

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ITEM NO. D(6)**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007**

**TITLE: STP-DA Funding Priorities for FY 2009-2015 and Recognition of 20% Local Match**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Selection criteria C. Candidate projects	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Adena Messinger, Transportation Planner, 918-7329

**PURPOSE**

The DCHC MPO has issued a FY2009-2015 call for projects for consideration for funding through the STP-DA (surface transportation program direct allocation) process. Staff is requesting that the Board of Aldermen review the list of proposed projects and decide for what funding year, if any, they would like to see these projects considered by the MPO.

**BACKGROUND**

As a member of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, one mechanism the Town has for requesting funding for transportation projects is the STP-DA process. These are funds that have been designated for direct allocation to local transportation projects at the discretion of the MPO. STP-DA funding requires a 20% local match. Projects that have been funded through this process include the Roberson Bike Path and the downtown circulation study. The planning and construction of the Bolin Creek and Morgan Creek greenways are also being funded through this process.

**INFORMATION**

For the 2009-2015 call for projects, the candidate projects will be evaluated according to the same set of criteria that the TIP projects were subject to (see Attachment B). Carrboro projects will be in competition with projects from Chapel Hill, Orange County, Hillsborough, Durham and Durham County.

Attachment A includes a list of seven candidate projects for your consideration. The reasoning for the selection of these specific projects by staff is provided the last column in Attachment A.

Following the Board's discussion of the candidate projects, the projects that the Board decides to move forward with will be submitted to the DCHC MPO for evaluation. It is anticipated that the MPO will be making a recommendation on the STP-DA projects in the early spring of 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact will be based on which projects the Board chooses to submit to this process and how the Board chooses to allocate the projects over the 2009-2015 time frame.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen review and comment on the potential 2009-2015 STP-DA projects, and adopt a resolution recognizing the 20% local match associated with each project and allocate the projects over the FY09-FY15 period.