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The Napa County Bicycle Coalition supports the City of Calistoga's application for 2011/12 Bicycle Transportation Account funding for the Fair Way Extension project.

This project provides a significant improvement in safety for bicyclists entering Calistoga via the bike path that starts at Dunaweal Lane. It eliminates the need for visitors and residents to ride on narrow Washington Street, with its commercial truck and motor vehicle traffic, which is surprisingly heavy due to this being a center for commercial business in Calistoga. Contending with motor vehicle traffic is further complicated on this street because it is also the location for the community baseball field, the site of a popular church, the post office, and the fire department. The project provides users far safer access to the downtown shopping district and is in close proximity to the Vine Transit, Route 10.

Importantly, this alignment will provide a far more appropriate northern terminus for the Vine Trail, which will become a signature amenity of Napa Valley. This is important for Calistoga because it is estimated to generate \$75 million dollars in additional revenue for the Valley, which will contribute substantially to Calistoga's economic vitality for years to come.

Finally, the Napa County Bicycle Coalition endorses this investment because it will help Calistoga sustain its Bicycle Friendly City status, which reflects its commitment to safe riding for its residents, and signifies Calistoga becoming a preferred destination for active tourism.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Costanzo".

Mike Costanzo
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