

## Board of Aldermen

ITEM NO. D(1)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

**TITLE: Report from NCDOT on Smith Level Road Project (U-2803)**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Memo on December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> <b>C. Mayor Chilton email, 1/20/12</b> <b>D. Compilation of Citizen Concerns as Reported to the Town Clerk</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Mike Mills, NCDOT, 336-334-3192 Patricia McGuire – <b>918-7327</b>

#### **PURPOSE**

Staff of the North Carolina Department of Transportation will provide a report/presentation on the project.

#### **INFORMATION**

Right of way acquisition for the Smith Level Road project (State Transportation Improvement project U-2803) began in fall 2011. Final construction plans are scheduled to be complete in September 2012 in order for the project to be let for construction in December. Soon after NCDOT right-of-way agents began to contact property owners, questions were raised about the project details in relation to the plans approved by the Town in September 2010. A meeting with NCDOT staff was scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>; utility engineering staff had come prepared to respond to questions about utility easements and had not prepared a presentation on the project as a whole. The Board of Aldermen requested additional information. Town and NCDOT staff met in December to discuss the Board's request and to identify a schedule for obtaining additional information. A memo summarizing the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is attached (*Attachment B*). The Board of Aldermen received additional communication from property owners and in discussing on January 17, decided to request a meeting/report on the project from state legislators and NCDOT Board of Transportation district representative (*Attachment C*). The Town Clerk has attached the emails and letters from concerned citizens (*Attachment D*). A meeting was scheduled with a report on the following information requested:

- 1) Description of the project (including scope and expected schedule)
- 2) Description of changes to the plans made since right-of-way acquisition began
- 3) Comparison of the plans to the project as shown on the plan approved by the Board of Aldermen on September 28, 2010
- 4) Description of all easements, including locations, purpose and type of easements, and any restrictions on activities

Additional project information may be found at the Town's Smith Level Road information page at:  
<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/SmithLevel/default.htm>

**FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT.**

None associated with acceptance of this update.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution accepting this update (*Attachment A*).