THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**STAFF REPORT**

**Council Meeting Date:** July 27, 2021

**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. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to construct a sidewalk along SR 1781 (Broadway Street) between US 19-23 (Future I-26) and NC 251 (Riverside Drive).

**Background:**

- The section along SR 1781 (Broadway Street) between US 19-23 (Future I-26) and NC 251 (Riverside Drive) is identified as a needed linkage on the pedestrian plan.
- Daily traffic volumes along US 19-23 (Future I-26) in the immediate area of the interchange exceed 60,000 vehicles per day.
- Daily traffic volumes along SR 1781 (Broadway Street) in the immediate area of the interchange exceed 8,000 vehicles per day.
- 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 for the maintenance activities when the project is completed.

**Council Goal(s):**

- Transportation and Accessibility

**Committee(s):**

- None

**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 interchange area.
- Provides a needed connection to University of North Carolina Asheville (UNCA) facilities.

**Con(s):**

- The City is responsible for all maintenance activities.

**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.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a sidewalk maintenance agreement with the NCDOT for the NCDOT to construct a sidewalk along SR 1781 (Broadway Street) between US 19-23 (Future I-26) and NC 251 (Riverside Drive).

**Attachment(s):**

- Resolution
- Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR THE CITY TO MAINTAIN A NEW SIDEWALK THAT NCDOT WILL CONSTRUCT ALONG SR 1781 (BROADWAY STREET)

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WHEREAS, the NCDOT has developed plans and has the necessary funds to construct a new sidewalk along the south side of SR 1781 (Broadway Street) between US 19-23 (Future I-26) and NC 251 (Riverside Drive); 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;

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 SR 1781 (Broadway Street) between US 19-23 (Future I-26) and NC 251 (Riverside Drive).

Read, approved and adopted this the 27th day of July, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney