

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2006
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: O. Marvin Sowers, Jr., Planning Director
SUBJECT: FY 2008-2013 Six-Year Improvement Program Priorities

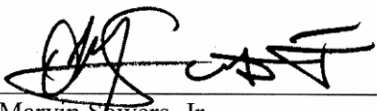
There are two annual funding processes available for County road improvements: 1) Six-Year Secondary Roads Program Process; and 2) the Six-Year Improvement Program Pre-allocation Hearing Process. The Six-Year Secondary Roads Program is a priority funding plan for the improvement and construction of secondary 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 Secondary Roads Program money.

The second component, the Six-Year Improvement Program Pre-allocation 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 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.

In the attached resolution is a list of proposed primary road projects the Board has already endorsed that have not been funded or are insufficiently funded. The Board should re-endorse these items to receive continued consideration from the State in its FY 2008-2013 improvement program. In the coming months, VDOT staff will evaluate the region's priority projects and determine appropriate funding levels for each.

VDOT will conduct a pre-allocation hearing on November 2, 2006, at the VDOT Hampton Roads Planning District Office. 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 report outlining the County's priority Six-Year Improvement Program projects.



O. Marvin Sowers, Jr.

CONCUR:



John T. P. Horne

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