



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

A Resolution in Support of a NCDOT Bicycle Planning Grant Application

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to seek Board of Aldermen authorization to submit an application for NCDOT's upcoming bicycle and pedestrian planning grants initiative.

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: The NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian and the Transportation Planning Branch is accepting applications for bicycle planning grants for the 2018 cycle. An overview of the NCDOT bicycle planning grant program is provided (Attachment B). The annual matching (70-30) grant program was initiated in 2004 and, to date, 183 planning grants have been awarded. The Town of Carrboro received a grant in 2007 and applied the funding (approximately \$45,000) toward the development of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan, which was subsequently adopted in March 2009.

An update of the bike plan aligns well with the Town's interest in seeking gold status in the League of American Bicyclists, Bicycle Friendly Communities Program during the upcoming round of consideration.

A resolution in support of a planning grant has been prepared for the Board's consideration (Attachment A). Staff is working with Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro-Metropolitan Planning Organization staff to prepare a resolution for the DCHC-MPO Board's endorsement at its October or November meeting.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: NCDOT estimates that the cost for a bicycle plan for a municipality the size of Carrboro is between \$45,000 to \$75,000. The grant program requires a 30-percent local match which would be \$13,500 to \$22,500. Should the Town's request for this grant be successful, funds for the local match will be identified within the general fund operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the attached resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application.