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**Executive Summary** 

AGENDA DATE: 3/17/2021

VDOT/Albemarle County FY 22 - 27 Secondary Six-Year Plan

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Review of the FY 2022-2027 Secondary Six-Year Plan priorities and recommendations.

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Filardo, Rapp, McDermott, Butch

PRESENTER (S): Daniel Butch

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson** 

BACKGROUND: This Board agenda item is intended to present information on the Albemarle County Secondary Six-Year Plan (SSYP) and road paving priorities in advance of the development and approval of the FY 2022-2027 SSYP in May 2021.

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.

The review of the SSYP in preparation for the required public hearing to approve the plan is typically done in a work session in which feedback from the Board members on the proposed plan is considered by staff before finalizing this plan. This year no additional routes have been requested to be paved or added to the proposed paving list. Further, there are no significant changes in funding or scheduling of the projects currently listed in the SSYP. Therefore, it was determined that providing this report and background materials as a consent item would be sufficient.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment - Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

DISCUSSION: The Secondary Six-Year Plan Report March 2021 (Attachment A) provides the background on the SSYP, the Virginia Department of Transportation paving programs, and Albemarle County's paving requests and priorities. The SSYP report is established prior to development of the Draft SSYP in order to inform the development of the Plan. The SSYP is the plan for expending state funds allocated to Albemarle County for road improvements to the Secondary Road System (roads with a route number of 600 or higher). The majority of the available funding must be used for paving unpaved roads. The report also provides information on the projected funding allocations, the status of the projects currently in the SSYP, and County and VDOT staff recommendations for any changes or additions to the SSYP.

Included in the report is information regarding the process for reviewing and prioritizing unpaved road projects. Additionally, a chart on the last page of Albemarle County Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process (Attachment B) gives a description and requirements of each paving type and standards for each.

Based on any direction received from the Board, staff will continue to work with VDOT staff to finalize the SSYP for public hearing and adoption in May. BUDGET IMPACT: The SSYP outlines the expenditure of State/VDOT secondary road construction funds allocated to the County. The SSYP does not require the expenditure of County funds unless the Board directs additional funding from the County general fund be appropriated to a project, such as through the use of the revenue sharing program.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board review this Executive Summary, the Secondary Six-Year Plan Report March 2021 (Attachment A), Albemarle County Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process (Attachment B), and Current FY 2021-2026 Secondary Six-Year Plan (Attachment C). Staff further requests that the Board affirm the proposed paving priorities and proposed funding described in the Draft Albemarle County Priority Paving List for Secondary Road Improvements, Unpaved Roads (Attachment D), and Draft FY 2022-2027 Secondary Six-Year Plan (Attachment E) by voting to approve the recommendations. If Board members have questions or comments, please reach out to staff contacts prior to the May 19, 2021 Public Hearing.

## ATTACHMENTS:

- A Secondary Six-Year Plan Report March 2021
  B Albemarle County Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process
  C Current FY 2021-2026 Secondary Six-Year Plan
  D Draft Albemarle County Priority List for Secondary Road Improvements, Unpaved Roads
  E Draft FY 2022-2027 Secondary Six-Year Plan