

ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE STATUS REPORT FOR THE
WEAVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Resolution No. 26/2010-11**

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. To receive the October 5, 2010 status report for the Weaver Street Reconstruction Project

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.



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Notice Regarding Weaver Street Reconstruction Project

July 29, 2010

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update on the design and proposed construction schedule for the above mentioned project.

The reconstruction of Weaver Street has been programmed in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for several years. In November of 2007, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution for the CIP which included the reconstruction of the two blocks of Weaver Street. The proposed project basically consists of the following: removal and reconstruction of the existing roadway, removal and replacement of curb and gutter (west block only), the installation of additional storm inlets and piping to improve storm drainage, and the replacement of an existing 6 inch water main in both blocks with a new 12 inch water main.

Per the current CIP, design was scheduled for FY 09/10 with construction to begin in FY 10/11. As part of the design process, Town staff from the Public Works Department began meeting with various property owners/businesses adjacent to the project in early 2010. From these informal visits staff received input towards the design and construction phasing for the project. Preliminary construction plans are now completed. At this time the Town is seeking additional input from property owners/tenants and other interested parties on the proposed project.

There will be two public information sessions held on the project to discuss additional information and provide an opportunity to ask questions. Interested parties are welcome to attend either session, or both. The one session will be held in the late afternoon on Monday, August 23 (3:00 pm to 4:30 pm) and another during the evening on Wednesday, August 25 (7:45 pm to 9:15 pm). The sessions will be held in Century Hall at the Century Center (upper level) 100 N. Greensboro St.

In addition to the public information sessions noted above, the following are planned to assist with review of the plans:

1. In the weeks before the public information sessions, Public Works staff will visit and meet with various property owners/tenants located immediately adjacent to the project.
2. Preliminary construction plans will be available at the Public Works Department for review during regular business. You may wish to call ahead to make sure someone is available to help you review the plans.
3. Engineering Technician, Ted Barker, is available via phone at 919/918-7425 to answer questions or note concerns.
4. Questions may be e-mailed to PWorks@townofcarrboro.org.

Along with this notice is a FAQ sheet to help answer questions you may already have and provide additional information. Please take the time to look it over. This FAQ sheet will also be available on the Town's web site at <http://townofcarrboro.org/PW/notices.htm>.

Weaver Street is more than just a street. It is an important and highly valued focal point of community activity. We invite your participation, and ask for your cooperation, as we take steps to renew this important resource.

Sincerely,

George Seiz
Public Works Director

Cc: Mayor and Board of Alderman
Town Manager
Economic and Community Development Director

Weaver Street Reconstruction Project FAQ Sheet

- 1. *Who is managing/administering the project?*** The project is being managed by the Town of Carrboro Public Works Department.
Carrboro Public Works Department
100 Public Works Drive
919/918-7425
Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- 2. *Who is the engineering consultant being used for this project?*** The Town is using Sungate Design out of Raleigh. Sungate has designed many projects for the Town including the recent sidewalk bond projects. Henry Wells, who works for Sungate Design, is also the Town Engineer for Carrboro. The water main design completed by Sungate has been reviewed by Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA).
- 3. *Why is this project being undertaken?*** These two blocks of Weaver Street are in poor condition and in the last several years have required more annual maintenance in terms of asphalt patching. Weaver St. is one of the Town's older roadways and is under designed for current traffic. Reconstruction of the roadway will reduce routine maintenance, improve the storm drainage system which is inadequate, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist accessibility.
- 4. *What does the project consist of?*** Major components of the project include the removal and reconstruction of the existing road, removal and replacement of the curb and gutter in the west block, the installation of additional storm inlets and piping, and the replacement of an existing water main.
- 5. *What is the timeline for the project?*** It is anticipated that bids will be opened in mid October of 2010 with construction starting in mid December. Construction for the entire project will take about 1 year. Utility work (storm sewer and water main) will be completed first followed by road reconstruction.
- 6. *What is the cost estimate for this project and how is it being paid for?*** The cost estimate for the project including engineering is about \$1.8 million. The project is being funded by Capital Reserves. The water main replacement portion of the project is being paid for by OWASA.
- 7. *What are the benefits of this project?*** Benefits include long term improvement for the roadway, better storm sewer drainage, improved fire protection, wider bike lanes in the west block, and improved ADA access at crosswalks and driveways.
- 8. *Why can't the street just be resurfaced?*** The road base and sub-grade (earth and stone supporting the road surface) are in poor condition. The existing road surface is also deteriorated. Adding a relatively thin layer of asphalt (resurfacing) would only be a short term fix.

9. ***Is the roadway being widened?*** No. The overall pavement width remains the same. The west block will be restriped so the driving lanes are 10 ft. wide and the bike lanes will be 5 ft. wide. The lanes are currently 11 ft. and 4 ft. respectively. The east block will be restriped in the current configuration.
10. ***Is anything being done to the existing sidewalk and driveways along the project?*** As part of the project handicap access ramps will be installed and upgraded at various locations. Sidewalk and driveway entrances that do not meet current ADA cross slope standards will be replaced as needed.
11. ***Why is the water main being replaced? Will I ever be out of water?*** The reconstruction of the road provides an opportune time to upgrade the water main. The existing 6 inch water main is roughly 80 years old and was installed when the immediate area was mostly residential. The installation of a 12 inch diameter main will improve the fire protection for this area that is now also commercial. There will be occasional periods of time water will not be available while the existing water service lines are disconnected from the existing main and reconnected to the new main. Businesses/residents will be notified in advance of any planned water shut downs.
12. ***Why are there storm sewer improvements as part of this project?*** New storm drainage inlets and pipes, as well as upgrades to existing inlets and piping, will bring Weaver Street and adjacent side streets up to current drainage standards. These improvements will reduce nuisance flooding at intersections and the hazard of street flooding during larger storms.
13. ***What is being done to maintain access to my businesses/property?*** It is currently planned to construct the project in phases to minimize the duration of street closure in front of any particular group of businesses. Some businesses may be asked to utilize existing alternate access points to parking areas (e.g. driveways from adjoining streets), or share parking spaces with adjoining businesses, in an effort to minimize the number of access points that will need to be maintained along Weaver Street during construction. Water and storm utility construction will precede the roadway construction phases, reducing the closure time in front of each property. This will also allow the roadway construction phase to be completed more efficiently and subsequently quicker. Service deliveries, garbage pickup, etc. will be coordinated by the Contractor and sidewalks will remain open to nearby parking facilities, except in locations of minor sidewalk repairs. Town staff is meeting with adjacent property owners/tenants to better understand accessibility and parking needs.
14. ***What about the use of Weaver Street during special events such as 4th of July and the Carrboro Music Festival?*** July 4th - It is anticipated the traditional July 4th parade will need to take an alternate route from in front of Weaver St. Market to the Town Commons. Music Festival (4th Sunday in September) – The project is being phased so the east block will be usable for the festival. Uncompleted sections of the west block will have at least half of the street passable during the festival to accommodate pedestrian traffic.