THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

Subject: NCDOT Traffic - Swannanoa River Road Traffic Signal Review & Inspection Agreement

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a traffic - review and inspection agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the City to make revisions to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Background:

- The Swannanoa River Greenway Section 1 project is a 2016 Bond funded project that begins at the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Thompson Street and ends at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard.
- The total budgeted cost for the design and construction phases of the project is $6.1 million.
- The Tourism Development Authority awarded the City a Tourism Product Development Fund grant in the amount of $2.3 million for this project.
- The scope of work to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard includes revisions to the existing pedestrian signalization and curb ramps to accommodate lane changes and the addition of a widened 12-foot multi-use transportation path on the Bleachery Boulevard bridge.
- No additional right-of-way is needed for the subject work.
- The City is responsible to fully fund the traffic signal revisions including design, materials, and installation.
- The NCDOT will review the design and inspect the work during the construction phase.
- Upon completion of the project, the NCDOT will continue to own and maintain the traffic signal.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The subject project will enable the intersection to operate in a more efficient and safe manner for all modes of travel.
- The subject project will provide a better connection to the Swannanoa River Greenway.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this contract was previously budgeted and is available in the General Capital Projects Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a traffic - review and inspection agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the City to make revisions to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A TRAFFIC - REVIEW AND INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF NC 81 (SWANNANOA RIVER ROAD) AND BLEACHERY BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-296 to maintain and control those areas of sidewalks within its jurisdiction that are not owned by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT); and

WHEREAS, the City has plans to make revisions to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard as a part of the Swannanoa River Greenway project; and

WHEREAS, the work includes revisions to the existing pedestrian signalization and curb ramps to accommodate lane changes and the addition of a widened 12-foot multi-use transportation path; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the appropriate design and will be furnishing and installing the equipment and crosswalks;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a traffic - review and inspection agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) for the City to make revisions to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) and Bleachery Boulevard and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Read, approved and adopted this the 9th day of May, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney