

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2004

TITLE: Request to Rename NC 54 Bypass to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

DEPARTMENT: n/a	PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Memo from Alderman Chilton B. Resolution C. Agenda Item From January 21, 2003 Meeting of the Board of Aldermen	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Alderman Mark Chilton

PURPOSE

Alderman Chilton is requesting that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider requesting the Town of Chapel Hill rename Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Chapel Hill in order that the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro may designate NC Highway 54 Bypass from South Columbia Street to Old Fayetteville Road as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

INFORMATION

See attached memo from Alderman Chilton (Attachment A). Also note that an agenda item on this topic was presented in January 2003 (Attachment C).

FISCAL IMPACT

Designating a portion of NC 54 Bypass as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard would result in costs for the Town of Carrboro, to change street signs and addresses in the Town's geographic information system. In addition, there would be mailing and staff costs to provide first-class mail notification to residents and businesses of the address change.

The impact on Carrboro individuals and businesses who are assigned a new street address would be significant, requiring, for example, changes to driver's licenses and other documents and records, and notification of the address change to the postal service, utilities, etc. It is estimated that the change would affect about 40 businesses (primarily in Carrboro Plaza) and 1060 residential units (primarily in eight apartment and townhouse complexes). There would be additional residential units in Chapel Hill that would be affected by such a change.

RECOMMENDATION

The administration requests that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider Alderman Chilton's proposal. If the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to move forward with a name change proposal, consideration should be given to holding a public hearing as part of the process.