

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(10)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2009

**TITLE: Request for Approval: Supplemental Agreement with NCDOT for the Conceptual Planning of the Morgan Creek Greenway**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO ___ X ___</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution approving supplemental agreement B. Map of study area	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

### PURPOSE

The Town of Carrboro entered into a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT on March 20, 2008, for planning, environmental study, and preliminary engineering for the Morgan Creek Greenway. The Supplemental Agreement adds to the scope of work in the original agreement by including a feasibility study for a connector trail from the Westbrook Dr. area to the BPW Club Rd. area and Carrboro High School. The attached resolution also authorizes the Town Manager to sign an amended version of the existing professional services agreement for Morgan Creek Greenway conceptual planning to include the connector trail feasibility study.

### INFORMATION

On February 19, 2008, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT for the planning, environmental study, and preliminary engineering for the Morgan Creek Greenway. The agreement was entered into on March 20, 2008.

The agreement provided for NCDOT to allocate \$40,000 of federal Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funding for these phases of the project, with a 20% local match covering the remainder of the \$50,000 total cost. The conceptual planning process for the greenway is currently moving forward, with a final alignment expected to be voted on by the Greenways Commission in its November meeting.

This supplemental agreement, prepared by NCDOT's Local Programs Management Office, adds to the scope of the work under this municipal agreement, and provides for an allocation of \$4,000 of federal funding, administered by NCDOT, for the feasibility study. The funding has already been programmed as a separate project through the MPO planning process. The study will explore route alternatives to connect the Westbrook Dr. area with the BPW Club area and Carrboro High School, and thus serve as a connector trail to the Morgan Creek Greenway.

Attachment A is the text of a resolution approving the supplemental agreement. Attachment B is a map of the study area.

**FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT**

The local cost is estimated to be \$1,000. This is the 20% local match complementing the \$4,000 in federal funding to meet the total estimated project cost of \$5,000. Staff time will be required to communicate necessary information with the consultant over the course of the study.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution.