

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(9)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2005

TITLE: Review and Approval: Enhancement Agreement for Main Street Sidewalk

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u> __
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Map of Project Location C. Enhancement Agreement	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

In 2004, the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) approved the Town of Carrboro's request for transportation enhancement funding to construct a sidewalk on Main Street in front of the Carrboro Post Office. NCDOT has prepared an Enhancement Agreement for this project. A resolution recommending the Board of Aldermen authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign and execute the Enhancement Agreement is recommended for the Board's approval.

INFORMATION

This project supports initiatives by the Board of Aldermen to improve pedestrian access to shopping areas in Carrboro. The enhancement project will improve pedestrian access between the Carrboro Post Office and Carrboro Plaza Shopping Center by installing 160 linear feet of sidewalk. Once the sidewalk is completed, NCDOT at no cost to the town will stripe the crosswalks, modify an existing concrete median and corner island to provide a pedestrian cut-through, and install pedestrian signals and pushbuttons (see Attachment B).

The Enhancement Agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney's office and the Public Works Director. Once the agreement is fully executed, a scoping meeting on the project will take place. The Town's obligation under the Enhancement Agreement is contingent upon the availability of adequate right-of-way to construct and install the sidewalk. Existing right-of-way appears to be available. If this is not the case, the Town will have to evaluate several courses of action, including acquiring additional right-of-way, revising the scope of the project, or declining to go forward with the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project cost is estimated to be \$7,530, of which 80 percent is provided by the enhancement funds. The Town is required to provide a 20 percent local share, which is \$1,506 required for the project available within the capital reserve fund and will be set aside for this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) that authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the Enhancement Agreement for project E-4942.