

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 |
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| 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 |