

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 21, 2005

TITLE: Resolutions Regarding the Speed Limit on Union Grove Church Road and a Portion of Old NC 86

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___NO__X__
ATTACHMENTS: A. Old NC 86 Resolution B. Union Grove Church Road Resolution C. NTAAC Resolution D. TAB Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

On June 7, 2005, the Board of Aldermen, in response to a request by Jay Bryan, asked Town staff to prepare resolutions in support of reducing the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph on Old NC 86 (from Old Fayetteville-Hillsborough Road to Eubanks Road) and from 55 to 45 mph on Union Grove Church Road. Town staff has prepared resolutions for the Board's consideration (Attachments A and B).

INFORMATION

Union Grove Church Road is a state maintained road that is not in Carrboro's Town limits or planning jurisdiction. Under state law, the speed limit on Union Grove Church Road is set by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Old NC 86 is also state-maintained but portions of the road are in Carrboro's Town limits. In order to change the speed limit on the portions of the road within the Town limits, both NCDOT and the Board of Aldermen would need to pass ordinances to lower the speed limit.

In setting speed limits, NCDOT considers some or all of the following:

- Prevailing vehicle speeds
- Physical features of the roadway
- Crash experience
- Conditions not readily apparent to the driver

The Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Board have adopted resolutions in support of the speed limit reductions (Attachments C and D).

FISCAL IMPACT

Requesting a reduction in the speed limits will involve some staff time for analysis and correspondence with NCDOT staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the adoption of the resolutions (Attachments A and B).