



Staff Reports

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

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TITLE:

Acceptance of Right of Way for the Vine Trail

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the Napa Valley Transportation Authority for a portion of the Napa Valley Vine Trail, Solano Avenue, and Trower Avenue, and determining that the actions authorized by this resolution were adequately analyzed by a previous CEQA action.

DISCUSSION:

In order to expand the trail system throughout the Napa Valley, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTa) has been working with the Vine Trail Coalition to acquire right-of-way at certain locations where it was necessary to create a continuous trail system and connect the Vine Trail to the City's existing commuter bike path along the Napa Valley Wine Train tracks.

The Vine Trail is envisioned as a 47-mile Class I bicycle and pedestrian trail from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the City of Calistoga. The Oak Knoll District alignment was identified from Redwood Road in the City of Napa to California Drive in the Town of Yountville, between the Napa Valley Wine Train and Solano Avenue.

It was envisioned that NVTa would acquire the necessary property rights for the recreational trail and subsequently convey those property rights to the City of Napa for the portion of the trail within the City limits. For the Oak Knoll District alignment, there was a segment of the proposed trail alignment for which right-of-way was needed from four separate parcels of land under four separate ownerships.

The first of the four areas of right-of-way is the subject of the Recommended Action and consists of the fee simple interest in portions of property formerly owned by Justin Siena High School Corporation. Specifically, the property includes land located on the east side of Solano Avenue along the frontage of Justin Siena (APN 007-120-011) where the trail is located, the land within the Solano Avenue right-of-way, and a sliver of land within the Trower Avenue right-of-way along the frontage of Justin Siena, collectively the "Subject Property." The Subject Property was conveyed from Justin Siena to NVTa by the Grant Deed recorded March 25, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0007021, Napa County Official Records.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Acceptance of the subject Quit Claim Deed from the Napa Valley Transportation Authority will bring the subject portion of the Vine Trail into the City's trail system and the City will be responsible for its future maintenance and repairs. Trail maintenance is performed by the Parks and Recreation Department and funded by the Parks general fund operating budget.

CEQA:

City staff recommends that the City Council determine that the potential environmental effects of the Recommended Action described in this Agenda Report were adequately examined by Negative Declaration prepared by the Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA, now the Napa Valley Transportation Authority) for the Napa Valley Vine Trail - Oak Knoll District, and adopted by NCTPA at its meeting on January 21, 2015, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15162.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

ATCH 1 - Resolution
EX A & B - Plat Map and Legal Description

NOTIFICATION:

None.