

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(8)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2004

TITLE: 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Fixed Guideway Corridor between Chapel Hill and Carrboro

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u> ___
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Memorandum from Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Managers	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The attached memorandum (Attachment B) from the Chapel Hill and Carrboro Town Managers recommends that Chapel Hill and Carrboro support the approval of the fixed guideway corridor between the University of North Carolina main campus and the Carolina North property as shown in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Managers also recommend that a detailed study be undertaken to determine a final alignment. Staff recommends adoption of the resolution transmitting these recommendations to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transportation Advisory Committee (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

On September 27, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a resolution on the 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The resolution recommended that the Transportation Advisory Board Committee approve the 2030 Long Range Plan with four comments. The fourth comment was related to the fixed guideway corridor between the UNC Campus and Carolina North and stated: The fixed guideway map be altered to show Franklin Street as the useable corridor to points west of Columbia Street.

The Transportation Advisory Committee discussed the Chapel Hill resolution at its meeting on September 29 and agreed to incorporate the first three comments into the 2030 Long Range Plan. The Committee referred the fourth comment regarding the fixed guideway corridor back to the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill for further consideration before action by the Committee.

The Town Managers of Chapel Hill and Carrboro have met to discuss this issue and prepared the attached memorandum (Attachment B). The managers believe that the recommendations suggested in memorandum will allow the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transportation Advisory Committee to proceed with final approval of the 2030 Long Range Plan and allow for a resolution of the final alignment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs of preparing a detailed study of the fixed guideway corridor are unknown. It is anticipated that the study would be undertaken with federal transportation planning funds and that a local match to these funds may be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution.