

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2009

**TITLE: Request for a Budget Amendment to Recognize Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant Application**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Planning</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Budget Amendment</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Bing Roenigk, Management Services Roy Williford, Trish McGuire, Jeff Brubaker, Planning Department

### PURPOSE:

Town staff has received official word that the Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant Reimbursement proposal approved by the Board in January 2009 has been awarded. The grant, totaling \$12,864, shall support educational and encouragement programs for Carrboro Elementary students to promote safe walking and bicycling to school. The Town of Carrboro was one of 9 selected out of 17 applications for this grant type across the state.

### INFORMATION:

Planning staff, with the assistance of several Transportation Advisory Board members, submitted an application in January 2009 for non-infrastructure grant funds that would support the following educational and encouragement programs for Carrboro Elementary:

- Two Walk & Roll events. These events would be held during each semester and would include the following elements:
  - Education materials provided to students and parents during the month prior to the event
  - Workshop prior to the event – safe walking and biking skills
  - Two designated “park and walk/bike” locations for the day of the event for families too far to walk or bike directly from their homes
  - Follow up during the month after the event
  - Evaluation of the events

Staff is working with NCDOT on a contractual agreement and hope to begin work as soon as the agreement is finalized.

### FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT:

Staff time is required to manage the project. In addition, funds would be expended first and then reimbursed.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is requested to approve the budget amendment.