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NCTPA Awarded Funding for Vine Trail

Napa, CA Metropolitan Transportation Commissioners approved the staff recommendation to award \$6.1 million in Active Transportation Program (ATP) regional funds to the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) for the Napa Valley Vine Trail (NVVT) St. Helena to Calistoga segment. The \$6.1 million will cover the majority of the cost for the 9.4 mile section.

This is the second successful ATP grant for NCTPA and the NVVT grant team. \$3.6 million in State ATP funds were awarded in ATP Cycle I for the 6 mile Oak Knoll segment of the trail, currently under construction. The Oak Knoll segment is closing a gap to complete nearly 14 miles of the Vine Trail from Napa Valley College to Yountville.

SR 29 between Calistoga and St. Helena is a heavily travelled, narrow road used by both locals and tourists. This segment of the Vine Trail will provide a much safer, car-free alternative for travel between the two cities.

This upper valley segment, along with previously completed sections and a portion of trail that will be completed in conjunction with the Napa Pipe project will total approximately 30 miles of the entire 47 mile Vine Trail, which will ultimately reach the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.

The design and construction of the Vine Trail has been made possible through a unique public/private partnership between the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (NVVTC) and NCTPA. Matching funds for the project were provided through generous contributions from multiple sources, including Visit Napa Valley, Bay Area Ridge Trail, County of Napa and the Cities of Calistoga and St. Helena.

ATP funding is explicitly for bicycle and pedestrian projects that reduce auto use, traffic congestion and improve health. The program goals seek to increase mobility by offering safe, affordable non-motorized transportation alternatives.

The California Transportation Commission is scheduled to approve the grant in December.

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