

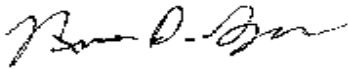
City of Calistoga

Staff Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Michael Kirn, Public Works Director/City Engineer
DATE: August 6, 2013
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2013/14 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding in the Amount of \$180,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Appropriate and Adjust the 2013/14 Budget if TDA-3 Grant Funding is Approved

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Richard D. Spittler, City Manager

ISSUE:

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3 Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a request to the Metropolitan Transportation
4 Commission for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2013/14 Transportation Development Act
5 Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle project funding in the amount of \$180,000 and authorizing
6 the City Manager to appropriate and adjust the 2013/14 budget if TDA-3 grant funding is
7 approved.

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9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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11 Adopt the Resolution.

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13 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

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15 The Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code Sections 99233.3 and
16 99234, makes funds available in the nine-county Metropolitan Transportation
17 Commission (MTC) Region for pedestrian/bicycle purposes. Transportation
18 Development Act Article 3 (TDA-3) funds are intended to be used exclusively for bicycle
19 and pedestrian projects. These funds are allocated annually to Napa County and its
20 incorporated cities and are locally administered by the Napa County Transportation and

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21 Planning Agency (NCTPA). The TDA-3 grant program generally funds minor (low cost)
22 pedestrian and bicycle projects and safety education.

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24 TDA Article 3 funds may be used for the following activities related to the planning and
25 construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities:

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- 27 ▪ Engineering expenses leading to construction;
- 28 ▪ Right-of-way acquisition;
- 29 ▪ Construction and reconstruction;
- 30 ▪ Retrofitting existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including installation of
31 signage to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- 32 ▪ Route improvements such as signal controls for cyclists, bicycle loop detectors,
33 rubberized rail crossings and bicycle-friendly drainage grates; and
- 34 ▪ Purchase and installation of bicycle facilities such as secure bicycle parking,
35 benches, drinking fountains, changing rooms, rest rooms and showers which are
36 adjacent to bicycle trails, employment centers, park-and-ride lots, and/or transit
37 terminals and are accessible to the general public.

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39 The City has a number of desired bicycle and pedestrian projects, but minimal staff time
40 to execute the projects. Thus, the range of projects has been limited to those that can
41 be more easily accomplished within the grant deadlines.

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43 The following projects, listed by priority, are recommended for TDA-3 grant funding
44 application in the coming year:

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- 46 1. Riverside Pedestrian/Bike Pathway along Napa River – Lincoln Avenue to City
47 Parking Lot (\$125,000)
- 48 2. ADA-Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramps (Phase II) at various intersections
49 (\$50,000)
- 50 3. Bike Racks (\$5,000)

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52 The Riverside Pedestrian Pathway project is to install a pedestrian/bike pathway along
53 the Napa River by generally affixing decking to the newly installed grade beam (by
54 AT&T) providing pedestrian connectivity from Lincoln Avenue to the east side of the
55 City's public parking lot. The path will include a 6-foot fence along the AT&T building to
56 provide security and a guardrail on the riverside of the path. The Planning Commission
57 will consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration on August 14, 2013.

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59 The City's ADA Transition Plan from February 2008, lists 211 curb ramps that are out of
60 ADA compliance for one reason or another. The total estimated cost to retrofit or install
61 new curb ramps at those 211 locations was approximately \$515,000. Phase I of the
62 ADA-Compliant Pedestrian Curb Ramp project will be completed by September 2013. If
63 TDA-3 grant funds are obtained, then selected curb ramp locations for Phase II will be
64 prioritized and made compliant within the amount of grant funds attained. In addition,
65 funding is requested to purchase 15 bike racks.

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67 Due to the late notice from MTC, the City's Active Transportation Advisory Committee
68 (ATAC) was not able to convene a meeting to recommend projects for the TDA-3 grant
69 application prior to this staff report being prepared. An e-mail poll was taken of the
70 members and approval was received for the application.

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72 The MTC and the NCTPA requires a standard model Resolution from all local agency
73 claimants for this grant. Such a model Resolution is provided here for adoption.

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75 **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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77 The Fiscal Year 2013-14 General Fund Capital Improvement Program – ADA Curb
78 Ramp Improvements (25-4122) and Bicycle Transportation Implementation Plan (25-
79 5504) does not anticipate this program funding. As such, a budget adjustment would be
80 needed to increase the programs funding and appropriations to account for this TDA-3
81 grant if the grant funding is approved by MTC. The TDA-3 grant program does not
82 require any City matching funds for these projects.

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84 Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to request TDA-3 funding
85 from MTC, accept the funding (upon grant approval) and approve the budget
86 adjustment to recognize the additional revenue and the corresponding expenditure for
87 this project during FY 2013/14.

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89 **ATTACHMENTS**

- 90 1. Resolution
91 2. Vicinity Maps