RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

RESOLUTION REQUESTING "ONE-WAY PAIR" OPTION BE REMOVED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE "IN THE LOOP" DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City of Brevard agreed to be a co-client on a study of downtown traffic circulation along with Transylvania County and the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) arm of the Land of Sky Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard and Transylvania County each contributed $10,000 toward the cost of the study, Land of Sky RPO applied for and received Planning and Research Funds from NCDOT for $180,000 to fund 90% of the cost of the study; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with City of Brevard and Transylvania County, Land of Sky RPO created the project's scope of work, formed the selection committee and solicited vendors to perform the study; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky RPO and the appointed selection committee hired McAdams to perform the study, which came to be known as the "In the Loop" circulation study; and

WHEREAS, the study scope of work and funding application stipulated the study of three alternatives, one of which is a configuration known as a "one-way pair"; and

WHEREAS, the one-way pair would convert the existing condition of parallel two-way corridors to parallel one-way corridors; and

WHEREAS, in theory the one-way pair would improve traffic flow, intersection efficiency, and free up physical space for bicycle lanes and pedestrian enhancements; and

WHEREAS, members of the City's Downtown Master Plan Implementation and Downtown Advisory Committee (DMPIDAC), which includes downtown shop owners, employers, and advocates, expressed concern about the potential one-way pair; and

WHEREAS, their concerns were based on the potential for a one-way pair to make access to downtown businesses, Brevard College, and other destinations less direct; complicate street closures and traffic routing for public events and festivals; and fundamentally change the character and everyday use of Broad and Caldwell Streets when more targeted, less impactful improvements may address the identified circulation and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, at their September 9, 2026 meeting, DMPIDAC voted unanimously to recommend to Council that the City of Brevard adopt the position that the "one-way pair" option be removed from further consideration and as co-client in the study, ask that the option be removed from the scope of work.

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

Section 1. City Council adopts the Downtown Master Plan Implementation and Downtown Advisory Committee recommendation that the "one-way pair" option be removed from further consideration in the "In the Loop" downtown circulation study, and resources redirected to other options.

Section 2. City Council instructs staff to forward this resolution to Transylvania County and Land of Sky Regional Council, the study's co-clients, with requests to adopt a similar position.

Adopted and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

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