



**Date:** September 20, 2011

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police  
**Subject:** 2011 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program: Triad Region Bike Safe Initiative Grant Award

### **Executive Summary**

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department has been awarded a grant from the State of North Carolina, Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP) to support the purchase of bike and traffic safety equipment in the amount of \$93,500. No matching funds are required.

### **Recommendation**

The administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept the "2011 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program: Triad Region Bike Safe Initiative" Grant by executing the grant documents; and adopt the "2011 NC Governor's Highway Safety Program: Triad Region Bike Safe Initiative" Grant Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$93,500.

### **Background**

The NC Governor's Highway Safety Program is a program that promotes highway safety awareness and reduces the number of traffic crashes in the state of North Carolina through the planning and execution of safety programs. The Durham Police Department submitted a bike and traffic safety equipment project proposal to the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program to support the Motorcycle Unit becoming the official Triad Regional Coordinator. As the Triad Regional Coordinator the Unit will conduct check points, bike safe classes and organize and assist other agencies in Bike Safe classes across the Triad area.

### **Issues/Analysis**

The main issue is whether to accept this funding opportunity from the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. If the City refuses to accept funding from the NCGHSP for the purchase of bike and traffic safety equipment, it could negatively impact the possibility of future funding to the City of Durham for this type of equipment through the NCGHSP, along with the NCGHSP will need to assign a different Triad Regional Coordinator.

The second issue is, by accepting this award the City of Durham's Police Department must agree to the following:

- ◆ A minimum of one safety belt checkpoint per month and one impaired driving checkpoint per quarter; and
- ◆ Participation in all "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns; and
- ◆ Conduct a minimum of 7 Bike Safe classes

**Alternatives**

The State of North Carolina, Department of Transportation, Governor’s Highway Safety Program has made this funding available to the City of Durham for the purchase of bike and traffic safety equipment. The alternative would be to deny this motion which would delay the project until such time, alternative funding becomes available and another Triad Regional Coordinator is assigned.

**Financial Impact**

There will be no financial impact on the City of Durham’s general fund by accepting this award. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
Bike and Traffic Safety Equipment	<u>\$93,500.00</u>
Total Project	\$93,500.00

**SDBE Summary**

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.