

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes - Draft Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

JoAnn Busenbark Boardroom

Thursday, May 7, 2026

2:00 PM

1. Call To Order

Chair Arias called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 10 - Chairperson Juan Arias
Vice Chair Lorien Clark
Erica Ahmann Smithies
Member Derek Rayner
Michael Ryan
Steve Lederer
Eric Janzen
Rosalba Ramirez
Eryn Ebach
Amani Meligy
Absent: 3 - Brent Cooper
Greg Desmond
Brian Bordona
Excused: 3 - Jackie Oneal
Ellen Sweigert
Ron Ranada

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

Lorien Clark, City of Napa - the City posted a project webpage on its website for the Jefferson Corridor Transportation Safety and Mobility plan that includes a community survey, she invited the TAC to complete the survey.

Steve Lederer, County of Napa - the County is ready to start paving projects on Partrick, Solano, Deer Park, White Cottage, College, along with several storm repair projects. The County is also working with the City of Napa on Imola, and the City of American Canyon on South Kelly and Tower on upcoming paving projects. A paving project on Devlin Road from Soscol Ferry intersection to the Chevron station may start next week, and most of the work will be done at night.

Eric Janzen, City of St. Helena - The City hired James McCann to serve as interim city manager during the search for a city manager.

Mike Ryan, City of Napa - the Trancas paving project is underway, and the Soscol paving project will be awarded in a few weeks.

Derek Rayner, City of Calistoga - the City completed some maintenance and tree work on the Vine Trail, however, a small section of the Vine Trail before Main Street is closed due to underground utility projects; a detour is in place. The City also has a pipeline and repaving project on Lincoln Avenue. Additionally, the City signed a one-year contract with Mitch Celaya to serve as City Manager.

Erica Ahmann-Smithies, City of American Canyon - the Green Island Road project is well under way, there will be a 55-hour shut down in a few weeks. Melbourne Road sidewalk drainage and rehabilitation/traffic calming project is completed.

5. Staff Comments

Patrick Band noted the NVTA Board adopted the Countywide Active Transportation Plan at its April 15 meeting. The next step is the local adoption phase, and he is coordinating with each jurisdiction to have that completed by the end of summer.

Mr. Band thanked the County of Napa for incorporating a bus pad connection to an existing sidewalk near the Chevron location on Devlin Road.

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 County Transportation Agency Report (Diana Meehan)

Diana Meehan provided updates on the following topics covered at the April 24 County Transportation Agency (CTA) meeting:

Caltrans Updates:

- Updated Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program announcement-applications are due May 26, program has approximately \$993M (award ceiling is \$25M, award floor is \$100K) two program components: Planning and Demonstration and Implementation—see the NOFO for more information
- Amjad Naseer was appointed as the District Division Chief-System Operations

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Updates:

- Equity Priority Community (EPC) Refresh Project - will begin this summer starting with 1:1 meeting with CTAs. MTC will use the same framework including creating a tool to provide clear definitions of displacement/gentrification. The project kicks-off this month, the initial phase will take approximately 18 months.
- Plan Bay Area Kick off this Fall (PBA 2060). This will be a major update and will focus on process/scope/priorities.

6.2 Project Monitoring Spreadsheets (Patrick Band) (Pages 6-7)

Patrick Band reported there were no projects in the red category.

There were no comments or questions from the Committee.

6.3 Caltrans Report* (Amani Meligy)

Amani Meligy highlighted the updates to the Caltrans report.

6.4 Vine Trail Update (Eric Janzen)

Eric Janzen reported that the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (NVVTC) installed an electronic wayfinding kiosk on Main Street in the City of St. Helena, final approval from the City is still pending.

Additionally, NVVTC met with the City of St. Helena to discuss alternatives to traffic calming measures slated on Oak Avenue as part of the St. Helena segment.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Project Update (Grant Bailey)

Grant Bailey provided updates on the Napa Valley Forward - Oakville Crossroad project, SR 29 American Canyon Corridor and the SR12/29/Airport Boulevard and SR12 and Kelly Road intersections.

Member Lederer expressed concern that the Oakville Crossroad project and Caltrans' Rutherford Crossroad bridge replacement may happen concurrently. Caltrans staff will provide Grant Bailey with the program year for the bridge replacement.

Information only

7.2 Napa Valley Transportation Authority's (NVTA's) Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28 Overview (Antonio Onorato)

Antonio Onorato provided a presentation that included revenue history of Measure T, the current forecast of Measure U, and an overview of the NVTA-TA and NVTA biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

Information only

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Meeting Minutes of the April 2, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting (Kathy Alexander) (Pages 8-11)

Motion by Ahmann-Smithies, Second by Janzen to approve the April 2, 2026 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 NVTA Unified Call for Projects Cycle 1 (Diana Meehan) (Pages 12-24)

Diana Meehan provided an overview of the newly developed Unified Call for Projects, Cycle 1 that included the application timeline and a review of the intake form. She also encouraged the jurisdictions to meet with staff to discuss their projects.

Motion by Member Ahmann-Smithies, Second by Member Rayner to recommend the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (MVTA) Board approve the release of the NVTA Unified Call for Projects Cycle 1. Motion passed.

9.2 Programming of Local Partnership Program (LPP) Incentive Funds - Five-Way Intersection Improvements Project (Diana Meehan)
(Pages 25-32)

Diana Meehan provided an overview the Local Partnership Program (LPP) and incentive funds, noting the recommendation to program the funds to the City of Napa/Caltrans Silverado 5-Way Intersection project.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.3 Vine Transit Update (Libby Payan) (Pages 25-32)

Libby Payan provided an update on Vine Transit operations for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.4 Legislative Update* (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz provided an overview of the Legislative Update.

Information Only/No Action Taken

9.5 May 20, 2026 NVTA and NVTA-TA Draft Board Meeting Agendas* (Danielle Schmitz)

Danielle Schmitz reviewed the May 20, 2026 NVTA Board meeting draft agenda, and noted that the NVTA-TA meeting had been canceled.

Information Only/No Action Taken

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

11.1 The next regularly scheduled meeting for the NVTA Technical Advisory Committee is Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Kathy Alexander, Deputy Board Secretary

*Information handed out at the meeting