



## **TITLE**

Active Transportation (AT) Plan General Plan Amendment

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution approving a General Plan Amendment to incorporate the American Canyon Active Transportation Plan as an appendix into the General Plan Mobility Element

## **CONTACT**

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## **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS**

Imagine a community where residents and visitors can easily complete daily trips—to work, the market, or home—without relying on cars or other motorized vehicles. Shifting more trips to active transportation will lower household transportation costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health, and ease traffic congestion.

To expand opportunities for non-automobile travel, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) has prepared a Countywide Active Transportation Plan (Plan). The Plan aims to enhance walking, biking, and other non-motorized travel options throughout Napa County. The new plan replaces the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans that were included as appendices to the General Plan.

The NVTA Board approved the Countywide Active Transportation Plan on April 15, 2026. This new Plan establishes countywide standards and policies, along with dedicated chapters for each jurisdiction: American Canyon, the City of Napa, Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, and unincorporated Napa County.

The American Canyon Plan under consideration includes countywide standards and specific goals for American Canyon. The other Napa County jurisdiction policy components were excluded from our plan. A copy of the proposed American Canyon Active Transportation Plan is included as Exhibit A to Attachment 1.

## **Key Project Goals**

### ***Create a Connected Network***

Develop a countywide system of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that link communities and key destinations.

### ***Improve Safety and Accessibility***

Enhance safety and accessibility for users of all ages and abilities, with a focus on vulnerable road users.

### ***Encourage Active Transportation***

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

### ***Engage the Community***

Incorporate community input through surveys, interactive mapping tools, and outreach events to ensure the Plan reflects local needs and priorities.

### **Grant Benefits for American Canyon**

Once adopted, the Plan will help jurisdictions like American Canyon qualify for active transportation grants by aligning local policies with State and Regional funding programs, including:

- 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 Critical:***

Jurisdictions must formally adopt the Plan to qualify for certain funding programs. Adoption demonstrates a commitment to implementation and helps ensure projects are “shovel-ready” when funding opportunities arise.

### ***Napa Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan:***

Outdoor, non-group recreational facilities—such as sidewalks and trails identified in the Active Transportation Plan—constitute linear, low-occupancy infrastructure. Under Exhibit 5-2 of the Napa Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (NACUCP), these improvements are considered “normally compatible” within Zones D1, D2, and E.

This designation is appropriate because implementation of the Active Transportation Plan would not alter land use designations or densities, nor would it introduce facilities into safety-critical areas (e.g., Runway Protection Zones or inner approach zones). Accordingly, the Plan would not affect

Napa County airport operations and is therefore exempt from referral to the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission.

On May 28, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Plan and recommended City Council approval.

### **COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

Outdoors and Recreation: "Expand opportunities for use of outdoor recreation and an active and healthy lifestyle."

### **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 statutorily exempt from the CEQA pursuant to PRC §21080.20, as it is an active transportation plan "that promotes and encourages people to choose walking, bicycling, or rolling through the creation of safe, comfortable, connected, and accessible walking, bicycling, or rolling networks, and encourages alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips."

### **COMMUNICATION**

Level 0: No Further Public Communication Needed

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- [1. Reso Active Transportation Plan](#)
- [1. Exhibit A American Canyon-AT-Plan](#)