

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> <b>RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SYSTEM SAFETY PLAN FOR MOUNTAIN MOBILITY</b>	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> May 15, 2018	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Nathan Pennington, Planning Director Matthew Cable, AICP, Planner III	
<b>Background information</b> <p>Buncombe County must adopt a System Safety Plan (SSP) for Mountain Mobility. The SSP is required by the NCDOT PTD to ensure safe continuation of operations in core areas including: driver/employee selection, training, safety data acquisition analysis, substance abuse program, vehicle maintenance, and security. Buncombe County adopted a System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) for Mountain Mobility on July 20, 2004, and most recently resolved to amend the SSPP to include updated drug and alcohol program regulations on January 9, 2018.</p> <p>The SSPP requires an annual review process to ensure all information is current and reflects the changing needs of the system. In accordance with the existing SSPP, prior annual reviews and amendments were conducted by the Community Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB). The NCDOT requires that, going forward, annual reviews and amendments to the SSPP be approved by the Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>Buncombe County Planning and Development staff, in coordination with Mountain Mobility Operations management staff, prepare and recommend annual updates to the SSPP. Recommended updates include: (1) clarification that the Board of Commissioners will be responsible for approving annual updates to the SSPP (NCDOT PTD required); (2) clarification that alcohol testing is not included in pre-employment testing (consistent with federal regulation, local policy, and Mountain Mobility practice); and (3) clarification regarding Mountain Mobility vehicle operation control during disaster events (NCDOT PTD and federal requirements). Additional changes are proposed but are not substantive in nature, including renaming the plan from the System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) to System Safety Plan (SSP) per NCDOT PTD. A summary of the substantive amendments is provided in the SSP Revision Index with a detailed summary of all amendments provided in the Annual Management Review Report. The SSP, with tracked changes, is available upon request.</p> <p>Staff requests the Board of Commissioners formally resolve to amend the System Safety Plan to remain in compliance with NCDOT requirements and federal regulations.</p>	
<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 and all language in the plan are consistent with federal regulation.</li> <li>• Adoption helps to 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> None	
<b>Funds required in future budgets:</b> None	

**Alternatives**

None

**Action recommended:**

Adopt the Resolution Amending the System Safety Plan for Mountain Mobility.