

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: November 22, 2011

**SUBJECT: Update from the NC Department of Transportation on the Smith Level Road Project – U2308**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Planning | <b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> NO  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>         | <b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b><br>Trish McGuire, (918-7327)<br>George Seiz, (918-7427)<br>Jeff Brubaker, (918-7329) |

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to receive a report from North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) staff regarding resident concerns with the Smith Level Road project.

#### INFORMATION

After a very lengthy public process, the Board of Aldermen approved a design for Smith Level Road improvements at the September 28, 2010 meeting. During the fall of 2011, concerned residents began contacting Town staff and members of the Board of Aldermen due to NCDOT right-of-way and/or easement acquisition efforts. Town staff met with NCDOT staff on November 7th, 2011 to discuss these concerns, including right-of-way and/or easement acquisition, the need to relocate utilities, and whether the project meets the intent of the Board of Aldermen's approved design.

The current NCDOT timeline of the project is as follows:

September 2010 -BOA approval of design

September/October 2011- Property Owners contacted regarding ROW/Easement acquisitions.

November 2011- Appraisals in progress for ROW/Easement acquisitions.

September 2012- Target for completion of ROW/Easement acquisitions.

December 2012- Smith Level Road project goes out to bid.

January 2013- Award of bid for Smith Level Road project.

February 2013- Construction begins on Smith Level Road project.

Town staff asked NCDOT representatives to appear at this meeting to provide information to the Board and concerned residents directly.

**FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT**

None identified at this time. Depending on direction the Board may give at this meeting, Staff time may be needed to continue working with NCDOT staff and residents.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board receive the report from NCDOT staff and provide direction on how to proceed.