

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
APPLY FOR A NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS
AND TRIBAL PROJECTS (NSFLTP) PROGRAM GRANT
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ECUSTA TRAIL**

WHEREAS, The City of Brevard has long valued quality multi-modal transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of our citizens, a value expressed through numerous public input efforts and planning processes over many years of various studies; and

WHEREAS, the City has invested in multiple transportation related plans and partnered with other regional entities to develop these plans, including the: Downtown Masterplan of 2002, 2012 and 2021, the FHWA supported Ecusta Rail Trail Planning Study and Economic Impact Analysis of 2012, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan of 2007 and 2025, the Brevard Bicycle-Friendly Community Improvement Plan of 2018, the Transylvania County Bicycle Plan of 2019, the Blue Ridge Regional Bike Plan, and the Brevard Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan of 2006 and 2018, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, these plans and investments confirm the interest to provide efficient alternative modes of transportation such as bike, transit, pedestrian and multi-use spaces in existence and coordination with traditional vehicular use corridors; and

WHEREAS, Brevard understands that a safe, reliable, affordable and accessible transportation system for all users is essential to the quality of life of our residents and to the health of our economy; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Resolution 2021-21, approved June 21, 2021, the City of Brevard has committed to taking on a lead role in securing funding, overseeing construction, and managing the public use of the section of the Ecusta Trail within Transylvania County; and

WHEREAS, the Ecusta Trail is a 19-mile regional trail system connecting Transylvania County to Henderson County that will bring many recreational, public health, and economic benefits to local residents and businesses within and beyond the City of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has issued a notice of funding opportunity for to solicit applications for the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects grant program, making available \$125.215 million of funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, a unit of local government may apply for funding under the NSFLTP Program only if sponsored by an eligible Federal land management agency such as Pisgah National Forest; and

WHEREAS, NSFLTP funding can support highways, roads, bridges, trails, or transit systems that are located on, are adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 NSFLTP applications are due by 11:59 P.M. EST on October 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard wishes to partner with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Land of Sky RPO in applying for this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager and his designee, as necessary, are hereby authorized execute any and all documents and instruments necessary to carry out this NSFLTP

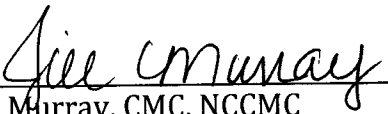
grant application for the design, construction, and implementation of the Transylvania County portion of the Ecusta Trail. The appropriation of any funds is reserved for future action.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

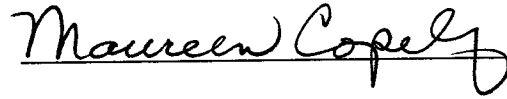
Adopted and approved this the 6th day of September 2022.



ATTEST:



Jill Murray, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk



Maureen Copelof
Mayor