RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PUBLIC ART WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ECUSTA ROAD (DAVIDSON RIVER CONNECTOR ROAD) – ROUNDABOUT CENTER (DIGESTER SCULPTURE)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has completed STIP Project No. R-5605, known as the Davidson River Connector Road, including construction of a roundabout at Ecusta Road in Brevard, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the project was administered through NCDOT's central office, and the City of Brevard had limited opportunity to coordinate landscape or aesthetic enhancements during project development; and

WHEREAS, no landscaping or public art elements were included as part of the original construction of the roundabout; and

WHEREAS, a digester vessel from the former Ecusta Paper Mill has been donated to the City of Brevard to serve as a public art sculpture reflective of the community's industrial heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to install the digester sculpture within the center island of the roundabout at Ecusta Road, within NCDOT right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT's Public Art in the Right-of-Way Policy requires that requests for artwork within State-maintained right-of-way be formally initiated through a resolution of support adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCDOT requirements, the City has provided an opportunity for the community to consider and comment on the proposed art project at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all comments received and finds that the proposed installation will enhance the visual character of the corridor and is consistent with community goals; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged McAdams to assist in preparing necessary documentation, design, and coordination with NCDOT for the required encroachment review.

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

Section 1. The City of Brevard formally requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation consider and approve the installation of a digester sculpture within the center island of the roundabout at Ecusta Road (Davidson River Connector Road), within NCDOT right-of-way, in accordance with the Public Art in the Right-of-Way program.

Section 2. The City acknowledges and agrees that all costs associated with the design, installation, and long-term maintenance of the proposed sculpture shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Brevard, and not NCDOT.

Section 3. The City further acknowledges that the proposed installation is subject to NCDOT encroachment agreement requirements and shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner that does not interfere with the safe operation, maintenance, or function of the State highway system, including maintaining appropriate sight distance and safety clearances within the roundabout.

Section 4. The City authorizes its staff and consultants to coordinate with NCDOT Division 14 and the Art in the Right-of-Way Committee and to submit all necessary plans, analyses, and documentation required to complete the review and approval process.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this, the 4th day of May, 2026.

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Maureen Copelof, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk