

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes - Draft Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

JoAnn Busenbark Boardroom

Thursday, March 5, 2026

2:00 PM

1. Call To Order

Chair Arias called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Chairperson Juan Arias
Vice Chair Lorien Clark
Erica Ahmann Smithies
Greg Desmond
Jessica Lowe
Steve Lederer
Eric Janzen
Rosalba Ramirez
Eryn Ebach

Non-Voting: 1 - Amani Meligy

Absent: 1 - Brent Cooper

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

Lorien Clark, City of Napa - the City submitted a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for the Imola Corridor environmental and design phases that included both City and County sections.

Jessica Lowe, City of Napa - introduced Mike Ryan, the City's new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager.

5. Staff Comments

Patrick Band - the draft Countywide Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was released for public comment. He encouraged the jurisdictions to submit the comments, changes or concerns as soon as possible.

Mr. Band also noted that staff will bring a Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA 3) Call for Projects (CFP) item to the TAC in April; there is approximately \$400,000 in funding available.

Grant Bailey - Caltrans released a CFP for State-sponsored, non-State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project initiation documents for projects that are on the state highway system but are not currently in the SHOPP. NVTA submitted seven projects to Caltrans including projects on Petrified Forest Road, and improvements on State Routes 29, 121 128, and 221.

Adrell Coleman - Phase 2 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is underway, which is a full project review of all of the active projects in the TIP. Mr. Coleman will contact each jurisdiction regarding their project reviews.

Diana Meehan - congratulated Jessica Lowe on her appointment as Public Works Director for the City of Napa.

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 County Transportation Agency Report (Diana Meehan)

Diana Meehan provided updates on the following items that were discussed at the February 27th County Transportation Agency (CTA) meeting:

- Caltrans provided a Notice of Funding Opportunities, which is included in the handouts.
- A new Caltrans transit policy (DP40) which aligns with Caltrans' Complete Streets Policy (DP37) and requires Caltrans to establish metrics to evaluate and measure the performance and the need for transit on the state highway system.
- Caltrans created a new Deputy Director position for Transit and Rail and is reinstating its Division of Mass Transportation.
- Caltrans District 4 was the first district to adopt a Transit Plan; Ms. Meehan encouraged the TAC to review it.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is close to adopting Plan Bay Area 2050+, pending completion of the supplemental reports and review of comments received.
- MTC will start work on the Plan Bay Area 2060 process sometime this year.
- MTC is in support of extending Regional Transportation Program (RTP) cycles to eight (8) years with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), a consideration being discussed for the SB375 revision.

6.2 Project Monitoring Funding Programs* (Adrell Coleman)

Adrell Coleman reviewed the improvements he made to the spreadsheets.

6.3 Measure U Update (Adrell Coleman)

Adrell Coleman thanked all the jurisdictions for submitting their semi-annual reports on time.

6.4 Caltrans Report* (Amani Meligy)

Amani Meligy reviewed the Caltrans monthly report, and provided updates on the two emergency director order projects - the SR29 pavement repair north of Madison Street is complete, and striping will be completed today; the culvert repair work required an all-day single lane closure with reversing one-way traffic control that started on February 26 and will continue for three weeks. Anticipated project completion date is June 2026.

Member Lederer expressed concern regarding the lack of communication regarding lane

closures related to the culvert replacement project, noting that in the monthly meetings since December it was established that all lane closures would occur at night, as SR29 is Napa County's primary thoroughfare and day-time closures would cause a serious impact on traffic flow. The notice of the 24/7 single lane closure was sent out the day before it started, which was not enough time to communicate the closure to the public.

Member Lederer requested a schedule of all lane closures related to the culvert replacement project as well as advance notification moving forward.

Ms. Meligy will forward the schedule to the TAC and discuss the issue with the construction and communications teams.

6.5 Vine Trail Update (Eric Janzen)

Eric Janzen reported on the need to expand the Vine Trail Yountville to St. Helena project's scope and undergo a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update before reapplying for E76 approval.

6.6 Transit Update (Libby Payan)

Libby Payan provided the following updates:

- American Canyon Shuttle weekday service has been extended to 7 pm, and for the first time, there is Saturday service from 8:30 am to 5:30 p.m.
- All rides on Vine Transit during BottleRock will be free, thanks to sponsors Latitude 38 and Visit Napa Valley. Service will again be extended past the concert end times.
- Staff is working on the upcoming June and August schedule changes, which will coincide with the end and start dates of local schools.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Project Update - SR29 /12/ Airport Boulevard (Grant Bailey)

Information only/No Action Taken

Grant Bailey provided an update on the SR29 / 12 / Airport Boulevard project, outlining three selected alternatives: a displaced left-hand turn at-grade option, a direct connector outside merge, and a single-point urban interchange. The next steps include discussing these alternatives with Caltrans for environmental revalidation and planning public participation meetings in April or May.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 6-9)

Motion by Member Lederer, Second by Ahman Smithies to approve the February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) Update (Diana Meehan) (Pages 10-13)

Information only/No Action Taken

Diana Meehan provided an update on the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG4), highlighting key changes and next steps in the application process. Call for Projects information will be brought to the April TAC meeting.

9.2 Federal and State Legislative Update* (Danielle Schmitz)

Information only/No Action Taken

Danielle Schmitz provided the Legislative Update.

9.3 March 18, 2026 Napa Valley Transportation Authority-Tax Agency (NVTA-TA) and Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Board Meeting Draft Agendas* (Danielle Schmitz)

Information only/No Action Taken

Danielle Schmitz reviewed the draft NVTA-TA and NVTA March 18, 2026 Board Meeting agendas.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 The next regularly scheduled meeting for the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

*Information handed out at the meeting