



December 8, 2018

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
100 North King Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Re: Greenway Master Plan: 30 Year Vision

To the Board of Commissioners:

The Board of Directors for the Hendersonville Community Co-op would like to thank the Greenway Planning Committee for their vision and work to develop a walking and biking network for our community-The Greenway Master Plan.

Three thousand five hundred local families and individuals collectively own the Hendersonville Community Cooperative. In addition to operating a retail food store open to everyone, we promote health and fitness, support local farmers, businesses and non-profits, and seek to educate the community about growing, cooking and eating healthy food. We employ a staff over more than 60, several of whom bike to work. We believe the development of a greenway network would encourage more employees and customers to do the same.

The Greenway expansion would enhance alternative transportation in our community and provide a safe environment for adults and children to recreate, exercise and connect to businesses such as ours.

With the endorsement of 4 County Boards and Advisory Committees and a 93 percent approval rating in a recent survey, we urge the Henderson County Commissioners to quickly adopt the Greenway Master Plan and work diligently to implement the plan using a mix of grant, public and private funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Widener". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carolyn Widener, President

