

# City of Calistoga

## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Erik V. Lundquist, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** March 1, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Countywide Pedestrian Plan

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APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING

*Michael Kirn*

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Michael T. Kirn, Interim City Manager

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1 **ISSUE:** Consideration of the Draft Countywide Pedestrian Plan

2 **RECOMMENDATION:** Receive presentation and provide comments on the Draft Plan

3 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Currently the County and many of the Napa County  
4 jurisdictions do not have a comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. To maintain consistency  
5 throughout the County and to better assist jurisdictions with the necessary infrastructure  
6 improvements, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) has identified the need  
7 to create a Countywide Pedestrian Plan. In October 2014 the NCTPA Board approved  
8 the contract with Fehr & Peers to conduct the Countywide Pedestrian Plan.

9 NVTA staff and its consultant, Fehr & Peers, began the process for the Countywide  
10 Pedestrian Master Plan in November 2014. A series of public workshops took place and  
11 Fehr & Peers met with staff in each jurisdiction to develop benchmarking summary  
12 reports related to pedestrian facilities and programs. Walking audits were completed in  
13 key focus areas and project lists and cost estimates, including projections of future  
14 demand for potential priority projects, were completed. An administrative Plan was  
15 circulated among jurisdiction staff for review and comment in November and December.  
16 The Draft Plan was presented to the NVTA's Technical Advisory Committee and Board  
17 in February 2016.

18 The Plan identifies and prioritizes pedestrian projects, programs and planning efforts of  
19 countywide significance. The Plan provides the background, direction, and tools  
20 needed to improve the active transportation network to encourage pedestrian/walking  
21 trips in Napa County and improve safety for all users. The plan will be an important  
22 component for the coordination of planning and programming pedestrian projects for all  
23 Napa County jurisdictions.

24 NVTA now seeks the City Council's input on the Calistoga portion of the Draft Plan so  
25 that the Plan may be finalized and the environmental review completed. A final Plan will  
26 be considered for adoption by the NVTA Board in July, followed by the adoption of the  
27 Plan by the County and each jurisdiction.

28 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Environmental review is scheduled to begin in March,  
29 allowing time for the Draft Plan to circulate and for comments to be consolidated and  
30 addressed. The Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the NVTA Board in July 2016.

31 **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW:** The Calistoga  
32 Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) reviewed and commented on the  
33 plan at its February 1, 2016 meeting. ATAC expressed its support for the plan provided  
34 the projects listed in the City's 2014 Active Transportation Plan were included by  
35 reference. NVTA has agreed to list these projects in the final Plan.

36 **CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The Plan would help  
37 fulfill Goal 3 *Establish, improve and maintain City infrastructure* and Objective 7 *Improve*  
38 *all forms of transportation, including active transportation, such as walking and cycling*  
39 of the City Council's goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

40 **FISCAL IMPACT:** A minimal amount of staff time was incurred to review and provide  
41 comments on the draft plan.

42 **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 43 1. NVTA's PowerPoint presentation  
44 2. Chapter 2: Calistoga's Plan