City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Erik V. Lundquist

DATE: April 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding Applications

Logvy Park Sidewalk Lighting and Bicycle Education

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

Dylan Feik, City Manager

<u>ISSUE</u>: Consideration of Resolutions ratifying the submittal of applications to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2017/18 Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding in the amount of \$64,000 for 1) pedestrian level lighting adjoining the sidewalk at Logvy Park along the Washington Street frontage and 2) a series of community based education and safety activities and authorizing the City Manager to execute all grant documents and agreements on behalf of the City for these projects.

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10 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolutions.

- 11 BACKGROUND: The Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code
- Sections 99233.3 and 99234, makes funds available in the nine-county MTC Region for
- pedestrian/bicycle purposes. Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) funds
- 14 are intended to be used exclusively for bicycle and pedestrian projects. These funds are
- 15 allocated annually to Napa County and its incorporated cities and are locally
- administered by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA). The TDA-3 grant
- 17 program generally funds minor (low cost) pedestrian and bicycle projects and safety
- 18 education.

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- 19 The MTC and the NVTA require resolutions from the City in order to receive the
- requested funding. The attached Resolutions are provided for Council consideration.
- 21 **DISCUSSION:**

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22 Logvy Pathway Lighting

- 23 The City of Calistoga received FY16/17 TDA-3 funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the
- installation of 400 feet of sidewalk on Logvy Park along the Washington Street frontage
- to close the gap from the Calistoga Family Apartments to the Calistoga Community Pool
- 26 and Calistoga Boys and Girls Club. The funds were not sufficient to cover costs related
- to the project. The total project costs are \$102,000 (\$60,000 for the pathway and
- \$42,000 for the lights. As such, the requested \$52,000 combined with the previously
- 29 approved allocation of \$50,000 will cover all costs. The requested \$52,000 would
- provide \$42,000 for the lights and an additional \$10,000 for the sidewalk.
- 31 Bicycle Education and Safety
- 32 The City intends to contract with Napa County Bicycle Coalition in order to conduct a
- 33 series of community-based education and safety activities, with a focus on the lodging
- and wine industries to address the unique opportunities and challenges presented by
- 35 increased use of bicycles for both recreation and transportation in upvalley
- communities, including the greater Calistoga and St. Helena areas.
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- 38 **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE:** General Plan policy directs the City to "seek
- 39 funding from federal and state grant programs to implement sidewalk construction
- 40 [Action A.3.2-3, Page CIR-18]." Pedestrian lighting would be state-funded and would
- 41 enhance pedestrian connectivity.
- 42 **CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PROGRAMS:** Supporting funding for new pedestrian
- 43 lighting and bicycle education would be in conformance with Goal 3, Objective 7 of the
- 44 City Council's goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2016-17, which calls for improve all
- 45 forms of transportation, including active transportation, such as walking and cycling.
- 46 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The installation of pathway lighting is categorically
- 47 exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section
- 48 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15303 exempts the installation of small
- 49 facilities. Since the project consists of the installation of pathway lighting with minimal
- alteration to the landscape, the project is exempt from any further environmental review.
- 51 Furthermore, bicycle education is subject to CEQA since it is not considered a project.
- 52 **FISCAL IMPACT**:
- 53 The grant would provide the City with \$64,000 in funding towards the project. Should
- 54 the City Council approve the Resolutions, the FY 2017/18 Capital Improvement Budget
- would reflect this program funding and appropriations to account for the TDA-3 grant.
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ATTACHMENTS:

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- 1. Resolution for TDA-3 for Logvy Park Pedestrian Lighting
- 60 2. Resolution for TDA-3 for Bicycle Education

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61 3. TDA-3 Applications