

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 10

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 18, 2014

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Cole Seconded By: Ms. Valentine

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: High Volume Unpaved Road Program Policy

WHEREAS, §33.1-23.1(B) of the *Code of Virginia* allows the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to set aside funding for paving unpaved roads; and

WHEREAS, the statute previously authorized funding only for higher volume roads carrying more than 200 vehicles per day but will change effective July 1, 2014 pursuant to Chapters 87 and 741 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly to provide for funding based on a reduced threshold and thus will authorize funding for roads carrying more than 50 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized there are still a large number of high volume unpaved roads in Virginia that likely have higher construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed a desire to establish a policy to utilize a portion of this funding to accept applications for funding projects to pave high volume unpaved roads under this set aside; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposed policy, the Board believes the policy for selection of high volume unpaved road projects should be adopted as set forth below.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopts the following policy and criteria governing the selection of high volume (more than 500 vehicles per day) unpaved road projects for funding pursuant to §33.1-23.1(B):

- 1. The Board will set aside 10% of the CTB formula set-aside for paving unpaved roads carrying more than 50 vehicles per day [which equates to 0.5% of the total CTB formula set-aside pursuant to §33.1-23.1(B)] to fund projects on unpaved roads that carry more than 500 vehicles per day.
- 2. VDOT will solicit applications from counties on an annual basis to provide supplemental funding for providing a hard-surface on such unpaved roads.
- 3. The maximum request permitted under the program will be \$300,000 per locality, per fiscal year.
- 4. Projects will be prioritized for funding based on a technical score that considers traffic volume, project readiness, local funding, safety, and access to community facilities.
- 5. Once projects have been identified and prioritized in accordance with the foregoing process, the project list will be presented to the full Board for its consideration and approval.
- 6. The Commissioner of Highways is directed to establish administrative procedures to ensure adherence to and compliance with the provisions of this policy and legislative directive.

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