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Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Active Transportation (AT) Plan Overview

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File AT Plan Presentation

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Imagine a world where residents and visitors can easily navigate their daily trips – to work, to the market, to home — without the use of a car or motorized vehicle. Replacing car trips with active transportation will reduce vehicle costs, reduce vehicle emissions, improve health, and reduce traffic congestion.

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) provides leadership in long-range transportation projects throughout Napa County. By bringing together all our communities as stakeholders, NVTA strives to move people and goods in a more efficient, sustainable, and equitable way.

The Napa County Active Transportation (AT) Plan aims to improve walking, biking, and other non-motorized travel options across Napa County and will include dedicated chapters for each of our communities – American Canyon, City of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, and the unincorporated County. When the AT Plan is complete, the City will replace the NVTA Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan which were adopted into the General Plan. NVTA Associate Planner, Patrick Band will provide an overview, schedule, and benefits for the new Countywide AT Plan. A fact sheet is included as Attachment 1.

Key Project Goals

- **Create a Connected Network**
 - Develop a countywide system of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that link communities and destinations across Napa County.
- **Improve Safety and Accessibility**
 - Make walking and biking safer and more accessible for people of all ages and abilities, including vulnerable road users.

- **Encourage Active Transportation**

- Promote walking and biking—especially for short trips—to support public health, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality.

- **Support Local Planning Efforts**

- Integrate and build upon existing plans like the 2016 Napa Countywide Pedestrian Plan and the 2019 Bicycle Plan, as well as local jurisdiction initiatives.

- **Engage the Community**

- Provide opportunities for public input through surveys, interactive maps, and outreach events to ensure the plan reflects community needs.

Grant Benefits for American Canyon

Once adopted, the NVTa Countywide Active Transportation Plan (AT Plan) will help jurisdictions like American Canyon qualify for active transportation grants by aligning its policies with State and Regional funding programs, such as:

- California Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- SB1 (Road Repair and Accountability Act)
- AHSC (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities)
- SCCP (Solutions for Congested Corridors Program)

Local Adoption Is Key: Jurisdictions must adopt the plan locally to be eligible for certain funding streams. Adoption demonstrates commitment to implementing the plan's goals and ensures projects are "shovel-ready" when funding becomes available.

Implementation & Funding Strategy

The plan includes a dedicated Implementation and Funding Plan (Task 8), which outlines how jurisdictions can pursue grants and other funding sources to build out proposed infrastructure.

Project Readiness: By identifying priority projects, facility types, and safety improvements, the plan helps jurisdictions present well-defined proposals that score higher in competitive grant applications.

Project Schedule

While tentative, the Project Timeline with milestones is listed below:

- Data Collection & Existing Conditions: Aug 2024 – Jan 2025
- Community Engagement: Jan – Jul 2025
- Recommendations Development: Apr – Sep 2025
- Draft Plan Development: Apr – Oct 2025
- Final NVTa Adoption: Dec 2025
- Local Adoption: Early 2026

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Public Safety: "Ensure American Canyon remains a safe community."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this report. However, adoption of the AT Plan may improve the City's eligibility for future grant funding opportunities through programs such as ATP, SB1, AHSC, and SCCP.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

COMMUNICATION

Level 3: Broad Communication

NVTA staff is providing extensive public outreach and community engagement efforts by gathering input from residents, businesses, and stakeholders. This includes multiple opportunities for public input, including:

- Surveys
- Interactive maps
- Outreach events

ATTACHMENTS:

[AT-Plan-Factsheet](#)