CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Allison Justus **MEETING DATE:** November 7, 2024

AGENDA SECTION: PRESENTATIONS **DEPARTMENT:** Administration

TITLE OF ITEM: NCDOT Mobi Award for the Oklawaha Greenway – *John Connet, City Manager*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

N/A

SUMMARY: The City of Hendersonville has been honored with NCDOT Mobi ("Mobility") Awards for its Oklawaha Greenway Phase III project, recognizing the greenway's contribution to multimodal transportation and community connectivity.

The City of Hendersonville received the following awards from NCDOT:
First Place – Small Urban Category
First Place – Most Voted Project
Second Place – Innovation Category

Staff were unable to attend the Mobi Awards Ceremony in Raleigh on October 11th due to Helene recovery efforts, but NCDOT provided the awards to be presented during a City Council meeting. In addition to the project recognition, The City of Hendersonville Public Works team worked diligently to reopen the Oklawaha Greenway on Friday, October 4, to a community with a deep need for outdoor recreation opportunities, relaxation, and a return to some semblance of normalcy, following unprecedented storm impacts.

Award nomination information: Completed in July 2019, the Oklawaha Greenway Phase III project enhances the area's active transportation system by expanding the Oklawaha Greenway an additional 1.5 miles and completing a city-wide network that connects four parks in Hendersonville. The 10-foot-wide asphalt, multi-use path provides an inviting place for visitors to exercise in nature. The North Main Street sidewalk portion of the project creates a half-mile of sidewalk along a busy corridor where no walkway previously existed. A beautiful, 70-foot pedestrian bridge provides safe passage over Mud Creek and gives the Oklawaha Village direct greenway access.

Mobi award website: https://connect.ncdot.gov/events/Pages/mobi-awards.aspx
Oklawaha Greenway award video: https://vimeo.com/1014445209

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? N/A

If so, describe how it will be funded. N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

None