

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(7)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2005

**TITLE: Request to Set a Public Hearing: Adoption of Modifications to the Connector Roads Plan**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Map Showing Possible Connector Road Between Merritt Mill Road and Brewer Lane</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Dale McKeel – 918-7329

### PURPOSE

On June 14, 2005 Town Staff provided a report to the Board of Aldermen on access issues in the Brewer Lane area. The Board of Aldermen received the report, requested that a public hearing be scheduled on modifications to the Connector Roads Plan, referred the item to the Planning Board, Economic Sustainability Commission, and Transportation Advisory Board, and requested that surrounding neighborhoods be notified of the public hearing. A resolution setting a public hearing for August 23, 2005 has been prepared for the Board's consideration.

### INFORMATION

Town staff has prepared an illustration of a possible connector road between Merritt Mill Road and Brewer Lane which could be added to the Connector Roads Plan (Attachment B). The illustration is schematic in nature and reflects a general corridor for a connecting road. However, the actual location could and most likely would vary based on a number of factors such as topography, soils, development layout, roadway engineering standards, and intersection design.

The illustration also includes a possible connection toward Crest Street in Chapel Hill. It is envisioned that this connection could accommodate vehicles or could be a bicycle and pedestrian only connection. This possible connection is shown extending to the Carrboro town limits.

Also note that a private road, Guthrie Avenue, is also accessed from Brewer Lane and provides access to other properties. With the development of a connector road between Merritt Mill Road and Brewer Lane, a connection to Guthrie Avenue would need to be maintained.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Setting a public hearing involves staff analysis and administration of the proposed modifications, advisory board review, and advertising costs associated with public notice.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing on modifications to the Residential Traffic Management Plan and referring the draft ordinance to the Planning Board, Economic Sustainability Commission, and Transportation Advisory Board (Attachment A).