

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2007

**TITLE: Local Priority List for FY 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Planning</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. TAB Priority List for 2007-2013</b> <b>B. Carrboro Adopted Priority List for 2007-2013 TIP</b> <b>C. Excerpt of draft MTIP for 2007-2013</b> <b>D. Memo re: ranking methodology and priority list</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Patricia McGuire - <b>918-7327</b> Adena Messinger – <b>918-7329</b>

### PURPOSE

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization has initiated the preparation of the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At the beginning of this process, local governments are requested to provide a local priority list of projects.

### INFORMATION

The TIP includes cost estimates and funding schedules for highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, public transit, and aviation projects over a seven year period. Typically, the TIP is updated every other year, though the recent transition from an even to an odd-numbered year necessitated adoption of two TIP document in two years. Priority lists adopted by the TAB and Board of Aldermen in 2005 for the 2007-2013 TIP (current) are attached (Attachments B and C).

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has just adopted the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY2007-2013. The State TIP incorporates some of the requests from Carrboro and other members of the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). The DCHC MPO Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to adopt a metropolitan TIP that is consistent with the current State TIP on June 13th. An excerpt of the proposed MTIP showing the projects from Orange County is attached (*Attachment D*).

The DCHC MPO has begun the process of updating its regional priority list for consideration in the State TIP for FY 2009-2013. The MPO has prepared a schedule for development of the ranking methodology and development of the MPO priority list (*Attachment E*).

Due to a reduced meeting schedule and heavy load of review items, the Transportation Advisory Board was not able to conduct a review of the current TIP Priority list on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The MPO schedule calls for submittal of local priority lists by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff recommends a slight modification to this schedule to allow sufficient time for the Transportation Advisory Board and Board of Aldermen, as follows:

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Board reviews existing local priority list and TIP allocation, requests additional information and provides directions to TAB.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – TAB reviews same and makes recommendations on FY 2009-2015 Local Priority List.

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Board adopts FY 2009-2015 Priority List and forwards to MPO.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

None with the consideration of transportation priorities.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen review its existing recommended priority list of transportation-related improvements, formulate comments and questions related to transportation priorities, forward the materials to the Transportation Advisory Board for consideration at its June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and prepare to formulate on June 19<sup>th</sup> an FY 2009-2015 Local Priority List for submittal to the MPO.