

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: September 16, 2008

TITLE: Adoption of the Local Priority List for FY 20011-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Carrboro Adopted Priority List for 2009-2015 TIP C. Status of current Orange County programs in the STIP D. 2011-2017 MPO ranking methodology E. TAB recommendations for the 2011-2017 local TIP	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has initiated the preparation of the 2011-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At the beginning of this process, local governments are requested to provide a local priority list of projects. The Board is requested to adopt a 2011-2017 local TIP priority list and refer that list to the MPO.

INFORMATION

The TIP includes cost estimates and funding schedules for highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, public transit, and aviation projects over a seven year period. The NC DOT deadline for the 2011-2017 Regional Priority List is December 31, 2008. The Regional Priority List includes projects from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and is generated from the local priority lists submitted by each member jurisdiction. The Transportation Advisory Committee of the DCHC MPO will release for public comment a draft Regional Priority List in November.

The DCHC MPO has requested that all members of the MPO submit their 2011-2017 local priority list for consideration by the MPO's Transportation Advisory Committee on October 8. The priority list adopted by the Board of Aldermen in 2007 for the 2009-2015 TIP (current) is included as **attachment B**. The list of the Carrboro projects in the current State TIP is found in **attachment C**.

The process for updating the DCHC MPO regional priority list for consideration in the State TIP for 2011-2017 includes creating a master list of projects that are ranked. The MPO has prepared a ranking methodology for development of the priority list, and this methodology is provided in **Attachment D**.

The Transportation Advisory Board has reviewed the 2009-2015 local priority list and has provided recommendations for Carrboro's 2011-2017 local priority list (**Attachment E**).

The process for developing the Transportation Improvement Program is as follows:

1. The Town of Carrboro adopts a local project priority list, which is forwarded to the DCHC MPO.

2. Using the local priority lists, the DCHC MPO releases a regional project priority list, which is forwarded to the NC DOT.
3. The NC DOT develops the draft statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which includes a draft TIP for the DCHC MPO area.
4. Both NCDOT and the DCHC MPO hold public hearings and receive public comments on the draft TIP. The DCHC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will adopt its own version of the draft TIP.
5. Representatives from the DCHC TAC and NCDOT to reconcile any differences between the DCHC draft TIP and the NCDOT draft TIP.
6. The final TIP is adopted by the DCHC TAC and the N.C. Board of Transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts associated with developing Carrboro's list of transportation priorities. However, should projects on the list be incorporated into the State TIP, there may be fiscal impacts to the Town in the form of a local match that could be from 20%-30% of a project, and which would need to be programmed into the CIP.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen review the TAB's 2011-2017 TIP recommendations and adopt a resolution detailing a local priority list for Carrboro for FY 2011-2017.