

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 15, 2005

TITLE: Budget Amendment for the Mobility Report Card

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _ X _
ATTACHMENTS: A. Budget Amendment	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Board is requested to approve a budget amendment to appropriate and transfer undesignated interest earnings from the Capital Projects Fund and lapsed salaries from the Planning Department to support costs associated with preparation of the 2006 Mobility Report Card (\$6,000). (Attachment A).

INFORMATION

The Mobility Report Card will include average daily traffic counts along key roadways; AM, noon, and PM peak-hour intersection turn movement counts; level of service analysis of signalized intersections; AM, noon, and PM peak-hour travel time and delay runs along various corridors; identification of key congestion points for each corridor; inventory of miles of sidewalk and bicycle lanes; peak-hour and 12-hour daily bicycle and pedestrian counts at key locations; an evaluation of multimodal mobility; and annual and daily transit passenger summaries by route and for the total system.

The Mobility Report Card serves as a component of the Congestion Management System that is required by federal law in the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro metropolitan area. A Congestion Management System provides information on transportation system performance and identifies alternative strategies to alleviate congestion and enhance the mobility of people and goods. The focus is typically on strategies which can be implemented quickly, inexpensively, and that avoid the construction of additional lanes of roadway.

Preparation of the Mobility Report Card provides numerous benefits for the Town's citizens. One immediate benefit would be data on intersection turn movements for signalized intersections in Carrboro. With this data, it will be possible to review the phasing and timing of existing traffic signals to ensure that signals are operating as efficiently and as safely as possible for all users.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a one-time expense and budget allocation of \$6,000 that will not have a fiscal impact beyond the budget ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the budget ordinance appropriating funds for the Mobility Report Card (Attachment A).