

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes - Draft NVRTA Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

1:00 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Donald Williams
Kevin Eisenberg
Michelle Deasy
Bernie Narvaez
Mark Joseph
Amber Manfree
Pam Reeves
Christopher DeNatale
Brando Cruz

Excused: 3 - Liz Alessio
Paul Dohring
Eric Knight

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion MOVED by WILLIAMS, SECONDED by DENATALE to APPROVE Item 4. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion passed with 18 ayes.

Aye: 18 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

Absent: 2 - Manfree

5. Public Comment

None

6. Chairperson's, Board Members', Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner's, and Association of Bay Area Governments Update

Director Manfree reported on recent MTC activities.

7. Executive Director's Update

Executive Director Schmitz reported:

- Agency outreach activities in the month of May, including BikeFest and Bike to Wherever Day
- Bike and Pedestrian Counter installation at Logvy Park in Calistoga and upcoming installations scheduled for St. Helena and Yountville
- Free Vine transit to Bottlerock music festival
- Submittal of Safe Streets for all grant application for SR 29 improvements through American Canyon
- Public workshop May 27th at American Canyon City Hall

8. Caltrans' Update

Amani Meligy, Caltrans reported recent project status.

{Director Manfree entered the meeting at 1:08pm}

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)

Attachments: [9.1 Presentation.pdf](#)

Information only/No action taken

Director Williams inquired about measurable benefits of implementing the Oakville Roundabout project. Staff advised there would be a number of safety improvements for both bike and pedestrian crossing.

Director Manfree advised for staff to review proposed roundabout in Oakville with local emergency services that utilize the intersection and receive feedback on suitable configuration.

Director Narvaez inquired about the timeline for the SR29/12 project which staff confirmed there will be a selection for a suitable alternative in August 2026 and conduct environmental studies by the end of 2027.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion **MOVED** by EISENBERG, **SECONDED** by NARVAEZ to **APPROVE** Item 10 Consent Agenda Items 10.1 and 10.2. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

10.1 Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026 (Laura Sanderlin) (Pages 8-11)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes](#)

10.2 Federal and State Legislative Update (Danielle Schmitz) (Pages 12-29)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

11. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**11.1** Chair and Vice Chair Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 (Laura Sanderlin) (Pages 30-31)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by NARVAEZ, SECONDED by MANFREE to APPROVE Chair Joseph's recommendation for subcommittee to be comprised of current Chair, current Vice Chair and most recent previous Chair Alessio. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

11.2 Resolution No. 26-04 Adopting of the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28 (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 32-60)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by CRUZ, SECONDED by WILLIAMS to APPROVE Item 11.2 adoption of Resolution No. 26-04 Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

11.3 Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Fiscal Year 2027-28 (Antonio Onorato) (Pages 61-144)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by EISENBERG, SECONDED by NARVAEZ to APPROVE Item 11.3 adoption of the 2026-27 and 2027-28 Overall Work Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

11.4 NVTA Unified Call for Projects - Cycle 1 (Diana Meehan) (Pages 145-158)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by NARVAEZ, SECONDED by WILLIAMS to APPROVE Item 11.4 releasing the Unified Call for Projects - Cycle 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

11.5 Programming of Local Partnership Program (LPP) Incentive Funds - Silverado Five-Way Intersection Improvements Project (Diana Meehan) (Pages 159-166)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Motion MOVED by NARVAEZ, SECONDED by MANFREE to APPROVE Item 11.5 programming \$2 million in LPP funds for the ROW phase to the Silverado Five-Way Intersection Improvements Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

11.6 Vine UpValley Link (Rebecca Schenck) (Pages 167-171)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[11.6 Presentation.pdf](#)

The Board voiced overall support of the new program and engaged in discussion about operation and use of PECS card funds, trip tracking analytics, and public outreach strategy.

Motion MOVED by DEASY, SECONDED by EISENBERG to APPROVE Item 11.6 establishing guidelines for the Vine UpValley Link Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 20 - Williams, Eisenberg, Deasy, Narvaez, Joseph, Manfree, Reeves, DeNatale, and Cruz

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:25pm.

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) Government Claim Received on April 13, 2026 from Monica Lynn Harris

The Board returned to open session at 2:41pm with reportable action unanimously rejecting the claim received on April 13th from Monica Lynn Harris.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 2:41pm.

14.1 The next Regular Meeting is June 17th.

I hereby certify that the agenda for the above stated meeting was posted at a location freely accessible to members of the public at the NVTA Offices, 625 Burnell Street, Napa, CA by 5:00 p.m. by Friday, May 15th.

Laura M. Sanderlin, NVTA Board Secretary