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### **TITLE:**

Transportation Advisory Board Presentation on a Downtown Slow Zone Concept

**PURPOSE:** The Transportation Advisory Board would like to make a presentation to the Board of Aldermen on the concept of a Slow Zone for downtown Carrboro.

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning

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**INFORMATION:** Slow zones have been implemented in various municipalities as a way of calming traffic in areas where there is a desire for a more pedestrian friendly environment. Over the past year, the Transportation Advisory Board has been developing a slow zone concept for downtown Carrboro and would like to present its idea to the Board of Aldermen.

The resolution in Attachment A refers the concept to Town staff for a follow up report exploring the feasibility of the slow zone.

Topics that would need to be addressed in assessing the feasibility include:

- \* Prioritizing locations for countermeasures. This could include considering data on current traffic speed, pedestrian and bicyclist volume, crash data, perceptions of safety and comfort, community feedback, or other measures
- \* Costs of the measures
- \* Further analysis of costs and benefits of the measures
- \* Lessons learned from other municipalities who have implemented slow zones
- \* Role of speed enforcement
- \* Whether the measures are allowed on state-maintained streets
- \* A cost-benefit analysis of assuming maintenance of streets, including the fiscal impact of the additional maintenance responsibilities, if the Town desires greater control over the multimodal level of service and array of calming techniques in a currently state-maintained corridor

A copy of the presentation slides, as of February 6, is included in Attachment B.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** No substantial fiscal or staff impacts accrue to receiving the presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution in Attachment A.