

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ITEM NO. E(5)**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**MEETING DATE: February 3, 2004**

**TITLE: Status Report on the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and  
2030 Socioeconomic Projections**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Schedule</b> <b>C. Socioeconomic Projections for Carrboro Planning Area</b> <b>D. Key Data by County</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Dale McKeel – 918-7329

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen with a status report on the development of a Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Urban Area 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and a review of the socioeconomic projections for Carrboro and the Region. The attached resolution would receive the report.

**INFORMATION**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) adopted a 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan in May 2003. Environmental Protection Agency air quality conformity regulations require that this plan be updated prior to April 2005. In order to meet this deadline, the DCHC MPO has begun preparing a Long Range Transportation Plan for the year 2030. The DCHC MPO has prepared a schedule for completing the 2030 Plan and meeting the April 2005 deadline for air quality conformity analysis (Attachment B).

*Socioeconomic Data*

Socioeconomic data is the primary input used to develop the traffic forecasts and air quality analyses for the long-range transportation plan. Since the plan looks 26 years into the future, current data and forecasts for future years are needed. The process of acquiring and checking this data is substantial and involves coordinated efforts by all the local planning departments in the region.

The base year data includes population, dwelling unit, and employment data for the region as it was at the end of 2002. Data is broken down into Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs). There are 53 TAZs in Carrboro's planning area and 907 within the DCHC MPO area. In addition to the base year data, forecasts of the changes in these zones for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030 show how population, dwelling units, and employment are anticipated to change based on an examination of existing zoning, adopted land use plans and policies, and approved and proposed development.

Attachment C contains the socioeconomic data forecasts for the Carrboro planning area (the area represented as Sector 19 in the map that is part of Attachment C). These forecasts have been developed and reviewed by planning department staff. The Planning Board at their meeting on January 22 reviewed these data and took no action.

Attachment D contains the socioeconomic forecasts for other counties in the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO area. These are draft forecasts and some changes may be made to this data prior to its adoption by the Transportation Advisory Committee. Note that the data for Granville and Chatham counties represents data and projections for the portion of these counties that is in the DCHC MPO area (a portion of northern Chatham and southwestern Granville).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None known.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution receiving the report.