Resolution #R-26-XX

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO PROTECT GRANT AND NCDOT PROTECT GRANT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene demonstrated the vulnerability of Western North Carolina's transportation system to flooding, landslides, severe weather, and other natural hazards. Damage and closures to transportation facilities disrupted travel throughout the region, affected access to homes, businesses, and essential services, complicated emergency response and recovery activities, and demonstrated the importance of having reliable and redundant transportation connections; and

WHEREAS, The proposed planning and construction effort would provide an important opportunity to build on these experiences and take a regional approach to transportation resilience; and

WHEREAS, We understand that the study is expected to assess transportation vulnerabilities and critical connections, evaluate network redundancy and emergency-access needs, identify and prioritize potential resilience improvements, and develop recommendations for incorporating resilience into future transportation planning and project development. The effort may also result in a formal Resilience Improvement Plan and construction project consistent with the PROTECT program; and

WHEREAS, Transportation systems and natural hazards do not stop at municipal, county, or MPO boundaries. A five-county approach would allow communities, transportation agencies, emergency-management partners, and other stakeholders to better understand regional vulnerabilities and coordinate strategies for maintaining access and improving the ability of the transportation network to withstand and recover from future disasters;

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

1. The City of Hendersonville supports this application and looks forward to participating in the planning process, including providing relevant information, identifying local transportation vulnerabilities and priorities, and participating in regional coordination as appropriate.
2. The Council directs the City Manager to sign a letter of support for the FBRMPO Protect Grant and NCDOT Protect Grant.

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

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Attest:

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Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney