

Item to A.
Public Comment

August 19, 2025

Dear Mayor Sedgley and City Council Members,

Over the past few years, a dedicated group of local stakeholders and community members has come together as an advisory committee to help shape a shared vision for **The Napa Riverline**.

Inspired in part by New York City's iconic High Line, the Napa Riverline will be a multi-use path connecting diverse neighborhoods along the riverfront and into downtown. Our aim is to create a world-class public space that enhances mobility, celebrates the river, strengthens community identity, and supports local economic development.

In early 2024, City of Napa representatives Brendan Hurley and Neal Harrison led a successful grant application to the Economic Development Corporation, securing funding for the project's initial design. Their leadership was instrumental in making this opportunity possible.

Throughout the design process, our committee worked closely with Brendan, Neal, and the landscape architecture firm SWA to help guide the evolving vision. As Chair of the advisory committee, I'm pleased to be here in support of this project and SWA's fine work.

In the coming months, we plan to establish a nonprofit organization that will lead the planning, fundraising, and implementation of the project. This structure will provide long-term stewardship and enable strong public-private partnerships moving forward.

Our goals:

1. Execute a continuous 4.3-mile pathway from Trancas to Imola that capitalizes on existing flood control segments and leverages construction projects already funded by the City and County.
2. Prioritize the Downtown “Core” Segment by concentrating our resources and efforts around the Oxbow and focusing on basic but critical connections to the Oxbow Preserve and downtown Napa.
3. Establish the Riverline Station as our most strategic investment and amenity. The Riverline Station will be a single, well-located facility that connects the Vine Trail, Rail Arts District and The Napa Riverline with bike storage, basic educational programming about the river, public restrooms, and a small café overlooking the river.
4. Leverage Existing Parking Facilities in Downtown by designing and implementing a parking management plan that provides safe and convenient customer parking for visitors coming to the Riverline.

We strongly believe the Napa Riverline represents a transformative opportunity for our community, but success depends on matching our ambitions with our resources. It is our belief that these four priorities ensure our efforts remain achievable while delivering measurable community benefit.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the city, members of the public, and other public agencies and are grateful for your support as we take the next steps in bringing this exciting project to life.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Carlin', with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Carlin

Napa Riverline Advisory Committee Chair