

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** February 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Transit Feasibility Study – Steering Committee

**PRESENTER:** Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Steering Committee List

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

On September 6, 2022, the Board of Commissioners selected AECOM to perform consulting services for the Apple Country Public Transit Feasibility Study. As part of the study, a steering committee will be formed from appointed members to help guide and direct various elements of the study. These committee members represent diverse sectors of the community including education, health, business, nonprofits, and public safety. Although the committee will serve as the main form of input, it is also important to include a wide variety of affected stakeholders through interviews and other means of data collection. Additionally, the Transportation Advisory Committee will be included throughout the planning process. The general public, especially current transit riders, will also play a vital role in the creation of this study.

Once formed, the steering committee will serve as an official, temporary County committee that will meet three to four times during the study process. The meetings will be open to the public.

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

The Board is requested to approve the committee members to the Feasibility Study's Steering Committee.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move that the Board approve the suggested community members to the transit study's steering committee.*

## Apple Country Public Transit Study Steering Committee

#	Organization	Contact Name
1	Blue Ridge Community College	Dr. Laura Leatherwood
2	The Partnership for Economic Development	Brittany Brady
3	Pardee Hospital	Milton Butterworth
4	Tourism Development Authority	Michelle Owens/ or designee
5	City Police	Captain Rich Olsen
6	Council on Aging	Suzanne Sherrill
7	County Health Department	Jodi Gabrowski
8	Blue Ridge Community College	Chad Merrill
9	HC Public School System	Carl Taylor/ or designee
10	Sheriff's Department	Vanessa Gilbert/ or designee