THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: June 9, 2020

Subject: Support for the City of Asheville's Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE., Transportation Department Director
Jessica Morriss, AICP, Assistant Transportation Department Director
Eunice Lovi, Transit Planning Manager

Action Requested: Adopt a resolution of support for the Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Background:

- On July 19, 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Final Rule for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) became effective, which requires public transportation operators to develop processes and procedures to implement the safety plans.
- The PTASP ensures that the City of Asheville develops performance targets as part of its Plan as required by the FTA in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP).
- The PTASP ensures the City of Asheville develops criteria as part of its plan to address applicable federal requirements and standards set forth by the FTA, and to include a timeline for conducting an annual review to update the City's PTASP.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The PTASP will be managed by staff in the Transit Planning Division in the Transportation Department and coordinated with the City's Transit Management Company, RATPDev Inc.
- The PTASP requires working with the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- N/A

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution of support for the City of Asheville's Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Plan

RESOLUTION 20-_____

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN_____

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators of public transportation systems to develop safety plans that include processes and procedure for implementing Safety Management Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators to certify that they have established safety plans that meet requirements of the rule by December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators to establish performance targets based on the safety performance measures in the FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators to document processes of the agency's Safety Management Systems (SMS), including the agency's Safety Management Policy and processes for Safety Risk Management, Safety Assurance and Safety Promotion; and.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators to address applicable requirements and standards set forth in FTA's Public Transportation Safety Program and National Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) final rule 49 CFR Part 673 requires transit operators to develop process and timeline for conducting an annual review and update of the safety plans; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation requested a resolution of support be included and submitted with the Federal Transit Administration PTASP.

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

City Council adopt a resolution of support for the Federal Transit Administration Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Read, approved, and adopted this 9th day of June 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney