



# Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/18/2021

### Consent Agenda

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Presenter(s):** Matthew Cable, AICP

**Contact(s):** Matthew Cable

**Subject:** ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension Funding for FY 2022

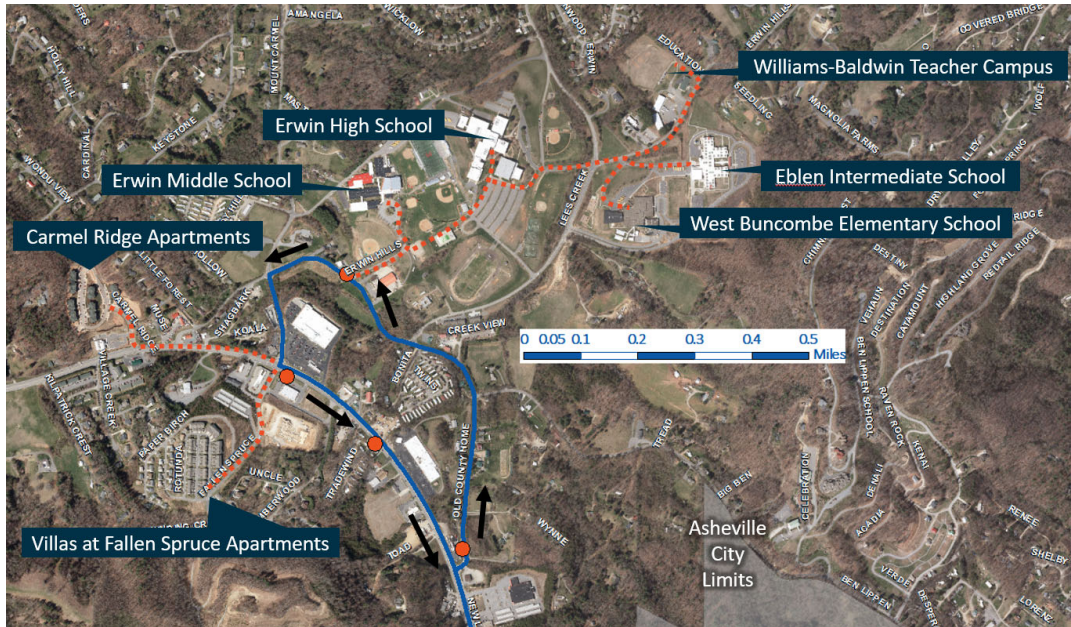
### Brief Summary:

The City of Asheville requests continued funding support, in the amount of \$70,909, for the ART W4 route extension and associated paratransit services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (FY22). Staff proposes funding these services through rescinding grant funds with no impact to the General Fund.

In FY21, the County supported the route extension by rescinding grant funding to the City in the amount of \$73,201. Table 1 details stop usage along the extension and the average cost per rider based on average cost by month for the period of July through December 2020.

Table 1. W4 Route Extension Boarding and Alighting: July to December, 2020	
Stop	Total
Old County Home Rd at Exxon	145
Old County Home Rd at Fire Department	0
Mt. Carmel Rd at Ingles	207
New Leicester Hwy at Walgreens	207
Total Boarding/Alighting	559
Average Monthly Funding Rescinded	\$6,100
Average Cost Per Rider	\$65.47

The W4 route extension operates Monday through Sunday in the Leicester community and includes: two (2) miles of service; four (4) signed stops; and fixed-route transit access in proximity to Erwin Middle and High Schools (see Service Area Map).



**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Rescind a portion of the suballocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Program grant funds in the amount of \$70,909 to support the ART Leicesters Highway Transit Extension for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**County Manager’s Comments and Recommendation:**

The County Manager agrees with this recommendation.