

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2010

TITLE: Request for Approval: Municipal Agreement with NCDOT for the Construction of a Sidewalk on Elm Street with Funds Through the Safe Routes To School Program

DEPARTMENT: Public Works	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz, Public Works Director, 918-7427

PURPOSE

This purpose of this item is to request the Board of Aldermen to approve a Municipal Agreement for the installation of sidewalk on Elm Street utilizing an infrastructure grant through the Safe Routes to School program.

INFORMATION

Included with the Phase I sidewalk bond projects (20 projects) is the installation of sidewalk on Elm Street from the existing sidewalk near Weaver Street to Shelton Street. The project consists of planning, design, and construction of approximately 870 linear feet of 5-foot wide sidewalk along the east side of the roadway.

In early spring of 2009, Town staff realized that because of this project's close proximity to Carrboro Elementary School that it would potentially be a good candidate for Safe Route to School funding. Town staff made application to the NCDOT for the use of Safe Routes to school funds in January of 2009. As part of the application a resolution of support for the project was approved by the BOA and a resolution of endorsement for the application was provided by the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee. The Town was notified that the application was approved in August of 2009 and a Municipal Agreement for this project was provided by NCDOT at the end of December 2009. The agreement has been reviewed by staff and is now being brought forward for approval.

As part of the time frame for this project the agreement stipulates the Town shall complete pre-construction activities (includes right-of-way certification and design) within twelve (12) months of execution and shall complete the construction within twenty-four (24) months of execution of the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant of \$300,000 is intended to cover design and construction of the project. There is not a local match for this project, however, all costs associated with the project that are above the grant amount will

be paid for with sidewalk bond funds. Grant funds do not cover costs associated with the acquisition of easements. Based on the recent experience with the federal requirements for the ARRA funded projects, there is the expectation that there will be a good deal of staff time needed to meet the administrative demand for this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution.