

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2012

TITLE: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Alternatives Analysis

DEPARTMENT: Planning	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. TAB recommendation C. Excerpt from Board's September 11th minutes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329

PURPOSE

This agenda item allows the Board an opportunity to provide additional comments on the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Alternatives Analysis.

INFORMATION

The Board received an update on the 2040 MTP on September 11, 2012, and adopted a resolution providing comments to the MPO. Information from that meeting can be found at the following link: http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2012/09_11_2012.htm. An excerpt of the minutes from the September 11th meeting, including the Board's discussion on this topic is included as *Attachment C*.

The TAB met on September 20, 2012, and provided the following comments on the MTP and the Triangle Regional Model (TRM):

- The TAB is concerned about the model. It took into consideration existing land use policies instead of changing policies significantly. It doesn't seem to take into account regional parking pricing strategies.
- The TAB is concerned that the model does not adequately estimate greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) or take any steps to mitigate GHG emissions.
- The TAB feels the model does not take into account uncertainty or estimate a range in transportation performance measure output values.
- The TAB is concerned that none of the alternatives seem to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled significantly or increase the number of persons using alternative transportation significantly, particularly in light of the high cost of transportation investments.

- The TAB is concerned that there is currently no comprehensive local or regional transit plan in place that would help us determine potential ridership before these major investments are made.
- The TAB would like to see express transit from all major nodes to the airport.

The MPO steering committee, the TAC, is expected to release a “Preferred Alternative” for public comment at their October 10, 2012, meeting. The Board may wish to make additional comments on the Alternatives Analysis to forward to the TAC.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

No substantial fiscal or staff impacts accrue from receiving the update.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider making additional comments to be provided to the MPO as part of a resolution. A resolution template is included in *Attachment A*.