



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Title: Vine Transit Bus Maintenance Facility
SCH#2017052029

Lead Agency: Napa Valley Transportation Authority
625 Burnell St.
Napa, CA 94559

Project Location: The approximately eight-acre project site is located on two parcels (Napa County Assessor Parcel Numbers 057-250-025 and 057-250-036) at the terminus of Sheehy Court, approximately 900 feet west of its intersection with Devlin Road, in unincorporated Napa County, California. The property is located within the Napa Valley Gateway Business Park, a 300 acre business park located adjacent to the Napa County Airport on Highway 29 in South Napa County which accommodates a combination of industrial, warehouse and service retail.

Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 057-250-025 and 057-250-036

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Project Description

The Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) operates Vine Transit, which provides bus, community shuttle, and paratransit services for Napa County. NVTA proposes to construct a new public transit maintenance facility for Vine Transit, to replace the currently leased site at 720 Jackson Street in Napa. The project would include:

- Maintenance building with up to eight (8) bays
- Administration building
- Parking for 93 public transit vehicles up to 60 feet long
- 75 visitor and employee parking spaces
- Compliance with all building and design standards and regulations including American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The proposed project would replace an existing deficient maintenance yard that is leased from the City of Napa. The present facility located at 720 Jackson Street in Napa is insufficient for Vine Transit's existing service and cannot accommodate future growth because it does not have enough bus maintenance bays or parking or sufficient space for a modern bus wash. It further cannot accommodate visitor or employee parking.

Purpose of this Notice of Availability

The NVTA circulated an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration in October of 2016 to analyze this same project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Subsequent to NVTA's adoption of the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration in 2016, NVTA decided to prepare an Initial Study and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to further evaluate the project's environmental impacts. The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to inform agencies and interested parties and persons that NVTA has prepared a Draft EIR for the proposed Vine Transit Bus Maintenance Facility Project in

accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15087. This NOA provides information about the project and its environmental effects and requests that comments be provided on the content of the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR is available at the NVTA offices located at 625 Burnell Street, Napa, California, 94559, or online at:

<http://www.nvta.ca.gov/vine-maintenance-yard>

The Draft EIR is also available for review at the Napa County Public Library, located at 580 Coombs Street, Napa, California, 94559.

Review Period: The review period for comments pertaining to the Draft EIR extends from **September 19, to 5:00 P.M. on November 2, 2017.**

Potential Environmental Impacts

An Initial Study was prepared for the proposed project and found that the proposed project would have no impacts or less than significant impacts (either with or without mitigation) for all resource areas evaluated under CEQA, except for air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, and transportation and traffic. These seven resource areas were evaluated in the Draft EIR. The project was found to have a significant and unavoidable cumulative impact on biological resources, less than significant impacts on hydrology and water quality and noise with implementation of mitigation, and less than significant impacts on air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic. The project was found to have no impact on land use and planning.

Providing Comments and Comment Period

NVTA is soliciting comments on the Draft EIR. Comments provided will be considered in the Final EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15088. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date and not later than 45 days after receipt of this NOA. The review period for comments pertaining to the Draft EIR extends from **September 19, to 5:00 P.M. on November 2, 2017.** Please send all comments by either: 1) U.S. mail; or 2) electronic mail (email).

If submitting comments by mail, please send to:

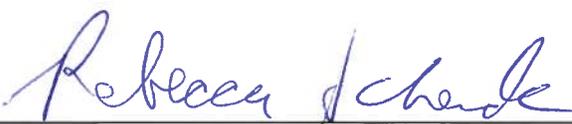
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If submitting by email, please send to:

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Please note that all comments become part of the public record.

Please contact Rebecca Schenck if you have any questions about the environmental review process at the contact information provided at the beginning of this NOA.


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