



Monday, July 27, 2026  
Agenda Item 8.3  
Continued From: May 18, 2026  
**Action Requested: APPROVE**

## NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Agenda Memo

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**TO:** Active Transportation Advisory Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** Complete Streets Checklist – Comments Approval

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) review and approve comments provided on two projects reviewed at the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ATAC meeting, for purposes of Complete Streets policy consistency.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the May 18<sup>th</sup> ATAC meeting, staff presented two projects for Complete Streets Checklist review and comment, the State Route 29 American Canyon Corridor Project, and the Burnell Street Sidewalk Improvement Project. Committee members and the public provided comments on both projects.

Projects that are within the public right-of-way and which are requesting \$250,000 or more in regional discretionary funding (including OBAG 4) are subject to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Complete Streets (CS) Policy. The CS Policy required local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee/Commission review of the project CS Checklist. Due to a lack of quorum, the committee was unable to take action to formalize comments on these projects. This item summarizes the comments received, and approval will allow NVRTA staff to submit comments to MTC as required.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No.

**BACKGROUND***State Route 29 American Canyon Corridor Project –*

SR 29 through American Canyon is a high-volume, congested arterial with closely spaced signals, numerous driveways, and limited dedicated space for pedestrians and bicyclists. These conditions contribute to rear-end, angle, and turning collisions, and create exposure risks for people walking, biking, and accessing transit.

The project anticipates providing a range of proven safety countermeasures and other Vision Zero-aligned roadway treatments, including: coordinated signal upgrades with improved phasing and transit priority; access management and driveway consolidation to reduce conflict points; median treatments to manage turning movements and provide refuge; ADA-compliant sidewalks, crossings, and curb ramps; high-comfort bicycle facilities; enhanced lighting and visibility; and multimodal connectivity improvements.

Together, these measures are intended to reduce crash risk, calm operations, and improve safety for all users.

Comments and questions received from committee members and the public on this project included:

- Comment regarding whether all signals within the project will be upgraded to provide for bicycle detection, including at cross streets.
- Comment regarding maintenance of Class I shared use pathways, and whether lighting would be provided on the pathway. Comment indicated concerns with some other shared use pathways being designated as parks, with limitations on legal access hours.

*Burnell Street Sidewalk Improvement Project –*

The section of Burnell Street between 4th St. and 7th St. in the City of Napa currently lacks sidewalks on the eastern side of the street, presenting a barrier to safe access to key destinations. The corridor is proximate to numerous trip generators (origins or destinations) including the Soscot Gateway Transit Center (SGTC), Napa Exposition grounds, and nearby housing and small businesses. The existing unimproved dirt shoulder presents accessibility and safety issues to all users traveling along Burnell, including the 200+ daily transit trips along the corridor.

NVTA has in the past undertaken preliminary work to study the corridor. Preliminary design conducted in 2016 (see Attachment 1) identified preliminary sidewalk alignment, and accommodation for the existing large sycamore trees along the Napa Expo frontage. NVTA staff are currently preparing a Scope of Work to advance these plans to 100% design and complete remaining right of way and environmental work.

Comments and questions received from committee members and the public on this project included:

- Comment regarding preserving existing trees along the corridor, to reduce heat islands and provide shade for users.
- Comment regarding large events adjacent to the corridor, and potential benefits of completing the sidewalk gap for uses beyond NVTA and the Soscol Gateway Transit Center.
- Comment regarding volume of current use of the corridor by pedestrians.
- Comment received regarding future bridge connection planned from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Oxbow, with commenter noting that this could further increase demand/use of the Burnell corridor by pedestrians.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

None.