THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Subject: Pedestrian improvements along a section of SR 2002 (Riceville Road)

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in funding, designing, and constructing pedestrian improvements along a section of SR 2002 (Riceville Road).

Background:

- Project U-5837 is currently listed in the NCDOT 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to upgrade the roadway and address bicycle and pedestrian needs at a total estimated construction cost of $1,900,000; however the project has been delayed with a construction date beyond FY 2029.
- Therefore, the NCDOT has applied for a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) in the amount of $825,000 including the local match through the French Broad River MPO for a project to provide pedestrian improvements.
- The scope of work includes sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

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

Pro(s):

- Provides much needed pedestrian improvements (sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks) along a section of Riceville Road.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no fiscal impact to the city for the construction of the project.
- However, the city would be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk once constructed through the Public Works Department's annual operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution supporting the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) in funding, designing, and constructing pedestrian improvements along a section of SR 2002 (Riceville Road).

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Map Section

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ALONG A SECTION OF SR 2002 (RICEVILLE ROAD)

WHEREAS, the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) has identified a need to make improvements along a section of SR 2002 (Riceville Road); and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT is funding, designing, and constructing the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the improvements include sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville agrees to maintain the sidewalks once construction is completed; and

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

The City of Asheville supports the NCDOT in funding, designing, and constructing improvements along a section of SR 2002 (Riceville Road).

Read, approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney