

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(11)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: October 20, 2009**

SUBJECT: A Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into an Agreement with NCDOT for Bridge Inspection Work.

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George E. Seiz 918-7427

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to have the Carrboro Board of Aldermen authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for bridge inspection work. A resolution has been prepared for the Board’s adoption.

INFORMATION

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA) requires that federal funds be available for the Federal-Aid Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. The Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation portion of the law requires that all structures defined as bridges located on public roads must be inspected on a cycle, not to exceed two years in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). Towns may request NCDOT or a consultant retained by NCDOT to perform these inspections through a Municipal Agreement. The Town currently has one bridge on the municipal system located on Lake Hogan Farm Road. The recently completed bridge in the Rosewalk development will possibly added to the municipal system by the time the inspections are performed.

Under the proposed Municipal Agreement, The Federal Highway Administration shall reimburse the Department of Transportation for eighty (80) percent of the cost of the work subject to compliance with all applicable federal policy and procedural rules and regulations. The Town shall reimburse the Department of Transportation for all costs of the work incurred by the Department of Transportation not paid by the Federal Highway Administration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to the Town for the inspection work is estimated by NCDOT to be about \$600.00 per bridge. There is adequate funding in the Public Works Department budget to perform this work. The inspections will be conducted at various locations throughout the state starting mid October 2009 into July of 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

The Town has historically requested NCDOT to perform the bridge inspections and subsequently Town staff recommends the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with NCDOT for bridge inspection work.