



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Acceptance of Silver-Level Bicycle Friendly Community Status and Commitment to Support Pursuit of Gold-Level Status

PURPOSE: The Board is asked to accept the plaque designating the Town of Carrboro a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver level and to pledge its commitment toward pursuing the Gold level status before the next renewal in 2018.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: The Town received Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists in November 2014. This is the second time Carrboro has received this designation, and the Town remains the only Silver-level community in North Carolina. The pursuit of Gold-level status will require significant staff time and financial resources for infrastructure improvements and program expansion.

Information on the bicycle friendly communities program can be found at the following link <http://bikeleague.org/community>. The Town of Carrboro's Report Card and 'Key Steps to Gold' is provided (*Attachment B*).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Significant staff time and financial resources will be necessary to achieve Gold-level status with the League of American Bicyclists. The amount of time and resources will be determined by the specific activities and projects that are implemented over the next four years. Staff has requested funds in the FY 2015-2016 budget toward this effort.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen accept the Silver-level designation and resolve to support pursuit of Gold-level status in the future.