

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2004

TITLE: Presentation of Bicycle Friendly Community Award

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u> ___
ATTACHMENTS A. Resolution B. Press Release C. Information About the Bicycle Friendly Communities Program D. Action Plan for Bicycle Friendly Communities	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

Andy Clarke, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists, will present the League's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award to the Board of Aldermen. As part of the award ceremony, the League of American Bicyclists encourages the Board of Aldermen to authorize the Mayor to sign the Action Plan for Bicycle Friendly Communities (Attachment C).

INFORMATION

Carrboro is one of 38 communities in the nation that have been granted the BFC designation to recognize their commitment to providing safe accommodation and facilities for bicyclists, and for their efforts to encourage bicycling for fun, fitness, and transportation. A press release prepared by the League of American Bicyclists is attached (Attachment A). Attachment B provides an overview of the Bicycle Friendly Communities Program.

As part of the award ceremony, the League of American Bicyclists encourages the Board of Aldermen to sign the Action Plan for Bicycle Friendly Communities (Attachment C). The Action Plan outlines how a bicycle-friendly community enhances the quality of life of a community and then lists 10 steps to bring that about. It is suggested that the Transportation Advisory Board can evaluate Carrboro's progress in achieving the goals in the action plan as part of updating the Carrboro Bicycle Policy over the next year.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be minimal cost for placing signage related to the Bicycle Friendly Community Award.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the award and consider signing the Action Plan for Bicycle Friendly Communities (Attachment C).