

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

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| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b><br><b>RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY FOR MOUNTAIN MOBILITY</b>   |   |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b><br>August 1, 2017   |   |
| <b>REQUESTED BY:</b><br>Jon Creighton, Assistant County Manager<br>Denise Braine, Planner III  |   |
| <b>Background information</b><br>Buncombe County, as a recipient of federal and state funds under the Federal Transit Act, as amended, must adopt a substance abuse policy that complies with all applicable federal regulations governing and requiring anti-drug and alcohol misuse programs in the workplace, including 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655, as amended, as well as 49 CFR Part 29 relating to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. Buncombe County adopted the Substance Abuse Policy for Mountain Mobility on November 21, 1995 and most recently resolved to amend the policy on November 11, 2011. Since November 11, 2011, both 49 CFR Parts 40 and 655 have been amended (August 8, 2016 and June 25, 2013 respectively).<br><br>The Substance Abuse Policy for Mountain Mobility, by resolution, incorporates all rules and regulations required by the Federal Transit Administration on the prevention of alcohol misuse and prohibited drug use in transit operations: (1) in effect at the date of resolution and policy adoption/amendment, and (2) as may become effective on or after that date. The North Carolina Department of Transportation Public Transportation Division (NCDOT PTD), as the recipient of funds under the Federal Transit Act and grantor of funds to Buncombe County, has reviewed and approved the recommended changes to the Substance Abuse Policy for Mountain Mobility for continued compliance. Buncombe County Planning Department - Transportation Division staff reviewed the recommended modifications, found them consistent with current federal regulations and existing practical application of federal regulations within the Mountain Mobility program, and recommends adoption of the amended policy. |   |
| <b>Pro's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption is required in order to receive continued federal and state funding for the administrative, operational and capital needs of Mountain Mobility.</li> <li>• Adoption will facilitate compliance with federal regulations such that all language in the local policy is consistent with federal regulation.</li> <li>• Helps ensure the health and safety of employees and citizens.</li> </ul>   | <b>Con's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> |
| <b>Funds required in current budget:</b><br>None   |   |
| <b>Funds required in future budgets:</b><br>None   |   |
| <b>Alternatives</b><br>None  |   |
| <b>Action recommended:</b><br>Adopt the Resolution Amending the Substance Abuse Policy for Mountain Mobility.  |   |