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RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, SECTION 5310 PROGRAM GRANT OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration has developed a grant program the provides financial assistance to develop new transit systems as well as maintain, improve, and operate currently existing transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville is committed to providing its citizens and visitors with safe and accessible travel within the community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to the U.S. Access Board on PROWAG, section R308.2 states that "*Accessible pedestrian signals* shall have an audible and *vibrotactile* walk indication during the *walk interval* only. The audible walk indication shall be audible from the beginning of the associated *crosswalk*. Following the audible and *vibrotactile* walk indication and during the *pedestrian change interval*, *accessible pedestrian signal*s shall revert to the *pedestrian push button locator tone*."

WHEREAS, the City's financial resources have limited the City's ability to implement the new pedestrian signals with appropriate audible and vibrotactile capabilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, the City's disabled population consists of 17.9% of the City's population, which is 3.9% higher than the state of North Carolina and 4.2% higher than the United States statistic.

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville plans to install new audible and vibrotactile street crossing technology throughout the Historic Hendersonville Main St. during instances of roadway & crosswalk/curbing infrastructure repairs that occur within a designated pedestrian crosswalk.

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

1. The City hereby endorses the application for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Section 5310 Program grant opportunity and, if the grant is awarded, agrees to provide matching funding up to 20%, and any staff assistance for the duration of the Project; and
2. The City Manager is authorized to execute said application.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 1st day of January, 2026.

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Attest: Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

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Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney