



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/19/2022

New Business

Department: Planning & Development

Presenter(s): Matthew Cable, AICP

Contact(s): Matthew Cable

Subject: FY2023 ART Leicester Highway Transit Extension and Route 170 Funding Request

Brief Summary: The City of Asheville is requesting, for its FY23 (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023), funding in the amount of:

- \$78,108 to support the WE1 route and associated paratransit services; and
- \$82,623 to support the Route 170 route and associated paratransit services

The County supported the WE1 route in FY22 by rescinding grant funding to the City in the amount of \$70,909. The County has historically not provided funding support to Route 170; however, the City is seeking funding support from the Town of Black Mountain (\$25,000) and the County (\$82,623) to continue operations of this route where it extends beyond the City limits. The City will continue to provide all necessary funding support for the route operations within the City limits.

Tables detailing stop usage and maps illustrating service areas and referenced stops are attached.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Rescind a \$160,731 portion of the suballocated Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Program grant funds to support the WE1 route and Route 170 route for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented.