

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-059), was enacted on August 10, 2005, and codified in 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and provides federal transportation funding for Federal surface transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program is authorized under SAFETEA-LU which seeks to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities by transporting eligible individuals to/from jobs and activities; and

WHEREAS, through partnership with the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Land of Sky Regional Council, the City of Asheville, as the designated recipient of federal transit funds for the urbanized area, is responsible for the overall administration of the program and funding, including the JARC Program; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County received funding under a previous JARC grant to support the operation of the Black Mountain Trailblazer Route provided by Mountain Mobility; and with said funds being expended, the County made application through the MPO for a second JARC grant to continue the operation of the Black Mountain Trailblazer through March 2015; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has been awarded funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and prior to disbursing funding, the provisions of SAFETEA-LU require the City, as the FTA Designated Recipient, to enter into a subrecipient agreement with any entity approved for grant funding;

WHEREAS, the Black Mountain Trailblazer route has been operated by Mountain Mobility since December 2002, and the County desires to enter into said agreement to receive additional JARC Program funds for continuation of the Black Mountain Trailblazer route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the County Manager be and she is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the City of Asheville for funding under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program, which agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. That the County Manager be and she is hereby authorized to execute amendments to this agreement or other documents as may be necessary to receive these JARC funds and any additional JARC funds that may become available for this route.
3. That this Resolution is effective as of January 1, 2013, the effective date of the agreement.

Adopted this 25th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney