

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2005

TITLE: Presentation on the Downtown Carrboro Transportation Study

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Draft Final Report	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Henderson, Kimley-Horn – 678-4158 Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

A draft final report has been prepared for the Downtown Carrboro Transportation Study. Roger Henderson of Kimley-Horn and Associates will provide a presentation. The Board is asked to adopt a resolution receiving the report and providing comments on the study (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

An earlier draft report of the Downtown Carrboro Transportation Study was presented at a community forum held at the Carrboro Century Center on December 2, 2004. The Board of Aldermen received a report on the draft on March 15, 2005.

Following feedback from the community, Board of Aldermen, and staff, the report (Attachment B) has been revised and recommends 15 projects/programs related to traffic, including motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, in the downtown. A sample of the recommended street projects are noted below.

- Modifying a portion of the Libba Cotten bikeway (west of Brewer Lane) so that it can also serve motor vehicles by imbedding the train tracks in the asphalt pavement and installing barriers that would prevent vehicular traffic when the train is using the tracks.
- Allowing a private street crossing of the railroad, aligned roughly with the east end of Roberson Street, to serve the Artscenter property.
- Reducing the number of vehicle lanes on East Main Street in the area north of the Artscenter property from four lanes to two, with bike lanes and some turn lanes.
- Establishing a new street connection between Lloyd Street and North Greensboro Street in the vicinity of Hosier Street.

There has been considerable discussion of these recommendations and other options within the study area. There is at least one other potential east-west street connection. This connection, recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board in 1988, is located outside of the geographic

area defined within the scope of services for the current study and was not considered in the analysis. Further study may be needed if there is interest in evaluating that connection.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends adoption of the resolution receiving the report and providing comments on the study (Attachment A).