



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JACKSON COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PAVED TRAILS
AND SIDEWALK FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT**

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Integrated Mobility Division has announced the availability of Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grants for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grant is to improve the pipeline of bicycle and pedestrian projects accessing state and federal funding, resulting in successful implementation of projects led by communities prioritizing multimodal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County desires to apply for a grant to develop a feasibility study for a sidewalk on Fairview Road from the intersection of NC 107 and Big Orange Way to Fairview School; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognizes the numerous benefits of pedestrian facilities to the overall health, safety, and quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a sidewalk feasibility study on Fairview Road and Big Orange Way will assist Jackson County in implementing our 2021 Jackson County Walks Plan and the 2040 Land Use Plan that has the objective to provide bicycle and pedestrian connection between Fairview School and NC 107; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has adopted ordinances that require sidewalk construction within the County’s zoned districts and a policy to allow the County to maintain the sidewalks once constructed; and

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board of Commissioners is committed to improving pedestrian safety in the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF JACKSON, that the County of Jackson is supportive of the application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Integrated Mobility Division’s Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grant for Fairview Road and Big Orange Way.

ADOPTED by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of January, 2023.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Mark Letson, Chairman