

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Secondary-Six Year Plan Priorities and Recommendations

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VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan Background

The SSYP allocates funding for construction, maintenance, and improvement of roads in the state secondary system. The funds allocated to Albemarle County through the SSYP include state and federal funds for a variety of road improvement programs. The SSYP for Albemarle County is updated and approved annually and identifies the specific funding source, use, and levels allocated for the immediate fiscal year. The SSYP also identifies projected funding allocations for the next five fiscal years. The Albemarle County Priority List for Secondary Road Improvements, Unpaved Roads is a listing of all Secondary Roads which either the public, a county department, or the Board of Supervisors have requested be paved. This list is reviewed and approved by the Board annually and forms the basis of the SSYP for Albemarle County.

There are two major funding sources that can be directed towards projects in a manner that give the Board of Supervisors some latitude to fund its prioritized projects. The draft total annual allocation for FY 27 is set at \$1,207,087.

- **TeleFee Funds** – Funded through fees utility companies pay for infrastructure within VDOT right-of-way; can be used for a broad range of secondary road construction, maintenance, and improvements. There is tentatively \$243,266 available for FY 27.
- **District Grant Unpaved Funds** – must be used for hard surfacing or improvements of unpaved state secondary roads with greater than 50 vehicles per day. There is tentatively \$243,166 available for FY 27.

Attachment A.1 is the Draft FY 27 – 33 SSYP. Following are the draft projected funding allocations from this plan:

FISCAL YEAR	TELEFEE FUNDS	DISTRICT GRANT UNPAVED	TOTAL FUNDS
2027	\$243,266	\$963,821	\$1,207,087
2028	\$243,266	\$963,821	\$1,207,087
2029	\$243,266	\$963,821	\$1,207,087
2030	\$243,266	\$1,017,428	\$1,260,759
2031	\$243,266	\$1,017,428	\$1,260,759
2032	\$243,266	\$1,017,428	\$1,260,759
Totals:	\$1,459,596	\$5,943,812	\$7,403,538

VDOT Paving Programs

Rural Rustic Road Program

The Rural Rustic Road (RRR) Program is the preferred method for paving because it offers a flexible approach to paving unpaved roads that is less expensive than traditional reconstruction. To qualify as an RRR, several criteria must be met:

1. Board of Supervisors must pass a resolution declaring the road to be a RRR;
2. Board of Supervisors indicates that expected growth and traffic increase along the road in the near future is minimal;
3. The curves along the road should be generally adequate for the traffic and any increase in speeds expected after the improvement;
4. Roadway drainage must currently be sufficient or require only minor improvements;
5. The daily traffic volume must be under 1500 vehicles.

For roads with traffic volumes greater than 400 vehicles per day, 18-foot pavement width is desirable and some typical section improvements may be necessary. The local VDOT manager will determine whether this approach is suitable for a requested unpaved road.

Traditional Reconstruction with Additional Right of Way

If significant improvements are needed or if significant development is proposed along the road, a more traditional approach is used to reconstruct the unpaved road and improve the alignment. A minimum 40-foot right of way is usually required for these projects with additional right of way or easements acquired based on the proposed improvement.

Albemarle County Paving Priorities

The *Albemarle County Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process* (**Attachment A.2**) outlines the process for the submission, review, prioritization, and construction associated with the paving of unpaved roads in the county. This document was updated in May 2022 based on Board of Supervisors direction, to clarify how paving requests are submitted and reviewed by staff. These changes included a requirement that requests for paving must be accompanied with documented support from two-thirds of the home or commercial owners that would be directly impacted by the hard-surfacing. Another update was completed in May 2025 to have the signature collection be the responsibility of the requestee of the project.

The *Albemarle County Priority List for Secondary Road Improvements, Unpaved Roads* (**Attachment A.3**) is a listing of all Secondary Roads that have been requested to be paved by the public, county departments, or Board of Supervisors. This list is reviewed annually, approved by the Board, and forms the basis of the SSYP for Albemarle County. Based on Board feedback regarding the prioritized projects VDOT will draft a revised SSYP each spring.

Following is a list of road segments that have been requested to be added since the previous year's list and those roads that have moved to the top of the priority list and are proposed for paving in the next fiscal year.

- Old Sand Road (Route 717) - This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. The project

is estimated to cost \$438,000.

- Gilbert Station Road (Route 640) - This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. The project is estimated to cost \$246,000.
- Giannini Lane (Route 613) – This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. The project is estimated to cost \$148,000.
- Murray Lane (Route 718) - This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. The project is estimated to cost \$371,000.
- Blacks Lane (Route 638) - This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. This project is estimated to cost \$252,000.
- Broken Sun Road (Route 748) - This road has had the necessary number of signatures and has met VDOT feasibility standards to be considered for Rural Rustic Paving. The project is estimated to cost \$278,000.

Recommendations:

Staff recommendations on the Draft FY 27-32 SSYP include working to complete the paving of Old Sand Route (Route 717), Gilbert Station Road (Route 640), Giannini Lane (Route 613), Murrays Lane (Route 718), Blacks Lane (Route 638), Broken Sun Road (Route 748).

Old Sand Road, Gilbert Station Road, Giannini Lane, Murrays Lane, Blacks Lane, and Broken Sun Road will require a Board Resolution to approve paving under the RRR Program before work can be started, which can be brought forward at the proposed public hearing for the approval of the Secondary Six Year Plan scheduled for May 20, 2026.

Staff recommendations for the new Unpaved Road Improvement Program (URIP) include requesting VDOT evaluate Batesville Road (Route 636), Hammocks Gap Road (Route 612), and Burchs Creek Road (Route 689) for road improvements not including paving.