

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF A BIKE/PED PROJECT INTO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville is committed to improving safe and convenient transportation options for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville plans to expand and improve the infrastructure that supports safe and convenient transportation for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville adopted a resolution on April 5, 2012 supporting a regional recreational greenway along the Watco (aka Norfolk & Southern) rail corridor linking Henderson and Transylvania counties; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville recognizes the economic and transportation benefits of a regional recreational greenway within western North Carolina and desires the aforementioned rail corridor be secured and developed as the foundation of a regional recreational greenway system in support of the region's tourism economy, and as an alternative means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville believes that it is reasonable to expect these bicycle and pedestrian projects to be constructed within the next twenty-five years; and

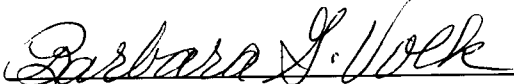
WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hendersonville wishes Henderson County Phase 1 of the Ecusta Rail Trail project, as shown in the Ecusta Rail Trail Planning Study and Economic Impact Analysis, be reflected in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE THAT:

Section 1. The City of Hendersonville does commit to provide the financial contribution necessary to complete Henderson County Phase 1 of the Ecusta Rail to Trail when the financial contribution is required from the City of Hendersonville, and that financial contribution is within reason.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted the second day of July, 2015.


Barbara G. Volk, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tammie K. Drake, MMC, City Clerk