

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(5)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2010

**TITLE: Request for Approval of a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT to Hold Two Safe Routes to School Events**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Planning	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> YES ___ NO ___ X ___
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

#### **PURPOSE**

The Board of Aldermen is asked to consider approval of a Municipal Agreement with NCDOT to authorize funding for holding two walk/bike-to-school promotional events at Carrboro Elementary as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

#### **INFORMATION**

In Fall 2009, the Town was awarded a grant for \$12,864 to support two “Walk n’ Roll” walk/bike-to-school promotional events at Carrboro Elementary. The Town and Carrboro School coordinated on the grant application and have been working with NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to scope and plan the events.

The events are planned to be held during the 2010-2011 school year, with one event occurring in the fall and one event occurring in the spring. Town staff and Carrboro School will be evaluating the effect of the events on student travel patterns through student and parent surveys.

The grant is one of three grants supporting Safe Routes to School efforts in Carrboro. Another grant is providing funding for the construction of a sidewalk on Elm St., while another is supporting the development of a Safe Routes to School Action Plan. For more information on Safe Routes to School, visit:

- National Center for Safe Routes to School: <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/index.cfm>
- Safe Routes to School National Partnership: <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/home>

#### **FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT**

The total grant amount is \$12,864, with 100 percent of the funding coming from federal Safe Routes to School funds from FHWA, administered by NCDOT. (NCDOT is able to provide technical oversight as part of the project.) While there is no local cash match, the Town is responsible for an estimated \$89 in in-kind printing costs for the travel surveys. An estimated 75-100 hours of staff time will be required to plan the two events.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution.