

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. A(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2009

TITLE: A Public Hearing on the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Bicycle Plan timeline C. Response to Board of Aldermen Feedback D. Bicycle Plan Steering Committee Recommendation E. Advisory Board recommendations	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger – 918-7329

PURPOSE

Greenways Incorporated has prepared the final draft of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan. A public hearing has been set so that the Board of Aldermen may receive public comment on the final plan, and provide any additional comments to the consultants. Staff recommends adoption of the plan.

INFORMATION

In May 2007 the Town of Carrboro was awarded an NCDOT Comprehensive Bicycle Planning Grant. Greenways Incorporated was hired to develop the plan, with assistance from Town staff and a Bicycle Plan Steering Committee. The planning process, which began in January 2008, was completed in January 2008 (see attachment B for a timeline of the planning process).

The final draft of the plan can be downloaded by individual chapters at
<http://www.greenways.com/pages/CarrboroBicycleFinalPlan.html>

On October 14, 2008 staff presented the draft plan to the Board for review and comment. Attachment C provides the comments made by members of the Board of Aldermen as well as how those comments are addressed in the final plan.

The Bicycle Plan Steering Committee, the guiding body for the planning process, held its last meeting in November 2008, at which time they made a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen to adopt the plan. The Committee's recommendation is provided in attachment D.

In December 2008 and January 2009, Greenways Incorporated continued to work with staff on any outstanding issues and released the final draft at the end of January. Following the completion of the final draft, the Board of Aldermen set a public hearing for the presentation of the plan and referred the final plan to the Town's advisory boards. Recommendation from the advisory boards can be found in attachment E.

FISCAL and STAFF IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts from receiving public comment on the bicycle transportation plan.

Preparation of a top ten priority list and implementation plan will require approximately 20 hours of staff time from the Transportation Planner as well as possible time from other staff members in the Planning, Public Works and Police Departments.

The fiscal impact associated with the top ten list will be determined by projects selected.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to receive public comment, provide any final comments to the consultants and adopt the plan.