

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM BY THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK**

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration – Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division has funding available for transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock intends to apply for funds to help construct a sidewalk along US 221 from US 321 Business (Main Street) to the entrance of the Moses Cone Estate and Bass Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Lands Access Program may fund up to 80% of the anticipated construction costs of \$1.2 million, or \$960,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Comprehensive Plan and 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update identify the proposed Hwy 221 sidewalk from downtown to Bass Lake as a pedestrian transportation connection of high priority; and

WHEREAS, a sidewalk along Hwy 221 will provide residents and visitors a safe way to walk from downtown to Bass Lake without added vehicle trips; and

WHEREAS, the safe pedestrian link from Main Street to Bass Lake provided by this sidewalk is expected to add to the quality of life for residents and the visitor experience in Blowing Rock.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blowing Rock Town Council hereby fully supports the Town of Blowing Rock applying for Eastern Federal Lands Access Program funds.

Adopted this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

Town of Blowing Rock

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon H. Greene, Town Clerk

## Scott Fogleman

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**From:** David Graham [dgraham@regiond.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:23 AM  
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**Subject:** RPO Resolution of Support  
**Attachments:** 2015 RPO Blowing Rock EFLAP Resolution.docx

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resolution of support for the Blowing Rock to Bass Lake sidewalk project. The resolution was originally scheduled to be acted on by the High Country Rural Planning Organization (RPO) in February. However, due to inclement weather the RPO meetings had to be postponed until March 25, 2015. I do anticipate the High Country RPO to act in support of the resolution. Therefore, feel free to include as an attachment with the EFLAP application and I will forward the signed document to you as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the RPO meetings on March 25. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

David

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Comprehensive Transportation Planning"*



John Brady, RTAC Chair

David Graham, Transportation Planner

Ken Noland, RTCC Chair

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR EASTERN  
FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM FUNDS BY THE TOWN OF  
BLOWING ROCK**

**Whereas**, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the High Country Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO); and

**Whereas**, the Federal Highway Administration – Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division has funding available for transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Blowing Rock intends to apply for funds to construct a sidewalk along US 221 from US 321 Business/Main Street to the entrance of Bass Lake; and

**Whereas**, the High Country RPO recognizes the benefits of pedestrian transportation facilities, including economic development, safety, health benefits, less vehicle congestion, and less pollution; and

**Whereas**, an adequate pedestrian transportation facility linking Bass Lake to Main Street Blowing Rock is wanted by the town to provide residents and visitors an alternative mode of transportation between the destinations of Bass Lake and Main Street.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the High Country RPO supports the Town of Blowing Rock in applying for Eastern Federal Lands Access Program funds.

Adopted March 25, 2015

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John Brady, Chair, RTAC

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Date

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David Graham, Secretary, RTAC

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Date