

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ITEM NO. D(5)**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT  
MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007**

**TITLE: Follow up to the Report from the Smith Level Road Task Force**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>   | <b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u></b>  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b><br>A. Resolution responding to task force recommendations<br>B. Resolution dissolving the task force<br>C. Minutes from October 10, 2006 establishing the SLRTF<br>D. SLRTF Report<br>E. TAB comments on the SLRTF report<br>F. Staff response to recommendations | <b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b><br>Adena Messinger, Transportation Planner, 918-7329 |

**PURPOSE**

On June 19, 2007, the Board of Aldermen received a report from the Smith Level Road Task Force (SLRTF). At the conclusion of the report, the Board requested that staff prepare comments on the recommendations from the SLRTF and identify any additional tasks for the task force. This agenda item provides the requested staff follow-up and includes two resolutions for Board consideration.

**INFORMATION**

On October 10, 2006, the Board of Aldermen authorized the creation of the Smith Level Road Task Force, and developed the task force charges and the makeup of the board (Attachment C). The task force met several times between March and June, and held a public forum on May 20, 2007, to solicit public comment. On June 19, 2007, the Board of Aldermen received a report from the Smith Level Road Task Force, which included a list of recommendations to the Board (Attachment D)

Upon receiving the report on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board also extended the task force charge to allow members to conduct other presentations of the report. The task force presented their report to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on September 19 and to the Chapel Hill Town Council on October 22. Both governing bodies referred the report to their respective staff for follow up. The follow up reports from these jurisdictions have not been received to date.

The Transportation Advisory Board reviewed the SLRTF recommendations and Attachment E includes the TAB recommendations to the Board. Attachment F is a list of the recommendations and the staff follow up to each one. Attachment A includes a resolution for responding to the recommendations.

The Board also requested that staff identify any remaining tasks for the SLRTF. A possible task that remains is presenting the report to the Chatham County governing body for comment. The individuals involved with the task force may wish to stay organized as a group to check with the identified parties regarding their recommendations. However, staff feels that it is not appropriate for Carrboro to staff the task force for the following reasons:

1. The task force, as established by the Board of Aldermen, has fulfilled their charge.
2. Moving forward with the majority of the recommendations requires multi-jurisdictional cooperation.
3. Adequate staff resources are not available at this time.

Attachment B provides a resolution disbanding the SLRTF as a committee facilitated by Carrboro staff.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this follow up report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen accept this follow up report and approve the resolutions provided in Attachments A and B.