

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2001

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: John T. P. Horne, Development Manager

SUBJECT: 2001 Primary Road Priorities

There are two funding processes available for funding County road improvements: 1) the Secondary Roads Plan; and 2) the Primary Roads Preallocation Hearing Priorities. The Board of Supervisors adopted the first component, the Six-Year Secondary Roads Plan, in December 2000. The Six-Year Secondary Roads Plan is a priority funding plan for the improvement and construction of secondary roads (those roads with route numbers of 600 or greater). The Board has considerable control over funding and project timing for the secondary road system because the County receives an annual allocation to be used only in the County. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) works directly with the County to determine how to spend that money.

The second component, the Primary Roads Priorities, which is the subject of this memorandum and report, outlines the County's priority funding requests for primary roads (those roads with route numbers of less than 600, including interstate improvements). In this case there is no regular annual County allocation, and the County's projects compete with projects from all of the other Hampton Roads (Hampton Roads District) communities. In this process, all Virginia localities are given an opportunity to advise VDOT of their transportation priorities prior to VDOT's Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) making its allocation decisions.

Attached for consideration is a report outlining the County's priority primary and interstate highway construction projects for which the County is requesting funding in 2001. The attached report, once endorsed by the Board of Supervisors, will be forwarded to VDOT. In the coming months, VDOT staff will evaluate the region's priority projects and determine appropriate funding levels for each.

VDOT will conduct a preallocation hearing on July 12, 2001. If the Board wishes to attend the hearing, staff will provide assistance. It is important that staff has unanimous Board support for the County's priority list in order to win the CTB's support for the County's projects. Due to the number of high profile road improvements in this year's plan requiring the CTB's support, such as the Route 60 East relocation and the Route 199 widening in the Mounts Bay Road area, the County may also need to enlist the support of Senator Thomas Norment or Delegate Grayson at the hearing.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution and endorsement of the attached report outlining the County's priority primary and interstate highway projects.

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Attachments:

1. 2001 Requests for Primary and Interstate Highway Construction Projects
2. Resolution - 2001 Primary Road Priorities