

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2012

**SUBJECT: Request to Approve a Supplemental Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for an Extension of the Construction Completion Date for the Elm Street (SR-5001AE) Sidewalk Project**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> NO
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> George Seiz 918-7427 Ted Barker 918-7341

#### PURPOSE

The Board is requested to approve a Supplemental Agreement with NCDOT allowing an extension of the Construction Completion date for the Elm Street (SR-5001AE) Sidewalk Project.

#### INFORMATION

Construction of the Elm Street (SR-5001AE) Sidewalk Project is being federally funded through the Safe Routes To School (SRTS) section of the NCDOT. A current Agreement between the Town and the NCDOT allows two (2) years from execution of the agreement (April 21, 2010) to complete construction of the sidewalk (April 21, 2012). This Supplemental Agreement would extend the Construction Completion date to December 31, 2012.

Several circumstances occurred during the process of obtaining construction authorization and while modifying specifications for the project making the need for additional time necessary. Stricter requirements at the Federal and State levels have required local agencies to tailor contracts and specifications more closely to those of the NCDOT. This required additional time to submit several iterations of the contract and specifications for approval. Additional time was needed for supplemental jurisdictional determinations conducted for the project to receive categorical exclusion classification. An environmental investigation of a nearby property required several assessments and alteration of the plans and specifications so the project can be conducted in safe and compliant manner. Also the Davis-Bacon wage rates listed in the NCDOT Standard Specifications did not meet the Federal wage rate levels; therefore, a delay of executing federally funded projects occurred until the NCDOT list was updated. Currently the Town is updating the Elm Street contract and specifications based upon the updated Davis Bacon numbers and the updated (2012) NCDOT Standard Specifications.

#### FISCAL IMPACT and STAFFING IMPACT

A grant of \$300,000 will cover much of the design and construction costs of the project (most recent project estimate is \$382,000). There is not a local match for this project, however, all costs associated with the project that are above the grant amount will be paid for with sidewalk bond funds. Based on recent experiences with other federally and state funded projects there will continue to be a good amount of staff time needed to meet the administrative demand for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Interim Town Manager to execute a supplemental agreement to extend the construction completion date to December 31, 2012 for the Elm Street Sidewalk Project