City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Erik Lundquist, Senior Planner

DATE: October 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the NCTPA in the amount of \$1,500 to allow purchase of three bicycle racks using TFCA funds; and, to approve a budget adjustment to the General Fund Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,500, for this project.

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the NCTPA in the amount of \$1,500 to allow purchase of three bicycle racks using TFCA funds; and, to approve a budget adjustment to the General Fund Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,500, for this project.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Fund for Clean Air is a Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) program funded by a surcharge of \$4.00 on motor vehicle registration fees paid within its jurisdiction. The surcharge revenues are to be used to implement specified transportation control measures that are included in the BAAQMD's Clean Air Plan, developed and adopted pursuant to the requirements of the 1988 California Clean Air Act.

The Transportation Fund for Clean Air provides grants to local governments for projects that will reduce air pollution. Sixty percent of the annually available funds are administered by the BAAQMD and are awarded to local governments on a competitive basis. The remaining 40% of TFCA funds are returned to Bay Area counties - in Napa County, the 40% TFCA funds are administered by Napa

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- County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) as the designated Program Manager. Mayor Jack Gingles and Vice-Mayor Michael Dunsford represent the City on the NCTPA Board of Directors. The grant discussed in this report is administered by the NCTPA out of the 40% TFCA funds.
 - Eligible projects for TFCA funds include:
 - The implementation and enforcement of local ridesharing and employer-based trip reduction ordinances and programs
 - The implementation and maintenance of local arterial traffic management, including, but not limited to, signal timing, traffic signal preemption for transit, bus stop relocation, and "smart streets"
 - Implementation of demonstration projects for alternative fuel vehicles
 - Bicycle projects

DISCUSSION:

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The City Council is an advocate of bicycling as an alternative means of transportation. On April 3, 2007 the City Council adopted the 2007 Bicycle Transportation Plan as recommended by the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, which promotes cycling and providing bicycling support facilities. To implement these policies, the City of Calistoga will use TFCA funds to purchase three (3) bike racks for installation within the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Fund Capital Improvement Program – Bicycle Transportation Plan Implementation Account (No. 5504) did not anticipate this program funding. As such, this budget adjustment seeks to increase the program funding and appropriations to account for the TFCA grant of \$1,500. The TFCA grant program does not require any local matching funds for this project.

It is our intention to purchase the racks from available sources and install them with City staff.

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the funding and approve the budget adjustment to recognize the additional revenue and the corresponding expenditure for this project during FY 2012/13.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Draft Resolution
- 2. TFCA Funding Agreement (NCTPA Agreement No. 12-14)

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