



A RESOLUTION OF THE ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTING SUPPORT FOR STAFF EFFORTS TO PURSUE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENT TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT PROGRAM IN THE 2027 GRANT CYCLE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of strategic infrastructure investment in advancing economic development, mobility, safety, and quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Board affirms its support for the long-term vision of the Northern Peaks State Trail as a transformative regional asset that promotes connectivity, outdoor recreation, tourism, and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the submission of a BUILD grant application will directly support the implementation of the municipal sections of the Northern Peaks State Trail, further advancing local, regional, and statewide planning goals; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian interconnection between West Jefferson and Jefferson represents an important opportunity for commercial growth and economic investment within the corridor, within each town, and within Ashe County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to supporting multiple forms of transportation that allow individuals of different capacities and abilities to remain self-sufficient in their daily lives and to access employment, services, commerce, and community resources; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program provides a competitive opportunity to secure federal funding for critical transportation and infrastructure projects that deliver measurable economic and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the preparation and submission of a competitive BUILD grant application requires significant staff time, intergovernmental coordination, technical analysis, and administrative effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that the Board formally commits its full support to county staff and partner agencies in their efforts to prepare, develop, and submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD grant program during the 2027 grant cycle;  
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes and supports the reasonable allocation of staff time and resources necessary to pursue this funding opportunity in furtherance of the Northern Peaks State Trail, municipal trail implementation, multimodal transportation goals, and long-term economic and community development objectives for Ashe County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve as an official statement of commitment and support to accompany the BUILD grant application and related coordination efforts.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2027, by the Ashe County Board of Commissioners.

Todd McNeil, Chairmen of County Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_

Missy Seivers, Clerk for the County Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_