### REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** February 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request to Apply for STBGDA Funding

**PRESENTER:** John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director

Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. PowerPoint

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The French Broad River MPO (FBRMPO) currently has a call for projects for STBGDA funds (Surface Transportation Block Grant). Total funding available for STBGDA is \$26 million. As member government, Henderson County has a unique opportunity to apply for these funds to be used for greenway projects. STBGDA funds requires a 20% local match.

Henderson County's Greenway Master Plan relies on available right of way prior to project implementation.

Grant applications are due by March 31<sup>st</sup> and require a commitment letter. No matching funds are required until the project is implemented and only as the work is completed. Funding is for projects planned to be implemented in fiscal years 2022-2026. It is anticipated this will be a very competive call for projects.

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

Should the Board wish to apply, the Board is requested to authorize County staff to submit the grant application to the FBRMPO and all necessary documents.

#### SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board authorize staff to apply for funding from the MPO to be used for greenway projects, and direct staff to seek matching funds.



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## **STBGDA Funding**

- Funds programed directly to the FBRMPO from the Surface Transportation Block Grant
- Funding available for Bike/ped projects (greenways)
- Approximately \$26 million is available

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## **Grant Requirements**

- Require a 20% local match
- Match can span multiple fiscal years over the course of the project implementation
- Funding for projects that will be implemented in FY 2022-2026

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## **Application Deadline**

- Applications are due by March 31st
- Funding would not be available until October of 2021
- Implementation would be in FY 2022-2026

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# Discussion/Questions And Board Direction

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