

**Item Title:** Support City of Raleigh BikeShare Program with \$200,000 Wake County Commitment

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners commits \$200,000 in support of the City of Raleigh's Bike Share program.**

**Item Summary:**

The City of Raleigh will be implementing a 300-bike, 30-station bikeshare system in a 6.7-square mile area around downtown extending from the North Carolina Museum of Art to Raleigh Boulevard, and from Wade Avenue south to Trails Corner at Little Rock Trail. Installation is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2017, and along with design and startup, is estimated to cost \$2,061,000. The City has received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for \$1.6 million towards bikeshare implementation.

On April 5, 2016 the County received a request from the Raleigh City Manager to participate in funding the Raleigh Bike Share Program. The request is for one-time capital funds of \$200,000. The City has also submitted a proposal for this funding through the FY2016 Major Facilities Capital Project funding process conducted by the County but was not selected as one of the funded projects.

Commissioner Hutchinson has asked that this request be brought to the Board for consideration, and has asked that the County allocate \$200,000 from the NCDOT right-of-way revenues for County property on Capital Boulevard once received from the State. If the commitment is approved by the Board, the Board will be asked to appropriate the NCDOT funding upon receipt and the City of Raleigh will be asked to enter a funding agreement with the County establishing the terms of payment to the City.

**Attachments:**

1. BikeShare Program Update from City of Raleigh, November 11, 2016
2. Letter to County Manager, Jim Hartmann, from Ruffin Hall, Raleigh City Manager
3. Bike Share Program Proposal Submitted as Part of the County's FY2016 Major Facilities Capital Project Funding RFP Process