



January 14, 2019

Supervisor Ryan Gregory, Chair  
Napa County Board of Supervisors  
1195 Third Street  
Napa, CA 94559

RE: Parcel Numbers 057-250-025 and 057-250-036  
Request to Waive Traffic Mitigation Fee

Dear Chair Gregory:

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVRTA) provides public bus transit services on the Vine Transit system to Napa County's residents, workers, and visitors. NVRTA is hoping to construct a new maintenance facility on Sheehy Court in Napa County. The County of Napa Public Works Staff have estimated the traffic mitigation fee to be \$83,022. NVRTA is appealing to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the fee be waived.

The new bus maintenance facility is replacing an existing maintenance facility in the City of Napa. The Vine's existing maintenance facility is no longer sufficient to accommodate the size of the existing system and is woefully outdated to serve planned expansion. To meet the demand of the growing system, NVRTA is constructing a new maintenance on Sheehy Court. The specific location is on the attached location map.

The Vine Transit system carries more than 1 million passengers each year. The new facility will be a modern facility that is being designed to accommodate system expansion. The new facility will significantly reduce system operational costs associated with cramped and obsolete facilities inherent in the existing facility. A new facility will greatly improve bus maintenance and dispatch operations significantly delays in bus pullout and improving on time performance which will in turn draw new riders to the system. Already the system eliminates thousands of cars from Napa County's highways and roads helping to reduce traffic and improve mobility for all of its residents, labor force, and visitors. NVRTA staff anticipates that the Vine system will continue to grow between 2 and 5% each year.

NVRTA is a small agency with limited resources. The cost to build the maintenance facility is \$28 million requiring that NVRTA cobble together funding from a dozen different sources. As part of that effort, NVRTA staff are aggressively pursuing a number of competitive grant sources in addition to pledging existing formula funds. This exhaustive effort has still fallen short by over \$7 million. Waiving the fee will be a significant help in addressing the project funding shortfall.

The County of Napa implemented the Airport Industrial Area Traffic Mitigation Fee imposed on new construction in/around the Napa Airport including the proposed Vine Maintenance Facility Site. The Napa County Board of Supervisors can waive the fee. In fact, in many jurisdictions standard procedure to waive the fee for other government agencies. Moreover, while it is likely that there may be some

additional bus traffic, in/around the Sheehy court, the Vine Transit system significantly reduces traffic countywide and will continue to do at its new location.

We very much appreciate partnering with the County of Napa on this effort. I am happy to respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

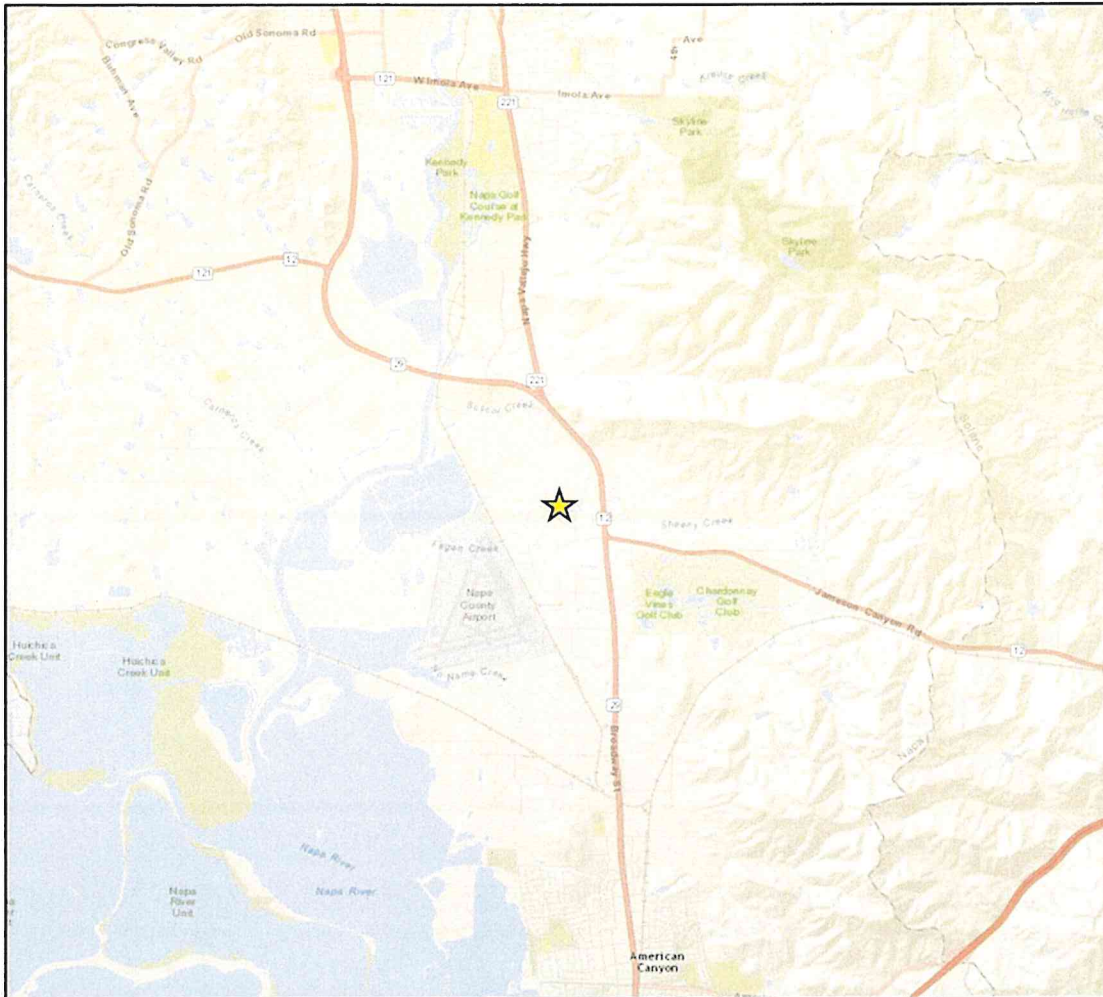
Sincerely,

Napa Valley Transportation Authority

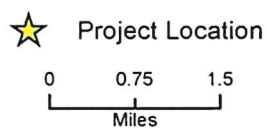
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Chris Canning  
Board Chair

## **Project Vicinity**



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**Project Location**





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