

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: January 13, 2009

TITLE: Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for 2011-2017

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _ X
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. 2011-2017 Local Priority list C. Carrboro projects in the draft 2011-2017 MTIP D. Recommendations for joint projects for the 2011-2017 MTIP	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization has released the draft 2011-2017 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for public comment. This item serves to update the Board of Aldermen on Carrboro's projects within the MTIP list, as well as seek the Board's comments on recommended changes to the descriptions of several of Carrboro's local projects.

INFORMATION

On September 16, 2008 the Board of Aldermen approved a list of 14 projects for submission to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) for consideration in the draft 2011-2017 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP, see attachment B).

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the MPO has applied a ranking methodology criteria to all of the projects submitted to MPO members and has released the results of the ranking as the draft MTIP. The full list of projects in the MTIP is available at www.dchcmpo.org. Attachment C provides a summary of how Carrboro's projects ranked with respect to all MPO projects.

When the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the MPO discusses the MTIP at its meeting on January 14, MPO staff will provide the projects by NCDOT Divisions, such that Carrboro's, Chapel Hill's, Hillsborough's and Orange County's (Division 7) projects will be separated from Durham (city and county, Division 5) and Chatham's (Division 8) projects. This is because funding for TIP projects is allocated by Division. When the Division ranking is compiled, it is likely that some of Carrboro's projects will receive a higher ranking.

During the review and ranking of the local priority lists, TCC staff noted inconsistencies in the descriptions of several projects, including four from Carrboro, that cross jurisdictional boundaries.. Attachment D lists the four Carrboro projects and includes staff recommendations for how these projects should be listed in the MTIP.

The TAC will be reviewing the draft MTIP at its meeting on Wednesday, January 14; Board action on this update and recommended revisions to several project descriptions is requested and will be presented by staff and the Board TAC liaison.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF IMPACT

Planning staff will continue to work with the MPO on the draft MTIP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the 2011-2017 MTIP update and provide feedback on the recommendations for overlapping projects.