

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes NVRTA Board of Directors

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Joseph recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present:

Scott Sedgley
Donald Williams
Kevin Eisenberg
Michelle Deasy
Bernie Narvaez
Liz Alessio
Mark Joseph
Amber Manfree
Pam Reeves

Non-Voting:

Devereaux Smith

Absent:

Pierre Washington
Paul Dohring
Eric Knight

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion MOVED by WILLIAMS, SECONDED by ALESSIO to APPROVE Agenda Item 4. for adoption of the agenda. Motion passed.

Aye: 20 - Sedgley, Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Alessio, Joseph, Manfree, and Reeves

Absent: 4 - Washington, Dohring, and Knight

5. Public Comment

Public comment by Jonathan Mintzer, frequent rider of The Vine, expressed gratitude for agency's efforts in aligning the 11X bus route with the Vallejo Ferry times and would like to see continued alignment and more frequent times offered as funding allows. Noted lapse in GPS bus locations updates and helpful dispatchers.

6. Chairperson's, Board Members', Metropolitan Transportation

Commissioner's, and Association of Bay Area Governments Update

Chair Joseph welcomed Town of Yountville newly appointed alternate, Pam Reeves.

Director Alessio reported her planned attendance at the legislative conference for NACo, National Association of Counties and intends to focus on policies related to FEMA and transportation.

Director Manfree reported recent MTC activities.

{Director Deasy entered meeting at 1:09pm}

7. Executive Director's Update

Executive Director Schmitz reported:

- recent appointment to Clipper Executive Board for a two-year term
- King tides flooding in early January resulted in road closures, highlights the need for SR37 Resilient Project
- Agency recently awarded just under \$600,000 in Federal Rural and Small Transit Funds for the purchase of four paratransit vehicles
- Acknowledgement to staff for recommending to re-bid the Redwood Park and Ride Improvement Project construction contract which resulted in seven bids that were below estimate
- Focus group meetings being scheduled regarding the Countywide Transportation Plan

8. Caltrans' Update

Project update reported by Amani Meligy and Rob Effinger of Caltrans District 4.

Director Alessio extended gratitude for presenters in person attendance.

Director Manfree suggested more communication to local community members regarding the benefits five-way roundabouts.

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. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 NVTA Project Update (Grant Bailey)

Information only/No action taken

Director Narvaez inquired about the process of decreasing speed limit from 50 to 35 mph on the American Canyon SR 29 Corridor. Staff noted a recent Caltrans design information bulletin related to the safety of this adjustment for guidance.

Director Williams inquired about the calculation of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for each considered alternative.

Director Eisenberg inquired about the methods of bicyclist safety efforts in proposed roundabout options.

Director Manfree commented on the traffic modeling strategy when considering alternative options.

Director Deasy questioned the weighing of the evaluation criteria and how that was factored into the analysis.

Chair Joseph noted concern of traffic impacts from adding signals and reluctance to signal synchronization being effective at improving traffic flow.

Director Alessio requested for a Kimley-Horn representative to attend the board meeting when the item is brought for approval.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion MOVED by ALESSIO, SECONDED by WILLIAMS to APPROVE Consent Agenda Items 10.1-10.5. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Sedgley, Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Alessio, Joseph, Manfree, and Reeves

Absent: 4 - Washington, Dohring, and Knight

10.1 Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025 (Laura Sanderlin) (Pages 8-11)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

10.2 Federal and State Legislative Update (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 12-27)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

10.3 Project Work Order with T.Y Lin (Grant Bailey) (Pages 28-36)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

10.4 Amendment No. 1 of Agreement No. 22-C32 with Platinum Advisors, LLC (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 37-40)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

10.5 Redwood Park & Ride Improvement Project Construction Contract (Grant Bailey) (Pages 41-119)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

11. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Establish an Ad Hoc Budget Committee (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 120-121)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Chair Joseph noted his recommendation to have the Chair and Vice Chair serve on the ad hoc budget committee, and will reach out to other directors to discuss interest.

Motion MOVED by NARVAEZ, SECONDED by EISENBERG to APPROVE Agenda Item 11.1 forming an Ad Hoc Committee for the biennial budget cycle and authorizing the Chair to appoint members. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Sedgley, Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Alessio, Joseph, Manfree, and Reeves

Absent: 4 - Washington, Dohring, and Knight

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mobility Manager Program
- Update from JPA Governance Ad Hoc Committee

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 2:09pm.

14.1 The next Regular Meeting is February 18, 2026.

Laura Sanderlin

Laura M. Sanderlin, NVTa Board Secretary