

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2008

TITLE: Simpson Street Traffic Calming Request

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Timeline C. Criteria table and map of area D. TAB recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger – 918-7329

PURPOSE

Simpson Street residents have requested traffic calming for the segment between Main St. and Phipps St. Staff reviewed the request and collected data as prescribed by the Residential Traffic Management Plan. A resolution is attached for Board of Aldermen consideration.

INFORMATION

In June 2007, residents of Simpson Street initiated a traffic request to the Town, stating their concern for the speed of traffic between Main St. and Phipps St., as well as the volume of trucks using Simpson St. to go between Main St. and Hillsborough St.

Staff and residents have been working to assess the situation, as prescribed by the Residential Traffic Management Plan (RTMP). *Attachment B* provides a timeline of the steps taken to date and *Attachment C* includes the results of the data analysis as well as map of the location of concern.

The staff Traffic & Parking committee met on April 10th to review the data, and recommended that two speed tables be installed on Simpson St, between Mary and Phipps (the exact locations are to be determined, but generally near where the speed counts were taken). During the staff discussion; however; there was a concern raised about the proliferation of speed tables in Carrboro and the potential impact on response time for emergency vehicles. This comment was not directed at the Simpson Street request, but was more a general observation as staff has noted an increase in inquiries about traffic calming.

The TAB concurred with the staff recommendation at their April 17th review of the request (see *Attachment D*).

STAFF AND FISCAL IMPACT

Cost of two (2) speed tables and signage: approximately \$4,500-\$5,000

Staff time to install speed tables.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution provided in *Attachment A*.