

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: November 24, 2009

TITLE: Public Hearing on the Chapel Hill and Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transit Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff memo	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

This public hearing is proposed to receive public input and advisory board recommendations on the Final Draft 2035 Long Range Transit Plan for Chapel Hill and Carrboro. A resolution that refers the comments for staff review is recommended.

INFORMATION

On October 6, 2009, David Bonk, Chapel Hill transportation planning manager and the Transit Plan's project manager, and Stephen Spade, director of Chapel Hill Transit, gave a presentation on the plan to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Links to the Plan can be found here: <http://www.ci.chapel-hill.nc.us/index.aspx?page=560>. The Board provided comments, referred the plan for advisory board and public review, and set a public hearing date of November 24 to receive advisory board recommendations and public input.

The Plan was presented to the advisory boards on November 5 and 19th. Chapel Hill staff were in attendance at the November 19th meeting. A memo summarizing the Plan is attached (*Attachment B*). The Planning Board and Transportation Advisory Boards expect to finalize comments on the plan in early December.

Carrboro staff proposes to present comments and associated recommendations for revisions to the plan to the Board of Aldermen in mid-January, 2010. Chapel Hill staff has indicated that they will be developing plan revisions during this time and expect to be available to present plan revisions to advisory and elected boards in February. Adoption of the plan by the Transit Partners, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is desired as an adopted long range plan is a pre-requisite for applications for federal transit funds.

FISCAL and STAFF IMPACT

Minimal fiscal impacts accrue from collecting public input and advisory board recommendations on the Long Range Transit Plan. The fiscal impact associated with the plan and any actions included within will be determined at a future time.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to consider adoption of the resolution that refers public and Board comment to the staff for review.