

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2002

TITLE: Draft 2004-2010 State Transportation Improvement Program

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Draft 2004-2010 Regional TIP C. Adopted Local Priority List D. Table of Carrboro TIP Projects E. TAB Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel, 918-7329

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to review and comment on the draft 2004-2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It is recommended that comments be made before the Board takes its Winter break. A resolution has been prepared for the Board's adoption (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

The Transportation Improvement Program includes cost estimates and funding schedules for highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, public transit, and aviation projects over a seven year period. The Board of Transportation updates the TIP every other year.

The N.C. Board of Transportation released the draft 2004-2010 TIP on June 5, 2002. The estimated cost for the projects in the 2004-2010 TIP is \$9.6 billion. The Board of Transportation is scheduled to adopt the final 2004-2010 TIP in June 2003. Attachment B is the draft TIP for the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Area.

PROCESS

The process for developing the Transportation Improvement Program is as follows:

1. The Town of Carrboro adopts a local project priority list (Attachment C), which is forwarded to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO).
2. Using the local priority lists, the DCHC MPO releases a regional project priority list, which is forwarded to the N.C. Department of Transportation.
3. The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) develops the draft statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which includes a draft Metropolitan TIP (MTIP) for the DCHC MPO area.

4. Both NCDOT and the DCHC MPO hold public hearings and receive public comments on the draft TIP. The DCHC Transportation Advisory Committee will adopt its own version of the draft MTIP.
5. Representatives from the DCHC TAC and NCDOT meet to reconcile differences between the DCHC draft MTIP and the NCDOT draft MTIP.
6. The final MTIP is adopted by the DCHC TAC and the N.C. Board of Transportation.

WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT TIP FOR CARRBORO

The draft TIP includes the following projects that are in Carrboro (note that some projects extend into Chapel Hill or Orange County):

- E-4008 – Roberson Place Bikepath
- E-4545 – Old Fayetteville Road Sidewalk Between Jones Ferry Rd and Carrboro Plaza
- E-4710 – Seawell School Road Bicycle Improvements
- U-2803 – Smith Level Road Widening
- U-2805 – Homestead Road Widening from High School Rd to NC 86 (Airport Road)
- U-2909 – Estes Drive Widening from Greensboro to NC 86 (Airport Rd)
- U-3100B – Old Fayetteville Road Widening between NC 54 and Hillsborough Rd
- U-4704 – Chapel Hill/Carrboro Computerized Traffic Signal System

Attachment B is a table comparing the FY 2002-2008 TIP with the FY 2004-2010 TIP. This table is included in order to compare the progress of projects in Carrboro from the current TIP to the proposed draft TIP.

One item to note is Project U-2909 – Estes Drive. This project was number one on the local priority list adopted by the Board of Aldermen in November 2001 (Attachment C), and would provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities in a corridor where the need is great. The date for right-of-way acquisition for this project is 2007 in the current 2002-2008 TIP, but does not appear in the draft 2004-2010 TIP. This planning process for this project, which had begun last year, has been suspended by NCDOT because the project does not appear on the draft TIP.

Work on other local projects has also been delayed in the draft TIP. Construction on Project U-2805, Homestead Road, has moved from 2004 to 2005. Right-of-way acquisition for Project U-3100B, Fayetteville Road, has moved from 2008 to 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Aldermen should review the draft TIP and adopt a resolution providing comments to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transportation Advisory Committee on the draft Transportation Improvement Program. In order for comments to be received by the MPO by January, it is recommended that comments be made before the Board takes its Winter break.

Comparison of FY 2002-2008 TIP with the Draft FY 2004-2010 TIP

Comparison Table: FY 2000 – 2006 to 2002-2008 Draft Transportation Improvement Programs – Estimated Costs, Expected Dates of Expenditures for Right-of-way Acquisition and Construction for Carrboro Projects

Project #	Project Name	Total Estimated Cost		Right-of-Way		Construction	
		FY 2002-2008	FY 2004-2010	FY 2002-2008	FY 2004-2010	FY 2002-2008	FY 2004-2010
E-4008	Roberson Pl Bike Path	\$100 K	\$100 K	Under Const	Under Const	Under Const	Under Const
E-4545	Old Fay Rd Sidewalk	New	\$91 K	N/A	Under Const	N/A	Under Const
E-4710	Seawell Sch Rd Bike Lanes	Feasibility Study					
U-2803	Smith Level Rd Widening	\$3.3 M	\$3.375 M	2002	2003	2004	2004
U-2805	Homestead Rd Widening	\$7.2 M	\$7.2 M	2003	2003	2004	2005
U-2909	Estes Dr Widening	\$6.2 M	\$6.6 M	2007	Not Funded	Not Funded	Not Funded
U-3100B	Old Fay Rd Widening	\$2.05 M	\$2.05 M	2008	2010	Not Funded	Not Funded
U-4704	Signal System	New	\$5 M	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Funded