

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2012

TITLE: Follow-up Report on Locating a Triangle Transit Stop in Carrboro

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. ResolutionB. MemoC. Network travel time mapsD. Current bus schedules and maps – Triangle Transit Route 405 and Chapel Hill Transit CW, F, and JE. Walk, bike, and drive market estimate dataF. Correspondence with NCDOT District Office regarding use of NC-54 bypass shoulder for park-and-ride or park-and-poolG. Staff communications regarding Town-managed park-and-ride feasibilityH. Additional information on home-work flows	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

On February 28, 2012, the Board of Aldermen received a report on locating a Triangle Transit stop near the municipal parking lot on W. Weaver St. The Board requested additional information on converting spaces from two-hour-limit to park-and-ride spaces and the feasibility of establishing Triangle Transit stops at other locations. The purpose of this agenda item is to respond to the Board's request for additional information.

INFORMATION

This item was included on the Board's agenda for its June 19, 2012 meeting, but due to time constraints, a full discussion was postponed until after the summer break. A lengthy background of the topic is provided in the memo in *Attachment B*. A new *Attachment H* has been added to address a Board member's follow-up question regarding to what extent residents who live near the proposed bus stop locations also work near bus stops served by the assumed route, which is the Route 405 express service to Durham.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

At its February 28, 2012, meeting, the Board resolved: "Subject to a follow-up report from staff, the Board shall communicate its intention to extend service to Carrboro to Triangle Transit."

If the Board maintains this intention, approximately five staff hours will be needed to prepare the communication and follow-up with Triangle Transit staff. The subsequent staff hours necessary to assist in further planning for a bus service extension to Carrboro would be influenced by decisions made by Triangle Transit.

Service improvements for the Triangle Transit 405 limited-stop bus route, including an extension of the route into Carrboro, are included in the Bus and Rail Investment Plan in Orange County, adopted by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on June 5, 2012. The total new annual service hours for these improvements is 1,506. The investment plan describes services that could be funded by sales tax revenues if a referendum to implement the half-cent sales tax for transit is approved in Orange County. Half of the additional hours for the Route 405 improvements would be funded by Durham County, and half by Orange County.

Additional expenses for designating park-and-ride spaces would be incurred for signage and potential staff hours to administer a hang tag option (described further in the memo in *Attachment B*), if such an option is implemented. Other amenities such as covered bike parking or a bus shelter, if pursued, would have also have additional costs. The Bus and Rail Investment Plan does include some capital funding available for bus stop/access improvements, although a method for distributing this funding has yet to be solidified.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board adopt the resolution (*Attachment A*) confirming the Board's intent to communicate to Triangle Transit its interest in extending service to Carrboro and to identify its preferred location for a Carrboro stop.