

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2009

TITLE: Request for Board Approval to Participate in a Sidewalk Project along Culbreth Road in Cooperation with Chapel Hill

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Map of the proposed sidewalk area	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Adena Messinger, Transportation Planner – 918-7329

PURPOSE

The Town of Chapel Hill is requesting that the Town of Carrboro participate in a sidewalk project along Culbreth Road, as a small segment of the sidewalk is in Carrboro's jurisdiction. Staff is requesting Board of Aldermen approval for moving forward with this joint project.

INFORMATION

The Town of Carrboro has been approached by the Town of Chapel Hill to participate in an STP-DA funded sidewalk project along the south side of Culbreth Road. The project would extend from Adam's Way (in Chapel Hill) 318 feet to the west, with approximately 25 feet of the project in the Town of Carrboro city limits.

Construction of this segment of sidewalk would provide a complete sidewalk on the south side of Culbreth Road between the Kent Woodlands neighborhood and the Cobble Ridge neighborhood, and on into Southern Village (see Attachment B for a map).

Chapel Hill staff have prepared an estimate of what they would anticipate to be Carrboro's share. This estimate is based on the linear feet of the project as well as accounting for the federal match through STP-DA funds, for which Chapel Hill has applied for from the MPO. Carrboro's share comes to an *estimated* \$4,853.18. The total estimated project cost and an allocation of the costs per municipality is in the table below. The total cost estimate is based on Chapel Hill's engineering and design estimates. In addition to concrete for a sidewalk, costs include a railing, fill for the area that extends over a ravine and storm sewer extension.

	Carrboro	Chapel Hill	Total
linear feet	25	293	318
cost	\$ 13,343.75	\$ 156,388.75	\$ 169,732.50
stp-da funds	\$ (8,490.57)	\$ (99,509.43)	\$ (108,000.00)

total	\$ 4,853.18	\$ 56,879.32	\$ 61,732.50
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Carrboro Public Works have reviewed the plans and the estimate, and have concluded that the estimate is reasonable. In addition, Chapel Hill is not asking Carrboro to pay for engineering or administrative costs.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

There are sufficient funds to cover the *estimated* portion of Carrboro’s local share.

Should the bid for the project come in higher than anticipated, staff will bring the project back to the Board for a request on direction for how to proceed.

Chapel Hill staff will be managing this project, though we would anticipate that Public Works staff would review final plans and be kept apprised of the work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the Town’s participation in the Culbreth Road sidewalk project.