

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

Meeting Date: April 11, 2011

SUBJECT: US70/NC9 and Town Square Small Area Plan

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: New Business
Item Number: 7-B
Department: Planning and Development Services
Contact: Elizabeth Teague, Planning and Development Services Director
Presenter: Tom Gill, Town Square Chair

BRIEF SUMMARY: The Town Square Steering Committee recommends the Board authorize the Town Manager to enter into contract with Martin Alexiou and Bryson (MAB) for assistance with a community design process and with addressing traffic issues through the development of a small area plan. The Town Square Design Sub-Committee reviewed 17 proposals that the Town received in response to the RFP which was issued on February 11. This project is being supported through Unified Planning Work Program funds of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO).

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract with Martin Alexiou and Bryson to begin design and public involvement activities related to planning in the area of the proposed Town Square.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$24,000 in MPO Planning Funds; \$6,000 General Fund match (included in FY2011 adopted budget)

ATTACHMENTS: MAB contract

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: MAB will begin immediately to work on the signal pre-emption and traffic flow and congestion issues at the NC9/US70 intersection, and will work with the Town Square Steering Committee to conduct a *charette* or public design process.