



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 12/17/2019**

#### **New Business**

**Department: Recreational Services**

**Presenter(s): Josh O'Conner, Recreational Services Director**

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**Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Asheville (City) for Administering and Managing the North RAD Section Greenway Funded by the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Match**

#### **Brief Summary:**

Buncombe County originally received a Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant for the engineering and design of the RADTIP Connector project. After completing a feasibility study for the project, the County determined that pursuing a partnership with NC DOT for an on-road, "complete streets" treatment in lieu of an off-road greenway would be more expedient and cost efficient.

The City of Asheville maintains a long-term vision of constructing an off-road greenway segment. As a result, the County transferred the grant to the City of Asheville with a portion of the required match in recognition of the greenway's future contribution to the regional transportation network and realization of Buncombe County's Greenways Masterplan.

Adopting this Resolution would allow the County to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City wherein the City agrees to manage the preliminary engineering phase for a 1.1 mile section of the City's North RAD Greenway Project from Hill Street to SR 1781.

The County would provide one-third (\$20,000) of the \$60,000 local match required by the \$300,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable awarded to the County with the City and Connect Buncombe, a local non-profit, providing the remaining two-thirds (\$40,000).

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve the Donation Agreement between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville whereby the County will provide a \$20,000 local match funds dedicated to the City's North RAD Greenway Project from Hill Street to SR 1781 (Broadway).

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends approval.