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## MEMO

To: Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Cc: Kevin King, County Manager  
From: Michael Poston, Planning Director  
Date: May 30, 2024

RE: Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program Grant

The United States Federal Highway Administration has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for active transportation networks. There is a total of \$44.5 million in funding divided between construction projects and planning projects associated with active transportation networks. This grant has a 20% match requirement. The construction grant requires has a minimum award amount of \$15 million. Minimum award amount for planning projects is \$100,000.

The Planning Department has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on the extension of the Tuckaseegee River Greenway. We would like to prepare an application for the preparation of construction documents for the next phase of the greenway project. I have reached out to the Southwestern RPO for assistance in preparing an application within the short window to apply and they have agreed to assist. Applications are due by June 17, 2024. Preliminary cost estimates for the preparation of construction documents is approximately \$400,000. The County's required 20% match would be \$80,000.

I am requesting approval for staff to work with the Southwestern RPO in preparing an application in the amount of \$400,000 with the required match and for the Chairman to sign the application once completed in order to meet the June 17, 2024 grant deadline.