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**2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

This agenda item was an informational update on the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (formerly known as the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan) being developed by the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO). The presentation focused on the Alternatives Analysis, while summarizing previous steps.

Jeff Brubaker, the Town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation to the Board.

Alderman Slade stated that it is problematic to him that the report does not mention the reduction of greenhouse gasses. He encouraged the MPO to include the measurement of greenhouse gasses and the use of rail to move freight and urban goods.

In response to Alderman Slade's comments, Mr. Brubaker explained that once a model is selected, it has to conform to National Air Quality Standards emission levels. He also stated that he will research to see if there is an emissions model that can measure greenhouse gasses and how those gasses are factored into this plan.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL THAT THE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND THAT THE MPO INCLUDE GREENHOUSE GAS METRICS IN FUTURE RESEARCH AND THAT THE MPO SHOULD ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ON THEIR CURRENT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION GOALS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL**