

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Mud Creek Greenway Feasibility Study – Apply for French Broad River MPO Planning Funds

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the request of Commissioner Lapsley and as a result of his recent meetings with NCDOT regarding Kanuga Road improvements, a possible greenway along Mud Creek as been identified from the new Publix to Erkwood Drive. The potential of this greenway has been discussed by the Village of Flat Rock and could provide for alternative cyclist and pedestrian mobility along the Kanuga Road corridor.

The French Broad River MPO (FBRMPO) currently has a call for projects, for greenway planning and feasibility studies. Grant applications are due by December 31st and require a 20% local match based on the total project cost and not the requested funding amount. It is anticipated that a feasibility study for this greenway section to cost approximately \$50,000 (requested funding would be \$40,000 and the required local match would be \$10,000). The FBRMPO has approximately \$90,000 for planning and feasibility studies. It is anticipated this will be a very competitive call for projects. It should be noted that this funding would not be available until FY 2019.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Should the Board wish to pursue this project, the Board is requested to authorize County staff to apply for funding from the FBRMPO for a greenway feasibility study along Mud Creek and to submit a commitment letter for the local grant match.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

No suggested motion.