



RESOLUTION TITLE: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT TWO COUNTY PROPOSED PROJECTS THROUGH THE FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM. THE PROJECTS ARE: LOWELL MAIN STREET-LOWELL SPENCER MOUNTAIN SIDEWALK CONNECTION TO POSTON PARK AND RANKIN LAKE TO GASTONIA TECH PARK TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration's CMAQ improvement grant program provides funding to select local governments in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas in North Carolina to undertake projects that reduce emissions from on-road motorized vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, CMAQ funds are distributed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for use by its eligible members; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County currently has two project applications (2) being Lowell Main Street-Lowell Spencer Mountain Sidewalk Connection to Poston Park Entrance (on road); and Rankin Lake to Gastonia Tech Park Trail (off-road); and,

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for the Lowell Main Street-Lowell Spencer Mountain project to construct a sidewalk to the Poston Park Entrance is \$417,974 with the County committing local funds match of 20% or \$83,595 and CMAQ funding of 80% or \$334,379; and,

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for Rankin Lake Park to Gastonia Tech park to construct a Nature Trail is \$946,847 with the County committing local funds match of 20% or \$189,369 and CMAQ funding of 80% or \$747,478; and;

WHEREAS, Gaston County acknowledges that any costs in excess of those paid for through the CMAQ grants are the responsibility of the County and that implementation of the projects if awarded CMAQ grants is the responsibility of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commission that Gaston County reaffirms the Transportation Project Applications to the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and authorizes staff to provide necessary documentation in support of the grant applications.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:
