

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. (2)

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2004

TITLE: Work Session on Residential Traffic Management Plan

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| DEPARTMENT: PLANNING | PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u> ___ |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. Residential Traffic Management Plan B. Excerpt of minutes from 8-22-2000 C. Excerpt of minutes from 5-21-2002 D. Chart – Fatalities and Vehicle Speed E. Report by Adena Messinger F. Excerpt from U.S. Department of Justice Report – “Speeding in Residential Areas” G. Excerpt of MUTCD, November 2003 H. Resolution | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329 |

PURPOSE

At the request of the Board of Aldermen, the Transportation Advisory Board has been reviewing the Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP) for several months. The purpose of this item is for the Transportation Advisory Board to discuss its review and recommendations with the Board of Aldermen.

INFORMATION

The Town of Carrboro was one of the first communities in North Carolina to adopt a traffic calming policy. The Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP) was adopted in June 1996 and revised on May 6, 1997 (Attachment A).

In August 2000 and May 2002, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen requested that the TAB review certain aspects of the RTMP, including the following:

- The removal of the phrase that 85th percentile speeds must exceed 35 mph (August 2000)
- Deletion of traffic control devices from the list of definitions (August 2000)
- Changing “speed humps” to “speed bumps” (August 2000)
- Consideration of other traffic management plans that have been put into place (May 2002)
- Consider developing a provision for “special circumstances” (i.e., schools, playground access, etc.) that may justify deviations from the policy place (May 2002)

The minutes from the August 22, 2000 and May 21, 2002 Board of Aldermen meetings are attached (Attachments B and C).

Attachments D, E, and F are materials that the Transportation Advisory Board reviewed and found helpful, including a report prepared by Adena Messinger, a member of the TAB and a master’s degree student in the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Attachment G, an excerpt of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), provides some information on signage that can be used in relation to speed humps.

A resolution that accepts the information provided by the Transportation Advisory Board and provides an opportunity for the Board of Aldermen to specify follow-up action, if desired, has been prepared (Attachment H).

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to receive the report from the Transportation Advisory Board and take action as appropriate.