

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 15, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the Long Branch Trail Phase II (East and Northeast Wards)

Project Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate \$6,880,000 from United States Department of Transportation

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: Expand Bike/Sidewalk/Greenway Network

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On August 10, 2022, the City of Winston-Salem received a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant award worth \$6,000,000 from the United States Department of Transportation for construction of the Long Branch Trail Extension project (BL-0019) from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to 25th Street. The City identified the project in its 2019 Bicycle Master Plan and subsequently developed a set of project recommendations and design guidelines through the development of a project feasibility study.

In July 2020, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Organization programmed \$880,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Direct Attributable funds for the design phase of the Long Branch Trail project through its 2020 STBG-DA call for projects.

Committee Action:

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| Committee | <u>PW, FC 8/15/2023</u> | Action | <u>Approval</u> |
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| For | <u>Unanimous</u> | Against | <u></u> |
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Remarks:

The attached resolution authorizes the Council and City Manager to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), whereby the City will design and construct the project and NCDOT will reimburse the City for all eligible project expenses, up to \$6,880,000. The City's required local match was appropriated in April 2023.