

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(9)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2006

TITLE: A Resolution in Support of an NCDOT Bicycle Planning Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___NO__X__
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Program Overview	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale McKeel – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is accepting applications for bicycle planning grants. On June 20, the Board reserved \$19,500 in fund balance to provide a match for a bicycle planning grant. A resolution in support of a planning grant application has been prepared for the Board's consideration.

INFORMATION

A program overview of the NCDOT bicycle planning grant program is attached. Carrboro *Vision 2020* included the following goal:

The town should fully implement its bicycle and pedestrian network plan. This plan should identify links needed now as well as links that will be needed by 2020.

Carrboro has a long history of bicycle improvements and was the first community in North Carolina to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community. Carrboro's previous bicycle plan was approved in 1989.

FISCAL IMPACT

NCDOT estimates that the cost for a bicycle plan for a municipality the size of Carrboro is \$35,000 to \$65,000. The grant program requires a 30 percent local match, which would be \$10,000 to \$19,500. On June 20, the Board reserved \$19,500 in fund balance to provide a match for a bicycle planning grant.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the attached resolution.