

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO PURSUE A NCDOT PAVED TRAILS AND SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville considers bicycle and pedestrian transportation to be of utmost importance to the region by providing Western North Carolina with recreation and equitable transportation opportunities as well as increased economic viability and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville adopted a resolution on April 5, 2012 supporting a regional recreational greenway along the Ecusta rail corridor to link the City of Hendersonville in Henderson County to the City of Brevard in Transylvania County and the Pisgah National Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)'s Division of Integrated Mobility (IMD) has recently implemented a Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant Program is to improve the pipeline of bicycle and pedestrian projects accessing state and federal funding, resulting in successful implementation of projects led by communities prioritizing multimodal infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, a feasibility study will produce a well-conceived project with demonstrated community support that will be competitive in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and for federal investment. Quantity-based preliminary cost estimates will be generated for route alignments to help inform further decision making, identify funding needs, and develop next steps for project implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has developed a preliminary project, "Above the Mud," to reconnect the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue area through streetscaping, a new greenway connection to the Ecusta Trail, and flood mitigation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Hendersonville shall submit an application to NCDOT for Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Studies Grant to further study the Above the Mud project to engage the community, determine potential solutions, and develop cost estimates for project implementation.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Attest:

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

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Jill Murray, City Clerk