



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/5/2019

New Business

Department: Planning & Development, Community Development Division

Presenter(s): Matthew Cable, Community Development Division Manager

Contact(s): Matthew Cable

Subject: ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension

Brief Summary:

The City of Asheville requests \$28,934 in funding support for the purpose of extending the existing Asheville Redefines Transit (ART) W4 route beyond the City limits and into Buncombe County.

The proposed ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension would:

- Be approximately two (2) miles in length,
- Include four (4) signed stops,
- Operate seven days per week, and
- Provide fixed-route transit access in proximity to Erwin Middle School, Erwin High School, the Villas at Fallen Spruce and Carmel Ridge Apartments.

Buncombe County support is requested to cover the additional operating costs to be incurred by the City of Asheville to operate the extension from January 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Buncombe County would expect the City of Asheville to provide stop and route use data as well as operating performance data to determine the desire for ongoing support.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

The County rescind a portion of its suballocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Program grant funds in the amount of \$28,934 to support the ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension for the period of January 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation:

Approve the rescinding of funds to support the extension for the period as described.