

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution to Request the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization to Consider the Addition of Bike/Ped Projects into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Josh O'Conner, Recreation Services Manager/Chair French Broad MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Background information

In order for Buncombe County to request that projects be added to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, the County needs to demonstrate its desire to sponsor those projects. Additionally, the County must agree to provide monetary contributions in the form of match funds when it sponsors projects.

Pro's

- Important step in advancing the Greenways and Trails Master Plan
- Provides staff with continued direction regarding project prioritization as funding opportunities become available

Con's

None, while the resolution sets a direction, there are still multiple steps required before a project advances beyond the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Funds required in current budget:

None.

Funds required in future budgets:

Typically the funding required will be 20% of the total project cost depending on the source of funding. Alternative partnerships will be sought to find sources of matching funds outside of the County budget.

Alternatives

None. Not including the projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will limit sources of funding and would require that the County take on the full cost of projects.

Action recommended:

Approve the resolution as presented.