

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2008

TITLE: Request for Approval: Municipal Agreements with NCDOT for the Conceptual Planning of the Morgan Creek Greenway and the Bolin Creek Greenway

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A1. Resolution for Morgan Creek Greenway A2. Resolution for Bolin Creek Greenway B. Project Descriptions	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger, Transportation Planner – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Town of Carrboro has been allocated funds via the Surface Transportation Program Direct Attributable (STP-DA) process to develop conceptual plans for the Bolin Creek Greenway and Morgan Creek Greenway. NCDOT, administrator of the STPA-DA funds on behalf of FHWA, has prepared the Municipal Agreements for these projects. Two resolutions recommending the Board of Aldermen to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign and execute each of the Municipal Agreements are recommended for the Board's approval (*Attachments A1 and A2*).

INFORMATION

In 2003, the Town submitted a funding request to the DCHC MPO for the planning and construction of a segment of the Bolin Creek Greenway and a segment of the Morgan Creek Greenway. The request was approved and \$1,457,500 was secured for these projects using federal STP-DA funds. The use of STP-DA funds require a 20 percent match of \$291,500 from the Town.

In November 2003, the Town approved the Bond Referendum, which included the \$291,500 local match as part of the Sidewalk/Greenway bond projects.

The development of these trail systems is proposed by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan and supported by Carrboro Vision 2020.

NCDOT has prepared Municipal Agreements for each of the projects, which require authorization of the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign and execute the agreements. Descriptions of the projects are provided in *Attachment B*.

Mike Brough, Town Attorney, has reviewed the Municipal Agreements and found them satisfactory.

FISCAL IMPACT

The STP-DA funds require an 80/20 match between the State and the Town. The estimated cost of the Bolin Creek conceptual plan is \$70,000; NCDOT will allocate \$56,000 as the 80% from the STP-DA funds and the Town is responsible for \$14,000 for the 20% match.

The estimated cost of the Morgan Creek conceptual plan is \$50,000; NCDOT will allocate \$40,000 as the 80% from the STP-DA funds and the Town is responsible for \$10,000 for the 20% match. Matching funds for the greenway planning process are funded with general obligation bond funds.

The planning process will determine the actual cost of greenway construction and is expected to exceed the \$1,337,500 budgeted for construction. Of this total construction cost, \$267,500 is the local match and will be matched with bond funding. However, no other local funds are set aside in the event that construction costs require additional local funding beyond the \$267,500.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolutions.