

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2010

TITLE: Continuation of a Public Hearing on a Revised Design for Smith Level Road Improvements

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <u>X</u> NO <u> </u>
ATTACHMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. ResolutionB. MemoC. Transportation Advisory Board recommendation (May 20)D. Curb-and-gutter cross-section (Morgan Creek Bridge to BPW Club Rd.)E. Post-public hearing follow-up memoF. Information about Road Safety AuditsG. Excerpt from June 1, 2010, Board of Aldermen meeting minutes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to continue the public hearing on a revised design for Smith Level Road improvements (TIP #U-2803) proposed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

INFORMATION

NCDOT is proposing a revised design for improvements to Smith Level Rd. from the Town limits south of Woodcrest Dr. to the Morgan Creek bridge (Bridge No. 88). The improvements comprise State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project #U-2803.

The Board of Aldermen received public input on the revised design at public hearings on April 27 and June 1. On June 15, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution continuing the public hearing on September 7. The Board referred an additional list of questions to Town staff and sought additional NCDOT input. NCDOT has made changes to the design that was considered at the June 1 meeting. These changes are noted in the memo (*Attachment B*).

Informational materials from past meetings can be found at the following links:

- April 27 – http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/04_27_2010.htm
- June 1 – http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/06_01_2010.htm

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

The majority of project funding is coming from the state. Current NCDOT policy requires a 30 percent local match for the construction of sidewalks for a municipality of Carrboro's size.

NCDOT's cost share for sidewalks is based on a sliding scale that takes into account the population of the municipality in which the project is located.

Municipal Population	Participation	
	DOT	Local
> 100,000	50%	50%
50,000 to 100,000	60%	40%
10,000 to 50,000	70%	30%
< 10,000	80%	20%

The FY 10-11 Town Budget and FY2011/12 – 2015/16 show that an estimated Town share for the sidewalk installation of \$ 207,000. This amount has been set aside in the Capital Reserve Fund. Any increases in this cost estimate and/or the amount of sidewalk included in the project would result in additional cost-share for the Town. No funding source has been identified to cover additional cost-share.

NCDOT's pedestrian policy guidelines are located here:

<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/altern/value/manuals/ppm/ppm28/ppm28-1.pdf>.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider the attached resolution (*Attachment A*).