THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 10, 2022

Subject: Pedestrian improvements at the I-240/Charlotte Street interchange

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 at the I-240/Charlotte Street interchange (both intersections) and a right-turn lane along the eastbound off-ramp.

Background:

- Project HL-0012 is currently listed in the NCDOT 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at a total estimated construction cost of $1,238,000.
- The scope of work includes pedestrian signals, crosswalks, and a right-turn lane along the eastbound off-ramp.
- The project is currently funded with Federal and State funds totaling $1,400,000.
- Additional funds in the amount of $400,000 are needed to deliver the project as scoped.
- The NCDOT proposes to use the High Impact Low Cost program (State funds) for the additional funds.
- Any project that uses High Impact Low Cost program funds and exceeds a total project cost of $250,000 requires a resolution of support from the appropriate local government entity.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

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

Pro(s):

- Provides much needed pedestrian improvements (pedestrian signals and crosswalks) at two busy intersections.
- Provides a right-turn lane along the eastbound off-ramp to minimize traffic backup on the interstate.
- The increase does not affect funding for any other local projects.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no fiscal impact to the city.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in funding, designing, and constructing pedestrian improvements at the I-240/Charlotte Street interchange (both intersections) and a right-turn lane along the eastbound off-ramp.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE I-240/CHARLOTTE STREET INTERCHANGE

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has identified a need to make improvements at the intersection of I-240/Charlotte Street interchange; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is funding, designing, and constructing the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the improvements include pedestrian signals, crosswalks, and a right-turn lane along the eastbound off-ramp; and

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

The City of Asheville supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in funding, designing, and constructing improvements at the I-240/Charlotte Street interchange.

Read, approved and adopted this 10th day of May, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney