THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 26, 2022

Subject: Bicycle lanes along a section of SR 3556 (Meadow Road)

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a maintenance agreement between the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) and the City of Asheville regarding the construction of bicycle lanes as a part of a resurfacing project along SR 3556 (Meadow Road) from bridge # 672 to SR 3556 (Amboy Road) / Lyman Street.

Background:

- As a part of NCDOT's annual resurfacing program, the NCDOT constructed bicycle lanes along SR 3556 (Meadow Road) from bridge # 672 to SR 3556 (Amboy Road) / Lyman Street - approximately 0.75 miles)
- The NCDOT completed the project except for the final pavement markings during the calendar year 2021 paving season.
- The NCDOT will perform the majority of the maintenance of the bicycle lanes, including signage, snow plowing, patching, resurfacing, and restriping (including symbols), per standard maintenance cycles.
- The City will be responsible for cleaning (sweeping) the bicycle lanes per the city's standard maintenance cycles.
- The NCDOT does not clean (sweep) streets that do not have curb and gutter.
- The Public Works Department has agreed to perform the cleaning (sweeping) function, and will do so at the same time sweeping of bike lanes on Lyman Street occurs.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- Multi-Modal Transportation Committee - April 27, 2022 - Approved unanimously

Pro(s):

- Provides additional bicycle lanes that connect with existing bicycle lanes along Lyman Street in the River Arts District.

Con(s):

- City is responsible for the cleaning (sweeping) function.

Fiscal Impact:

- The cleaning (sweeping) function will come out of the Public Works Department annual operating budget.
- It is anticipated that the additional costs would be minimal and would be accomplished at the same time that the bicycle lanes along Lyman Street are cleaned as a part of normal maintenance cycles.

Suggested Motion:

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a maintenance agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the City of Asheville regarding the construction of bicycle lanes as a part of a resurfacing project along SR 3556 (Meadow Road) from bridge # 672 to SR 3556 (Amboy Road) / Lyman Street.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR THE CITY TO CLEAN (SWEEP) BICYCLE LANES THAT WERE CONSTRUCTED ALONG SR 3556 (MEADOW ROAD) AS A PART OF A RESURFACING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) constructed bicycle lanes along SR 3556 (Meadow Road) from bridge # 672 to SR 3556 (Amboy Road) / Lyman Street as a part of a resurfacing project; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) completed the project except for the final pavement markings during the calendar year 2021 paving season; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will maintain the bicycle lanes and associated signage including snow plowing, patching, resurfacing, and restriping (including symbols) per standard maintenance cycles; and

WHEREAS, The city will be responsible for cleaning (sweeping) the bicycle lanes per the city's standard maintenance cycles since the NCDOT does not clean (sweep) streets that do not have curb and gutter; and

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

The City Manager is authorized to enter into and execute a maintenance agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the City of Asheville regarding the construction of bicycle lanes as a part of a resurfacing project along SR 3556 (Meadow Road) from bridge # 672 to SR 3556 (Amboy Road) / Lyman Street.

Read, approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney