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Board Action Report

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Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve to Support an Application to U.S. Department of Transportation's 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the Gateway85 Project Development

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BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate Federal revenues. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A - Funds to be determined once grant is awarded

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Transportation's ("USDOT") Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") provides funding for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. The Lineberger Connector Project (now identified as Gateway85) was identified as a regional project in the Franklin Boulevard Corridor Access and Alternative Development Mobility Strategy, completed in August 2016 by the City of Gastonia and the City of Lowell. The cities of Gastonia and Lowell, in partnership with Gaston County, seek to apply for grant funding to construct the Lineberger Connector Project, which will extend Aberdeen Boulevard east to connect to the existing Lineberger Road with improvements north to NC 7, and provide direct access to approximately 400 acres of property that is ripe for local and regional development. The proposed development will include over 3,560,000 square feet of warehouse and wholesale sales, distribution, and storage operations.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution