine Transit Update - First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (Libby Payan)
(Pages 23-30)

Libby Payan provided the Vine Transit update.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.4 Legislative Update* (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz provided the Legislative Update.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.5 Draft January 21, 2026 NVTA-TA and NVTA Board Meeting Agendas* (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz reviewed the draft January 21st NVTA Board meeting agenda.

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 Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Kathy Alexander

Kathy Alexander, Deputy Board Secretary