

July 22, 2020

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To: Napa County Board of Supervisors

From: Chuck McMinn, President
Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition

Re: Resolution to apply for \$10 Million in ATP Cycle 5 funding

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Vine Trail Coalition requests your support to approve a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to apply for a \$10 million ATP Cycle 5 grant to complete the Vine Trail from Madison Street in Yountville to Sulphur Springs Road in St. Helena that is on your July 28, 2020 agenda.

Although we recognize that we are amid the Covid-19 pandemic and the related short-term measures you are having to deal with, we want to stress that we cannot lose the long-term perspective on what a tremendous asset the Vine Trail has become to our communities. In the eleven years since the Vine Trail Coalition was founded, together the Coalition, Napa and Solano counties and all city jurisdictions have:

- Secured \$22 Million in 13 Federal and State grants.
- Raised and committed over \$7 Million in Vine Trail donations from over 200 donors.
- Used these grants and donations to leverage \$5.5 Million in County and city local funds, 60% of which have met your Measure T equivalency funding requirements.
- Used those funds to complete and open over 18 miles of the Vine Trail (see the overall Vine Trail route map below).
- Designed another 11 miles of the Vine Trail in Vallejo and between St. Helena and Calistoga that will be built and completed in the next two years.
- Seen the use of the completed sections of the Vine Trail grow from 359,000 uses in 2019, before Covid-19, to a projection of over 544,000 uses for 2020. We have seen an average increase in use in the last 3 months of 84%, 70% of those uses by our local residents.
- Worked with developers of the Watson Ranch project in American Canyon and the Napa Pipe project to get two miles of the Vine Trail committed to be constructed as part of those developments.
- Worked with the County staff to complete a 0.75 mile section of the Vine Trail between Tower Road and Airport Boulevard this year.
- Gotten the Vine Trail's "Yountville to St Helena" project listed by the National Rails to Trails "Trail Nation" initiative as one of only thirteen priority projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.

NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL COALITION
BOARD MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

LAND INTEREST GROUPS

Napa Valley Vintners (co-founder)
Napa Valley Grap growers (co-founder)
Land Trust of Napa County (co-founder)
Napa County Farm Bureau
Winegrowers of Napa County

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Napa Valley Transportation
Authority (NVTA)
City of Vallejo/Solano County
NVTA/TAC Public Works Planners
Active Transportation Advisory
Committees of Napa County (ATAC)
Napa County Regional Park &
Open Space District
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Napa County Law Enforcement
Napa County Sheriff's Department
City of Napa Police Department
California Highway Patrol
Napa Valley College
Caltrans District 4

ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPS

Visit Napa Valley
Napa Valley Chambers of Commerce
Calistoga Vitality Group
Cycling Businesses of Napa Valley
North Bay Realtors/Napa Group

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUPS

Sierra Club Napa Group
Sustainable Napa County
Friends of the Napa River

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY
INTEREST GROUPS

Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Health, Wellness & Medical Coalition
Youth Development/Safety Education
Runners of Napa Valley
Rotary Clubs of Napa Valley
Arts Council Napa Valley

Segment	Miles	Agency Partners/Status	Schedule
Calistoga (Lincoln Ave to Silverado Trail)	0.7	Calistoga, NVVTC, Developers. Sections completed in front of Indian Springs Resort and Calistoga Motor Lodge.	Ongoing
St. Helena (Pratt Ave) – Calistoga (Lincoln Ave)		NVTA, St Helena, Calistoga, County, NVVTC. In Final Design and Environmental approvals.	2021-22
St Helena City Connection (Sulphur Springs Ave to Pratt Ave)	2.2	St Helena, NVVTC Study prepared.	TBD
Yountville (Madison St) to St. Helena (Sulphur Springs Ave)	8.2	County, NVVTC Feasibility Study and mapping completed.	2025
Oak Knoll (Kennedy Park to Yountville)	12.5	NVTA, County, Napa, Yountville, NVVTC. Half mile Soscol Gap being bid out 2021.	2016
American Canyon (Watson Ranch) to Napa (Kennedy Park)	8.3	County, American Canyon, Napa, Developers, NVVTC. County section Tower to Airport complete. Watson Ranch to construct 1 mile of Vine Trail.	Ongoing
American Canyon (Veterans Memorial Park to Watson Ranch)	2.0	American Canyon	Complete
Vallejo (Ferry Terminal) to American Canyon (Veterans Memorial Park)		Solano Transportation Authority, Vallejo, Bay Trail, Vine Trail. Environmental approved. Final design in progress.	2022

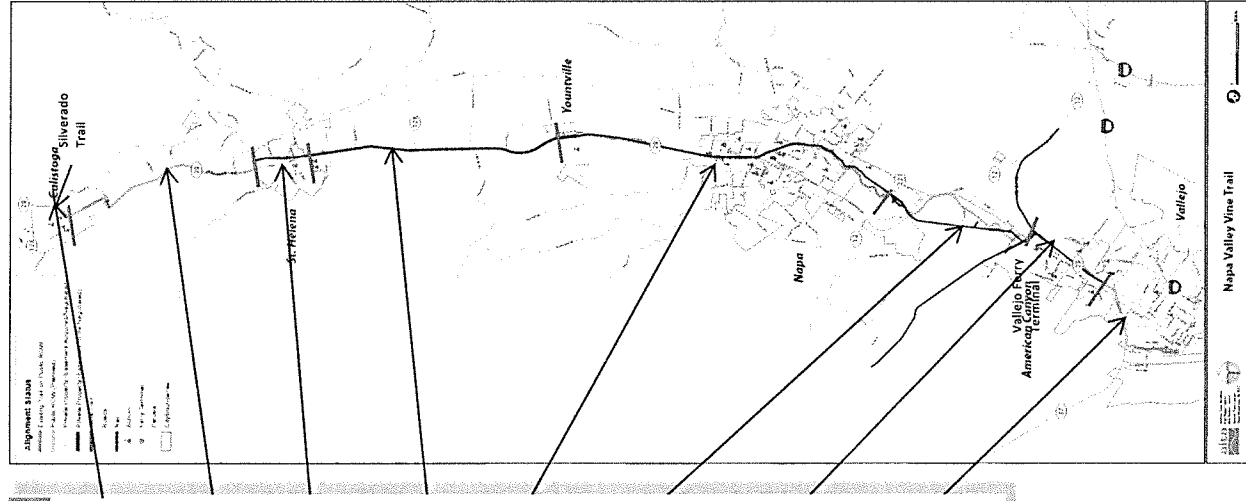
14.5 Complete (31%)

Funded Projects (28%)

9.0 Developers/Jurisdictions (19%)

8.2 ATP 2025 Grant Application (17%)

2.2 Remaining (5%)



Clearly the Vine Trail project is working and generating healthier lifestyles, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and environmental and traffic mitigation benefits for thousands of County residents.

With your authorization to County staff to act as lead agency and apply for an ATP Cycle 5 grant for Yountville to St. Helena, the County will be bridging the last large gap in the Vine Trail.

If we are successful in securing the funds, this project will get us 90% of the way toward the goal of connecting Vallejo to Calistoga. This will be a tremendous accomplishment.

The Yountville to St. Helena Section.

In the past three years, the Vine Trail Coalition has invested over \$150,000 on the early design of this section of the Vine Trail including topographic mapping and preparation of a study by Trailpeople on the feasibility of the route.

The highlights of this project are:

- 57% of the route can be built on the Wine Train's right of way and they are supportive of this use of their property.
- 14 % can be built on Caltrans ROW with their approval.
- The remaining 29% of the route will be on 40 private parcels, with landowner approval. The Vine Trail Coalition has already talked to 27 of the owners representing 72% of this ROW and they are supportive of the project, subject to further engineering work that this ATP grant will allow.

The projected total budget for this project is \$16.2 Million. The Vine Trail and County staff have reviewed this budget and believe it is conservative. It uses the actual unit costs for the Oak Knoll Vine Trail project and the St. Helena to Calistoga projects, adds a 20% contingency and then a price escalator to a construction window of 2025/26. The breakdown of funds for the project is:

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| • \$10.0 Million | ATP Grant |
| • \$ 2.0 Million | Vine Trail donations |
| • \$ 1.2 Million | County Measure T qualifying funds |
| • \$ 3.0 Million | Other Funds to be determined |

With three dollars of leverage on each one dollar of County funds, this is a very valuable return on the County's investment. While the Vine Trail and the County have not determined the exact source of the remaining \$3.0 Million, there are several options including RM3 funding which just cleared a major legal hurdle and could be released for use shortly, TDA3 funds, and a potential federal infrastructure stimulus bill that both political parties support. The Vine Trail has already been included as a \$3 Million shovel ready project in the list of projects MTC and CTC have collected in support of a federal or state infrastructure bill. Additionally, by scheduling construction of this project for the last year of this ATP grant cycle, we will have five years to determine the source of the additional needed local matching funds.

Thank you again for supporting this ATP grant application. The Vine Trail is already a wonderful gift to our entire community, and with your support it will be nearly completed if we win this grant.

Sincerely,



Chuck McMinn
President & Chair
Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition

Lederer, Steven

From: Miller, Kate
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:45 AM
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NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL COALITION

Dear Board Members and Vine Trail Supporters:

We need you to write a letter before July 28th to urge the Napa County Board of Supervisors at their meeting that day to authorize County staff to apply for \$10 Million in competitive funding under the Active Transportation Program, Cycle 5 to construct the Vine Trail between Yountville and St Helena.

We ask that you send your emails to:

Supervisor Diane Dillon, Chair of the Board SupervisorDillon@napacounty.ca.gov

Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza: SupervisorPedroza@napacounty.ca.gov

Supervisor Ryan Gregory: SupervisorGregory@napacounty.ca.gov

Supervisor Belia Ramos: SupervisorRamos@napacounty.ca.gov

Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht: SupervisorWagenknecht@napacounty.ca.gov

Over the past three years, the Vine Trail Coalition has been developing and refining a plan for the missing 8-mile gap between the end of the Vine Trail in Yountville (Madison Street) to St Helena. The Vine Trail Coalition has invested over \$150,000 in preparing topographic maps, right of way research, and a detailed [Vine Trail Plan](#). We have worked with the owners of the Wine Train, who are willing to donate a trail easement on their right of way between Yountville and Whitehall Lane. We have laid the groundwork so that the County can apply for State and Federal Active Transportation Program funds this year. If the grant is awarded the project would be constructed in 2025.

This round of Active Transportation Program (ATP) competitive grant funding will be programming five years' worth of funding. **If we do not secure funds under this cycle of funding, we will have to wait until 2025 before we can apply again.** Vine Trail staff and consultants have been successful in assisting both Napa County and Solano County in securing \$13 million in funds under previous cycles of the ATP program.

We are proposing that the County apply for \$10 million for this \$16.2 million project for construction in 2025/26. Based on considered analysis of past grant awards we believe this is the maximum we could expect. The Vine Trail Coalition has offered to raise \$2 million; the County will have, by 2025, an unobligated \$1.2 million to meet its Measure T requirements for Bike Paths. The remaining \$3 million would likely have to come from other transportation funding but we have five years to come up with a solution, assuming we get the grant.

County staff are seeking direction from the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on July 28 to apply for the ATP funds. **However, the County Executive officer is recommending against applying because of the unidentified source of the \$3 million.**

The County, like every jurisdiction, has been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the related short-term emergency measures. The uncertainty of the future has colored the discussion about the County's ability to find matching funds. **The downside of being paralyzed by the present crisis means if we do not apply for these funds, the funds would go to another jurisdiction that is willing to bet on a brighter future.**

Although we acknowledge the trying times that we now live in, we cannot lose the long-term perspective on what a tremendous asset the Vine Trail has become to our communities. We are grateful to all our public agency partners for their past support. In the eleven years since the Vine Trail Coalition was founded, together the Coalition, Napa and Solano counties and all city jurisdictions have:

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Secured the designation of the Vine Trail's "Yountville to St Helena" project by the National Rails to Trails "Trail Nation" initiative as one of only thirteen priority projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.

If we apply win this grant and construction the YV to SH section of the Vine Trail, we will be over 90% of the way to completing the whole Vine Trail. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

We hope that you agree with us that the completion of the 47-mile Vine Trail connecting two counties five cities, a town and the San Francisco Bay Trail and Bay Area Ridge Trail is an alternative transportation priority.

Please do not delay, contact the Board of Supervisors and show your support before they meet on July, 28, 2020. Let us get this project completed!

Philip Sales

Executive Director, Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition



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Lederer, Steven

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Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:42 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Active Transportation Program (ATP) competitive grant funding

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Supervisor Ramos,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition.

I am asking you to to authorize County staff to apply for \$10 Million in competitive funding under the Active Transportation Program, Cycle 5, to construct the Vine Trail between Yountville and St Helena. As you already know, If we do not secure funds under this cycle of funding, we will have to wait until 2025 before we can apply again.

I have a special interest in this. I am an enthusiastic bicyclist, and ride the Vine Trail from my home in Browns Valley to Yountville at least three times a week. My knees are starting to give out, so the nice flat trail is one of the few I can ride without pain. To be able to ride all the way to St. Helena would be a big boost not just to me, but I believe a source of tourist dollars by bridging downtown Napa to downtown St. Helena. If we could convince the Wine Train to add a car that carries bicycles, it might be an interesting synergy!

Thanks for your support,

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