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Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 3:01 PM
To: EHurwitz@NCTPA.net
Cc: Erik Lundquist
Subject: NCTPA Countywide Bicycle Plan and Calistoga City Bicycle Plan

Dear Mr. Hurwitz,

We have the new map in hand of the proposed NCTPA bike paths for the Calistoga area and - as *citizens of this small community* - we are greatly dismayed at the incursion of proposed bike paths into rural residential neighborhoods as well as onto Napa County Ag Preserve land.

Personally, in our own front yard is the **proposed Class II Bike Lane** on Rosedale Lane and Pickett. If this Rosedale/Pickett bike lane is a "proposed" bike lane, why are there numerous new bike lane signs posted all along this route now - before the citizens have had time to comment? (see photos)

This is an **unnecessary side route** addition to the county bike path plan since the Silverado Trail is an existing and very adequate primary bike path for both residents and tourists.

This proposed side route onto Pickett/Rosedale would only serve to increase traffic and trespass in an area of working vineyards and small farms. Cyclists stop and picnic on private property and in our vineyards. We have even had problems with cyclists who park their vehicles along Rosedale and Pickett vineyards, unload their bikes here, leave the vehicle there and then ride away for the entire day. And rude? We don't know where to begin!

We ask that you eliminate this proposal to your bike plan route and further, not to encourage the distribution of bike maps with this proposed Pickett/Rosedale bike lane marked.

We await your timely feedback on this matter.

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