

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF BREVARD FOR
USDOT RAISE GRANT FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT THE ECUSTA TRAIL IN
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY**

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 transportation opportunities as well as the possibilities of economic 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 linking Henderson and Transylvania counties; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has established a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program that provides funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard will be applying for a RAISE Grant to fund the design and construction of the Ecusta Trail in Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville feels that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Hendersonville to support and endorse said grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina that:

1. The City hereby fully supports and endorses an application by the City of Brevard for USDOT RAISE grant funding to construct the Ecusta Trail in Transylvania County; and
2. The City hopes that Secretary Pete Buttigieg and the US Department of Transportation will recognize the significance of this project and award funding to enhance the safety and connectivity for residents and visitors to the region.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 8th day of February 2023.

Attest:

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Angela S. Becker, City Attorney