City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council **FROM:** Erik V. Lundquist, Senior Planner

DATE: April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Advisory Committee

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution rescinding any resolution of the City Council creating the Bicycle Advisory Committee and, as a replacement, establish an Active Transportation Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: In 1993 the City Council established a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). The BAC is a 5 member group of community members who meet regularly with Planning Department staff to offer feedback and recommendations on the City's work to improve conditions for cyclists. The BAC also provides outreach efforts to encourage bicycling within the community.

More recently the City Council has recognized that a more comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users is desirable for safety and economic gain. On January 15, 2013, the City Council adopted Resolution 2013-003 adopting a "Complete Streets Policy," which will ultimately be incorporated into the City of Calistoga General Plan Circulation Element.

The Complete Streets Policy will be implemented in part by having the Bicycle Advisory Committee review all transportation projects for inclusion of Complete Streets features, which including walking and biking. Historically, the BAC's charter has only included bicycle-related matters. As a result of the Complete Streets Policy, the BAC will now have to consider walking and other modes of transportation. Since this review is beyond the BAC's current charter, Staff suggests that the City Council dissolve the BAC transferring and expanding its duties and responsibilities to a newly established Active Transportation Committee.

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FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct budget implication of dissolving the Bicycle Advisory Committee and establishing the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, but subsequent implementation of transportation related projects may require that General Fund dollars and staffing be directed to those efforts. If so, the City Council will review and approve such subsequent budget allocations.

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1. Draft Resolution