

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2010

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

<b>DEPARTMENT: Planning</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES <u>X</u> NO ___</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Memo C. TAB recommendation (September 16, 2010)	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> 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 during a public hearing held on April 27, 2010, and continued on June 1 and September 7. Modifications to the revised design, which were made in response to previous Board of Aldermen and Transportation Advisory Board questions and comments, were presented at the September 7 meeting. At this meeting, the Board of Aldermen continued the public hearing to September 28 and referred additional questions and comments to Town staff. These are addressed in the memo in *Attachment B*. The Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board reviewed the plans on September 16 and adopted the recommendation in *Attachment C*.

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

- April 27 – [http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/04\\_27\\_2010.htm](http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/04_27_2010.htm)
- June 1 – [http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/06\\_01\\_2010.htm](http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/06_01_2010.htm)
- September 7 – [http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/09\\_07\\_2010.htm](http://townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/09_07_2010.htm)

A detailed project map is posted in the Board Room (Room 110) in Town Hall.

### FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

The majority of project funding is coming from the state. According to NCDOT policy, state funds will pay for 70 percent of the sidewalk cost; a 30 percent local match is required for a municipality of Carrboro's size.

NCDOT has provided an updated cost estimate for the Town's share of sidewalks, which is \$54,772. This cost estimate has been revised compared to a previous estimate of \$207,000. Because the final sidewalk costs may change, staff recommends that the previous estimate be retained until more details are known about the final sidewalk costs.

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*).