

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

625 Burnell Street
Napa, CA 94559

Meeting Minutes Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Monday, January 26, 2026

5:30 PM

JoAnn Busenbark Board Room

1. Call To Order

Vice Chair Schellin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Michael Rabinowitz
Vice Chair Jonathan Schellin
Barry Christian
Aaron Heth
Thomas Gorton
Katherine Kittel

Absent: 1 - Jason Dominici

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Member Comments

Member Kittel asked if member comments are recorded in the minutes, staff Arcie Alvarado confirmed.

5. Staff Comments

None

6. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Executive Director's Report

Information Only/No Action Taken

Report provided by staff member Diana Meehan in Executive Director Schmitz's absence.

Member Christian asked for clarity on how the new digital Clipper card is used, staff Diana Meehan provided an explanation. Member Kittel asked about a ridership accumulator for Clipper 2.0, staff Rebecca Schenck confirmed there is one. Vice Chair Schellin asked if Napa would be at risk if there were to be a potential freeze or shutdown relating to the House Passed Defense Bill; staff Diana Meehan replied that at this point Napa would not be at risk.

Public comment made by Justin Hole thanking Diana Meehan for the detailed report.

Vice Chair Schellin welcomed new NVRTA hire Arcie Alvarado and congratulated Patrick Band on his promotion.

6.2 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update

Carlotta Sainato reported on the three-week bike safety course at three elementary schools with nine more weeks planned for the spring semester. The Holiday Light safety bike ride had 32 participants. Sainato thanked staff Diana Meehan for presenting at the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee and reminded cyclists when biking at night a white light is needed at the front of the bike and a red light at the back of the bike.

Member Kittel commented that cyclists are riding in the wrong direction on Browns Valley Road. Staff Patrick Band noted that the City Service Center can aid in directing cyclists.

6.3 Napa Valley Vine Trail Update

TC Hulseley reported two new Vine Trail digital kiosks in St. Helena and Calistoga. The Sheriff's Department will be providing training for Trail Ambassadors and that the Vine Trail will begin a repaving project on Solano Avenue.

Member Gorton inquired about the kiosk locations. TC Hulseley provided directions.

Chair Rabinowitz joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

6.4 Active Transportation Legislative Updates*

Patrick Band provided a report on the new legislative session.

6.5 Caltrans' Report

Patrick Band provided a report on Caltrans' project Imola Corridor Complete Streets. There will be an addition of median fencing along Soscol north of Imola to encourage pedestrians to use marked crosswalk.

Vice Chair Schellin raised a question on the relationship between NVRTA and Caltrans' in relation to their projects. Patrick noted partnership in reviewing designs and plans.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Town of Yountville Active Transportation Projects (Rosalba Ramirez)

Information Only/No Action Taken

Member Kittel commented on the lack of bike parking available, suggested more bike racks.

Public comment from Carlotta Sainato, thanking Rosalba Ramirez for the work put into improving pedestrian and bike safety in Yountville.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025 (Arcie Alvarado) (Pages 8-10)

Member Kittel and Member Heth requested spelling corrections on Item 8.1

MOTION made by Member Heth, SECONDED by Vice Chair Schellin, to APPROVE the November 17, 2025 ATAC Meeting Minutes as AMENDED. Motion passed.

9. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Countywide Transportation Plan Progress Update (Diana Meehan) (Pages 11-16)

Information Only/No Action Taken

Member Christian asked about NVTA's participation in the County's baseline data report. Staff Diana Meehan confirmed participation in the circulation chapter.

Vice Chair Schellin inquired about limiting factors to the plan's goals and objectives. Staff Diana Meehan identified funding and partnerships as two key factors.

9.2 Community Based Transportation Plan & CARE Update (Libby Payan) (Pages 17-33)

Information Only/No Action Taken

Member Christian inquired about priority transit planning for the senior community. Staff Libby Payan confirmed past outreach with seniors at Rohlffs Manor regarding transportation needs and provided information on an advisory group Bay Area agencies will form to further identify senior transportation needs.

Chair Schellin asked how NVTA will support municipalities that need to apply for funding. Staff Libby Payan responded support will depend on the project and its relation to transit.

9.3 Approval of Special Meeting for February 23, 2026 (Patrick Band) (Pages 34-36)

Member Heth noted he is unable to attend meeting if scheduled on February 23, 2026.

Motion MOVED by Chairperson Rabinowitz SECONDED by Member Gorton, to APPROVE scheduling a special ATAC meeting for February 23, 2026. Motion passed.

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Rabinowitz, Vice Chair Schellin, Member Christian, Member Gorton and Member Kittel

Nay: 1 - Member Heth

Absent: 1 - Member Dominici

**9.4 Complete Streets Checklist Review-View Transit Forward Project (Rebecca Schenck)
(Pages 37-42)**

Motion MOVED by Member Kittel, SECONDED by Member Gorton to APPROVE the Complete Streets Checklist for Vine Transit Forward Project. Motion passed.

Staff Rebecca Schenck reported on NVTA's application for Low-Carbon funding from Metropolitan Transit Commission. Funding will be applied to the Vine Transit Forward Project to increase the reliability and frequency of transit by focusing on the Transit Signal Priority.

Member Christian inquired on which two headways will have their time reduced in half. Staff Rebecca Schenck replied it would be Calistoga to Napa Valley College and Redwood Park and Ride to the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.

Member Kittel asked for clarification if the bus will arrive faster or on time. Staff Rebecca Schenck confirmed the bus remain on time by passing through the intersections without delays.

Vice Chair Schellin asked if this project would include the Myovision platform and software. Staff Rebecca Schenck confirmed.

Public comment made by Justin Hole thanking staff Rebecca Schenck for the new route change.

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Rabinowitz, Vice Chair Schellin, Member Christian, Member Heth, Member Gorton and Member Kittel

Absent: 1 - Member Dominici

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rabinowitz adjourned meeting at 7:10 p.m.

11.1 The next regularly scheduled meeting for the NVTA Active Transportation Advisory Committee will be the Special Meeting on February 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Arcie Alvarado, Administrative Assistant (e-sign)