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TITLE:

Comments on the 2045 DCHC MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen with an opportunity to receive a presentation on the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and to prepare comments that will be forwarded to the MPO Board during the public comment period.

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INFORMATION: The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is in the process of finalizing the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to guide transportation investment in the western half of the Triangle region during the next thirty years. The DCHC MPO area includes all of Durham County, a portion of Orange County including the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough, and northeast Chatham County. The draft report was released for public comment on January 10th and will remain open until March 2nd. The DCHC MPO Board is scheduled to vote on whether to adopt the 2045 MTP at its March 14th regular meeting.

The development of the MTP involves a series of detailed steps, each one building on the information generated from the previous one, to determine transportation needs based on future land uses, population and employment. An excerpt from the plan including the table of contents and the executive summary is provided (*Attachment C*). An overview of the process with information on the various steps may be found on the DCHC MPO website at the following link: <http://www.dchcmpo.org/programs/transport/2045mtp.asp>.

The MTP lists highway, transit and bike-ped transportation projects to address future transportation infrastructure needs. Unlike the aspirational Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), the MTP is fiscally constrained and a federal requirement for MPOs. Projects must be included in the MTP for consideration in the prioritization process for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

A resolution has been provided to facilitate the Board's discussion and consideration of comments (*Attachment A*). The Transportation Advisory Board discussed the 2045 MTP at its February 15th regular meeting and prepared a recommendation, included as (*Attachment F*).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: No fiscal impacts are associated with receiving the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board receive the presentation, and consider approving the resolution authorizing the submittal of comments on the 2045 MTP.