

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2005

TITLE: Work Session on Residential Traffic Management Plan

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. TAB Recommendations C. Current Residential Traffic Management Plan D. Report by Adena Messinger E. Review of 20 mph Zones in London	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 Plan (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 Plan (RTMP) was adopted in June 1996 and revised on May 6, 1997 (Attachment C).

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)

On June 8, 2004, the Board of Aldermen received a report from the TAB on the Residential Traffic Management Plan and referred the report back to Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) for additional review. The Board also re-affirmed its decision not to accept more traffic calming petitions until revisions to the plan are approved. The Board asked the TAB to review enforcement, education, and engineering components and:

- Include Police Chief in enforcement discussions
- Describe how point system works
- Recommend appropriate residential speed limits

- Review land use ordinance to ensure ordinances are not creating traffic problems

In response to this request, the TAB has prepared a set of recommended updates to the Residential Management Plan (Attachment C).

Attachments D and E 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the report from the Transportation Advisory Board and refer the TAB report to Town staff for review and recommendations.