



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Agenda Memo

TO: Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)
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SUBJECT: Executive Director Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) receive the Executive Director Report.

BACKGROUND

Local Update

Bottle Rock Schedules/Free Transit - NVTA staff have released BottleRock schedules – please let your friends and neighbors know there will be free transit all BottleRock weekend!

Outreach- NVTA hosted Valley Oak High School students on a field trip at the Bus Maintenance Facility and provided a tour and hands-on experience. The Maintenance Manager and transit planners provided career path information, and it was an informative and positive experience for the students. Thank you to our Transit team!

On April 18th, NVTA staff participated in Earth Day at the Oxbow Commons. We had a great turn out and community members enjoyed being able to tour our fully electric Art Bus.

Notice- Full closure of SR 29 in Rutherford for the culvert replacement project from 10:00pm to 6:00am with a detour on Silverado Trail began on April 28 and is expected to complete by May 8th.

Vision Zero Update- NVTA is kicking off the Napa Valley Vision Zero data update and progress report – we completed the Vision Zero plan in 2023, and this is a benchmark report.

Join Us - NVTA will be participating in the Vine Trail Month of Movement starting May 1st. If any committee members would like to join the Notorious Valley Transportation Animals team, and walk, bike or roll in the month of May, please let us know and we will add you to our team.

NVTA will also be participating in BikeFest on Sunday May 3rd at the Oxbow Commons and Bike to Wherever Day on Thursday, May 14th. Stop by our energizer station on Soscol Avenue at Vallejo Street from 7:00am – 9:00am.

Regional Update

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Update – The MTC Programming and Allocations committee approved \$11.6 million for the SR 37 Tolay Creek Bridge Project to complete the funding plan on package one of the Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project. The project will widen and extend the bridge allowing for more tidal flow to pass through the channel, improving connections for many wildlife species like fish and terrestrial marsh animals.

MTC's Regional Network Management Council approved the transit wayfinding design guidelines to help Bay Area transit agencies establish a uniform look for signs and maps used at regional transit hubs that connect multiple systems. NVTA will be incorporating some of the signage at the Redwood Park and Ride when it updates the transit signage at that hub.

State and Federal

State Update:

State Budget - February revenues modestly exceeded projections, and year-to-date revenues are ahead by \$7 billion. However, this positive trend is tempered by looming financial pressures, including the need to backfill significant federal funding losses tied to H.R. 1, particularly affecting county health systems. Additionally, economic uncertainty linked to geopolitical tensions could negatively impact future state revenues.

The Governor has reshaped the California Air Resources Board (CARB) board through several appointments and replacements, including removing one nominee late in the confirmation process and appointing new members. These changes may influence future climate and emissions policy decisions, though the exact motivations behind some shifts remain unclear.

Caltrans is forming a California Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC) to provide strategic and technical input on transit planning and implementation, with applications open through April. This effort stems from SB 960 (2024), which requires stronger integration of transit and “complete streets” into state planning. In parallel, Caltrans is creating a new Deputy Director of Transit position and reestablishing its Division of Mass Transportation, signaling a renewed emphasis on improving transit speed, reliability, and connectivity, particularly through priority infrastructure like dedicated bus lanes and signal prioritization.

Federal Update:

CFM Advocates are actively pursuing federal earmark funding for two Napa County projects - \$2 million for the American Canyon SR-29 corridor improvements and \$1.3 million for Vine Transit bus shelter safety upgrades. Meetings with congressional offices are ongoing to strengthen support, and decisions on whether these requests advance to the Appropriations Committee are expected soon.

At the national level, transportation advocates are pushing for strong funding of the federal Buses and Bus Facilities grant program, requesting \$2.2 billion annually. This effort has broad bipartisan support, with over 50 members of Congress backing a letter to maintain funding. This is especially important as Congress prepares a long-term transportation reauthorization bill that will set funding levels for the next five years.

A partial Department of Homeland Security shutdown is causing operational disruptions, including airport staffing issues, though negotiations are underway to resolve it. Meanwhile, Congress is considering using budget reconciliation, a process requiring only a simple majority, to advance funding for defense, border security, and election-related policies, though internal political divisions remain.

A proposed rule from the General Services Administration could have major implications for federal grant recipients. The rule would require all entities to re-register in SAM.gov and agree to new federal compliance certifications under penalty of law. If implemented, this could create new nationwide conditions for accessing federal funding. The proposal is still under review, and organizations are encouraged to submit comments before the deadline.

ATTACHMENTS

None