

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE FRENCH BROAD
RIVER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S
INTENTION TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL TRANSIT
FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) is a partnership between local and state government that makes decisions about transportation planning in urbanized areas and meets planning requirements established by federal authorizing legislation for transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties, and the municipalities of Asheville, Biltmore Forest, Black Mountain, Canton, Clyde, Flat Rock, Fletcher, Hendersonville, Laurel Park, Maggie Valley, Mars Hill, Mills River, Montreat, Waynesville, Weaverville, and Woodfin are included in the FBRMPO; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO Board includes two Buncombe County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO Board is responsible for reviewing and approving the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the FBRMPO which includes funding for phase one of a two-phase Regional Transit Feasibility Study (hereinafter "Study") to begin in FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO region is growing in population and experiencing more cross-county commuting; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) 2040 Statewide Transportation Plan recommended increased focus on regional planning to increase flexibility and responsiveness while examining logistical needs through investments; and

WHEREAS, the Study aligns with recommendation of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan that the FBRMPO "coordinate efforts between transit providers to improve regional transit service" and includes reference to a "feasibility study to explore regional transit options;" and

WHEREAS, the Study will provide understanding of regional transit needs, review system conditions, make recommendations for improvement, consider potential route feasibility, consider available funding, and consider cost-benefits of regional transit; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the Study does not adopt or endorse its contents or findings; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO Board requested a resolution regarding the Study be made by the government entities included in the Study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it hereby acknowledges that the FBRMPO intends to conduct a Regional Transit Feasibility Study.
2. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney