



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

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**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager  
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**Subject:** Capital Project Ordinance and Grant Resolutions for Two Sidewalk Projects to be Managed by the City of Durham (Barbee Road and DATA Sidewalks)

### **Executive Summary**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization has allocated the City of Durham \$31,520 in federal STP-DA funds for sidewalk projects on Barbee Road and at the Durham Area Transit Authority's administrative offices. A local match of twenty percent (\$7,880) is required. The Public Works Department will manage the projects. To utilize these funds, the City Council must approve a CIP Ordinance Amendment and a resolution accepting the funds and authorizing the City Manager to execute grant agreements with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

### **Recommendation**

The Transportation Department recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending the General Capital Improvement Project Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2010-11, as amended, the same being Ordinance #14025, for the purpose of receiving the federal funds. The Transportation Department further recommends that the City Council adopt a grant resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with NCDOT, in the amount of \$31,520, and authorize the City Manager to modify either agreement provided that the changes do not increase the dollar amount and the modifications are consistent with the intent of the agreement.

### **Background**

#### **– Barbee Road Sidewalk**

The federal funds will be used to construct approximately 245 feet of sidewalk on Barbee Road to connect the existing sidewalk in front of Pearson Elementary School to the existing sidewalk on Orindo Drive. This sidewalk will improve pedestrian access to the school for residents of neighborhoods east and south of the school. The sidewalk will also complete the sidewalk connection along Barbee Road between Orindo Drive and the American Tobacco Trail, thus improving access to the popular trail facility.

#### **– DATA Sidewalk**

The federal funds will be used to construct approximately 375 feet of sidewalk to connect the Durham Area Transit Authority's (DATA) administrative offices with Geer Street. This sidewalk will

provide a safe, direct connection for DATA employees and customers from the bus stop on Geer Street to the DATA offices. The sidewalk will also improve pedestrian access for employees and visitors to the City of Durham's General Services facility on Fay Street.

**Alternatives**

The Durham City Council could decide to:

- Approve the recommended resolution and CIP Ordinance Amendment; or,
- Not approve the resolutions and CIP Ordinance Amendment.

**Financial Impacts**

The federal STP-DA funds require a local match of \$7,880. Funds are available in the Federal-State Match CIP fund to provide this match. The administration of these projects will require a commitment of staff resources.

**SDBE Summary**

The municipal agreements with NCDOT require that their procedures be followed for these projects. The Department of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance did not review this item for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – CIP Ordinance Amendment

Attachment B – Grant Resolution

Attachment C – NCDOT Grant Agreement for Project U-4726H (Barbee Road Sidewalk and DATA Sidewalk)