City Council Agenda Item Request- STEP I

Submit to Clerk's Office

30-60 days before proposed Council meeting

NOTE: This document will be shared with the City Manager and City Attorney's Office for initial review before being placed on the 8-week planning calendar

1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** September 29, 2025

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Assistant Transportation Director

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** October 24, 2025

4. **Subject:** Annual FY 2026 NCDOT State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) funding agreement to support maintenance costs for Transit Operations.

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the annual Fiscal Year 2026 North Carolina Department of Transportation State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) grant funds to support transit operations, accept the funds, and sign all associated required documents.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes. The annual funds must be applied for by October 24, 2025 for Fiscal Year 2026.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by department staff at time of request:**
    a. The SMAP Program is providing $1,098,253 in grant funds for FY 26 to the City to support transit maintenance.
    b. This is the same amount the City has received for the last several years.
    c. Since this is a recurring grant application and disbursement, the anticipated funds and required match (100%) were already included in the FY 2026 adopted Transit Operations Fund.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** N/A This is an annual grant received from NCDOT to support transit maintenance.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with proposed dates:** N/A

10. **Identify key issues:**
    a. The City of Asheville annually receives State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) funds from the NCDOT to support necessary maintenance activities of the ART transit system. This includes preventative maintenance of the City's transit fleet, equipment, and facilities.
    b. The SMAP Program is providing $1,098,253 in grant funds for FY 2026 to the City to support transit maintenance. This is the same amount the City has received for the last several years.