

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** May 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Henderson County Community Transportation Service Plan (CTSP)

**PRESENTER:** Matthew Cable, AICP, Transportation Planner

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), through its Public Transportation Division, is requiring all service areas/counties have a current five-year Community Transportation Services Plan. NCDOT is the lead agency which conducts the plan. NCDOT last developed a plan for Henderson County in 1999 and this 2016 plan will be its update.

Public transportation grant funding eligibility is contingent upon recommendations from an updated plan. Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA) is the principal recipient of NCDOT public transportation grant funding in Henderson County as a result of a process initiated by NCDOT in the early 1990s. Through this process, Henderson County selected WCCA as its community transportation provider and principal recipient of funds. NCDOT public transportation grant funding supports transportation programs conducted by WCCA which serve: individuals seeking access to employment (Workfirst and other employers), the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the general public.

NCDOT has communicated they will provide 90% of the cost for conducting this plan. WCCA has agreed to contribute 5% of the plan costs (up to the anticipated maximum of \$4,500). Henderson County's willingness to match the remaining 5% of the plan costs (up to the anticipated maximum of \$4,500) will allow the plan to proceed. Henderson County has funding available in FY 2015 for transit related professional services (\$9,000) including supporting NCDOT transit/transportation planning efforts. These funds are appropriate to provide this 5% contribution.

An updated plan is needed for the County and its designated provider (WCCA) to be able to continue to receive these public transportation grant funds. NCDOT will provide the completed Community Transportation Services Plan to the Board of Commissioners to seek its support in the spring of 2016.

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

No Board Action is requested. This item is for information only.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*No motion suggested.*