THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 23, 2022

Subject: NCDOT Sidewalk Maintenance 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 sidewalk maintenance agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to construct a sidewalk along US 70/US 74A (Tunnel Road) between Beaucatcher Tunnel and Old Chunns Cove Road.

Background:
- The NCDOT has identified a project to make certain pedestrian improvements at three specific locations along US 70 (Tunnel Road) and US 74A (South Tunnel Road).
- As a part of the project, a section of new sidewalk will be constructed along US 70/US74A (Tunnel Road) between Beaucatcher Tunnel and Old Chunns Cove Road.
- The NCDOT has developed the plans and specifications in accordance with their standard policies and procedures for pedestrian facilities.
- The NCDOT is fully funding the project.
- The City will be responsible to maintain the sidewalk when the project is completed.

Council Goal(s):
- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):
- Multi-Modal Transportation Committee - July 27, 2022 - Approved unanimously

Pro(s):
- Increases the inventory of completed sidewalk sections.
- NCDOT is fully funding the construction of the sidewalk section.
- Enhances pedestrian flow and safety through a high traffic volume corridor area.

Con(s):
- The City is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk.

Fiscal Impact:
- There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City and future maintenance activities would be addressed with the Public Works Department's annual operating budget along with other existing sidewalk needs.
- Currently, the Public Works Department budgets about $1.5 million for sidewalk maintenance and repair which is equivalent to $1.56 per linear foot.

Suggested Motion:
- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a sidewalk maintenance agreement with the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to construct a sidewalk along US 70/US 74A (Tunnel Road) between Beaucatcher Tunnel and Old Chunns Cove Road.

Attachment(s):
- Resolution
- Map Section

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR THE CITY TO MAINTAIN A NEW SIDEWALK THAT NCDOT WILL CONSTRUCT ALONG US 70/US 74A (TUNNEL ROAD) BETWEEN BEAUCATCHER TUNNEL AND OLD CHUNNS COVE ROAD

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has developed plans and has the necessary funds to construct pedestrian improvements along US 70 (Tunnel Road) and US 74A (South Tunnel Road); and

WHEREAS, the project, which is identified as W-5813G, includes a new section of sidewalk along US 70/US 74A (Tunnel Road) between Beaucatcher Tunnel and Old Chunns Cove Road; and

WHEREAS, according to NCDOT policy, it is the responsibility of a local government to maintain pedestrian facilities within the public right-of-way for state-maintained streets; and

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 sidewalk maintenance agreement with the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to construct a sidewalk along US 70/US 74A (Tunnel Road) between Beaucatcher Tunnel and Old Chunns Cove Road.

Read, approved and adopted this the 23rd day of August, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney