

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 17, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Schedule a Public Hearing for the FY 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation

**PRESENTER:** Matthew Cable, AICP, Transportation Planner

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing regarding a proposed grant application for the FY 2015 North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). Staff anticipates an FY 2015 ROAP allocation to Henderson County totaling \$196,095 (decreased by \$34,924 from FY 2014). A draft application is being developed through a required community input process. Staff anticipates the availability of the application for public review beginning September 22, 2014 at the Henderson County Planning Department through the date of the public hearing.

Henderson County submits the application on behalf of the operator, Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA), in order to supplement demand response transit and special needs projects for rural areas of the County.

These grant funds provide for countywide senior and disabled transportation programs, transportation for a WorkFirst educational program, and continuation of public transit services to Edneyville. None of the programs require matching funds from Henderson County.

A public hearing is required as part of the ROAP application process.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Planning Staff requests the Board of Commissioners to schedule a public hearing regarding the ROAP application for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

I move the Board schedule a public hearing regarding the FY 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program grant application for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.