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RE: Flynnville Project User Permit #PW12-00222 and Variance #12-00223

Dear Linda,

After reviewing the Flynnville Wine Company Initial Study Checklist authored by you and meeting and communicating with the developer over the last several months, the Vine Trail Coalition is submitting these comments and recommendations in response to the County's solicitation of public comments for the project per the notice in the Napa Register on 9/2/2013.

As you know, we are a 501(c)(3) organization that is picking up where the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency's Greenway Feasibility Study left off to design, fund, build and maintain a non motorized trail system from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to Calistoga. We are a true public-private partnership, as represented by our board members who come from virtually all of the organizations in the Napa Valley with a direct interest in our project.

At its board meeting on 9/18/2013 the Board of the Napa Valley Vine Trail voted to make the following comments and recommendations about the Flynnville project:

- 1. The Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (NVVTC) by our comments neither supports nor objects to the Flynnville project. Such support or objection is outside the charter of our organization.
- 2. NVVTC neither supports nor objects to any elements of the Flynnville project not specifically addressed in this letter. Many of the elements of this project are outside the expertise or interests of NVVTC.
- 3. The comments here are the views of the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition as a whole and should not be viewed as representative of any of our individual board members or the organizations they represent.
- 4. NVVTC strongly supports the goal of creating a network of dedicated non-motorized trails throughout the Napa Valley for its positive effects on public safety, traffic congestion reduction, healthy lifestyles and environmental effects. In discussions with the developer, we believe that they share our goal and would like to work to construct a portion of the Vine Trail along the western edge of their property as a condition of development of the rest of the property when approved by the County.

- 5. The official Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan adopted by NCTPA on 5/26/2012 (Resolution 12-20) and by the County Board of Supervisors on 6/26/2012 (Resolution 2012-98) shows the Napa Valley Vine Trail running north and south on Highway 29 along the western edge of the Flynnville property and as such, it is appropriate and in keeping with that Plan to require the construction of the Vine Trail by the developer as a condition of development and we request that the County does so. Doing so is also in agreement with the County's "Complete Streets" policy, which was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on 1/8/2013 (Resolution 2013-01).
- 6. The Vine Trail is open to the actual path of the Vine Trail on or near the Flynnville project. One suggested route is included in Exhibit 1 but this is by no means the only possible routing of the trail on the property. This route is partially on Caltrans ROW along Highway 29 and partially on the Flynnville property. It flares into the Flynnville property in order to keep undisturbed the drainage ditch servicing Highway 29 up slope from the Flynnville project on Caltrans ROW, but in doing so, impacts the project by reducing the number of parking spaces in the proposed design by approximately 9-18 spaces. We ask that the County allow the Project to leave this ditch undisturbed and to reduce the number of parking spaces required in the Project by 9-18 spaces in order to accommodate the Vine Trail if no better routing can be found. We believe it is a fair tradeoff to allow the developer to forgo inclusion of 342 square feet of parking in exchange for constructing the approximately 1950 square feet of Vine Trail along the western edge of their property.
- 7. This path would become part of the Napa Valley Vine Trail and the developer should be required to adhere as much as practicable to the design standards for Class 1 Trails included in the Countywide Bicycle Plan.
- 8. In the Napa County Greenway Feasibility Study, produced at the direction of the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, the author, Alta Design/Land People, estimated that a completed Class 1 trail from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to Calistoga would produce a reduction in vehicle trips of approximately 160,000 per year. Since Class I facilities through this site are an integral link in this trail network and mitigation for the project's traffic and air quality impacts, the approval of this project should include both the requirement to construct the trail when and if the project is approved and constructed and the granting of a public use easement of the facilities described here and in Exhibit 1 as obligations of the project.

Sincerely,

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Charles McMinn Executive Director

cc: Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition Board of Directors

Exhibit 1 Class 1 Trail Plan for Flynnville Project Use Permit #P12-00222 Variance P12-00223

