THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: July 28, 2020

Subject: Traffic - Review and Inspection Agreement

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a traffic - review and inspection agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to perform design review and inspection of the addition of pedestrian phasing at the signalized intersection of NC 280 (Airport Road) and Walmart / Carolina Furniture Concepts and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Background:

- The City has plans to construct a new sidewalk along NC 280 (Airport Road) from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to the western end of Wal-Mart through the bond program.
- This sidewalk will tie into an existing sidewalk recently constructed by the NCDOT.
- The project includes pedestrian phasing and crosswalks at four signalized intersections (A traffic - review and inspection agreement with the NCDOT for three of the signalized intersections was approved on July 23, 2019 via Resolution # 19-173).
- The subject action is needed because NCDOT recently installed a fourth signalized intersection within the project limits.
- The City has prepared the appropriate designs to add pedestrian phasing and will be furnishing and installing the equipment and crosswalks.
- The NCDOT will review the designs and inspect the work during the construction phase.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- A new section of sidewalk will be constructed that will provide an important pedestrian connection between Hendersonville Road and the airport.
- The pedestrian experience will be enhanced through signalized intersections with pedestrian phasing and crosswalks.
- The NCDOT will own and control the traffic signal (and associated equipment) and maintenance will be accomplished according to their current policies and procedures.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- The financial impact is estimated to be $5,000 and the City must submit payment upon partial execution of the agreement by the City. The funds are already included in the bond program budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute a traffic - review and inspection agreement with the NCDOT for the NCDOT to perform design review and inspection of the addition of pedestrian phasing at the signalized intersection of NC 280 (Airport Road) and Walmart / Carolina Furniture Concepts and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TRAFFIC - REVIEW AND INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE N.C. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NCDOT TO PERFORM DESIGN REVIEW AND INSPECTION OF THE ADDITION OF PEDESTRIAN PHASING AT THE SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION OF NC 280 (AIRPORT ROAD) AND WALMART / CAROLINA FURNITURE CONCEPTS AS A PART OF A SIDEWALK BOND PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-296 to maintain and control those areas of sidewalks within its jurisdiction that are not owned by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT); and

WHEREAS, the City has plans to construct a new sidewalk along NC 280 (Airport Road) from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to the western end of Wal-Mart; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT and the City of Asheville agree that pedestrian phasing is needed at one signalized intersection to enhance the pedestrian experience; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the appropriate designs to add pedestrian phasing and will be furnishing and installing the equipment and crosswalks;

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 traffic - review and inspection agreement with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) for the NCDOT to perform design review and inspection of the addition of pedestrian phasing at the signalized intersection of NC 280 (Airport Road) and Walmart / Carolina Furniture Concepts and to submit payment in the amount of $5,000 upon partial execution of the agreement by the City.

Read, approved and adopted this the 28th day of July, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney