

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2004

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., Planning Director

SUBJECT: FY 2006-2011 Six-Year Improvement Program Priorities

There are two annual funding processes available for funding County improvements: 1) the Secondary Roads Program Process; and 2) the Six-Year Improvement Program Preallocation Hearing Process. The Board of Supervisors adopted the first component, the Six-Year Secondary Roads Program, in March. The Six-Year Secondary Roads Program 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 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to be used only in the County. VDOT works directly with the County to determine how to spend that money.

The second component, the Six-Year Improvement Program Preallocation Hearing Process, entails submitting the County's priority funding requests for primary roads (those roads with route numbers of less than 600, including interstate improvements) to VDOT for approval. 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 2006 and beyond. 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 September 21, 2004, at 5 p.m. at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Auditorium on 1700 North Main Street in Suffolk, VA. Unless the Board specifically wishes to attend the meeting, staff intends to submit our comments in writing.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution and endorsement of the attached report outlining the County's priority Six-Year Improvement Program projects.

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Attachments:

1. VDOT Public Hearing Information
2. 2006 Requests for Six-Year Improvement Program Projects
3. Resolution - FY 2006-2011 Six-Year Improvement Program Priorities