

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Surface Transportation Block Grant Award Acceptance

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director
Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner

ATTACHMENT: French Broad River MPO Award Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County was recently awarded additional funding from the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as part of the existing Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) grant the County was originally awarded in July of 2020 for the first phase of the Ecusta Trail. This federal grant covers eighty percent of total project cost. The MPO voted to award the County an additional \$2,708,974 in STBG funds. These additional funds make the total grant award equal to \$7,784,193. A grant agreement between the County and NCDOT is required to expend these additional funds.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to sign the grant agreement documents.

Suggested Motion:

I move to authorize the County Manager to sign the grant agreement documents.

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June 19, 2023

Autumn Radcliff
Planning Director, TCC Chair
Henderson County

On behalf of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), we congratulate you on the programming of Henderson County's Ecusta Trail project (BL-0007.) The French Broad River MPO is dedicated to improving the efficiency of moving people and goods safely within and through our region and believe this project can help to move us closer to accomplishing that goal.

The French Broad River MPO's Locally Administered Projects Program utilizes funds from the FHWA Surface Transportation Block Grant- Direct Allocation (STBGDA) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program- Direct Allocation (TAPDA), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP.) These funds are allocated to our region and programmed directly through the MPO. The MPO Board believes the approved project, as described, meets the eligible uses of those transportation funding programs and has been prioritized through a locally-developed prioritization process.

For current funding allocations to your project, please refer to the French Broad River MPO's Transportation Improvement Program, posted at www.fbrmpo.org. Should the amount of funding required for the project change, please notify MPO staff. Should funding allocations change and effect the schedule of funding for this project, you will be notified and changes will be reflected in the Transportation Improvement Program.

For BL-0007, the revised amounts programmed include federal funding of \$836,000 for Preliminary Engineering and \$6,948,193 for Construction.

Sincerely,



Tristan Winkler
French Broad River MPO Director
Land of Sky Regional Council