

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 12, 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 a Three-Party Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the construction of the Long Branch Trail Phase II (East and Northeast Wards).

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. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$8,600,000.

On July 16, 2020, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning 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. Both STBG-DA and RAISE grant funds require a 20% local match totaling \$1,720,000

Committee Action:

Committee	PW, FC - 09/12/2023	Action	Approval
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Remarks:

On August 21, 2023 City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) formalizing the City and NCDOT's roles and responsibilities for the management of this project.

The attached Resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a three-party agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (the grantee) and the NCDOT (the recipient), whereby the City will design and construct the project and NCDOT will serve as the pass-through agency and will reimburse the City for all eligible project expenses, up to \$6,880,000.