

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, AS DIRECT RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS, FOR FUNDS UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT (SECTION 5307) PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the Federal government established the Asheville Urbanized Area (AUZA) which made local jurisdictions within the AUZA eligible for public transit funding under the Urbanized Area Formula Program, codified at 49 U.S.C. 5307 (Section 5307); and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) administers the Section 5307 Program funds intended for use within the AUZA and which must be allocated to eligible recipients; and
- WHEREAS, the FTA has announced Notice for Supplemental FY 2020 Section 5307 Program funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for funding public transit operations and capital projects that help public transit systems to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (French Broad River MPO), is the regional transportation planning organization for the AUZA; and
- WHEREAS, the City is the Designated Recipient for the CARES Act (Section 5307) Program funds allocated to the AUZA, and Buncombe County is an eligible sub-recipient of CARES Act (Section 5307) Program funds; and
- WHEREAS, the French Broad River MPO adopted a funding allocation formula for eligible recipients of CARES Act (Section 5307) Program funding, which is established in the “Resolution Adopting the 5307 Urban Transit Funding Suballocation Formula for the CARES Act Funds Designated for the Asheville Urbanized Area Without a 10% JARC Set Aside” on April 28, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County is eligible for funding under the CARES Act (Section 5307) Program through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and prior to disbursing funding, federal regulations require the City, as the FTA Designated Recipient, to enter into a subrecipient agreement with any entity approved for grant funding; and
- WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into said agreement to receive CARES Act (Section 5307) Program funds for public transit system programs and activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

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

1. That the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Asheville for funding under the CARES Act (Section 5307) Program, which agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. That this Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney