



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Coles Rolling Road Rural Rustic Road Designation

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution recommending Route 712, Coles Rolling Road, be designated as a Rural Rustic Road

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Benish, McDermott, Butch

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: A 2.75-mile section of Route 712, Coles Rolling Road, is scheduled to be paved in two phases; Phase 1: From Glendower Road (Route 713) to 1.40 miles east of Glendower Road on Coles Rolling Road, and Phase 2: From end location of phase 1 paving (1.40 miles east of Glendower Road) to 2.75 miles east of Glendower Road on Coles Rolling Road. This paving project was previously prioritized by the Board and approved in the most recent Secondary-Six Year Improvement Program (SSYP) on June 19, 2019. Phase 1 paving of Coles Rolling Road in the SSYP is fully funded in FY 2020. Phase 2 paving of Coles Rolling Road in the SSYP is partially funded in FY 2020 and fully funded in FY 2021. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requires that the governing body of the jurisdiction within which a road proposed for paving under the Rural Rustic Road program is located, adopt a Resolution designating that road as a Rural Rustic Road.

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: Each spring the Board approves the SSYP, which includes funds dedicated to paving unpaved roads in the County under the Rural Rustic Road (RRR) Program. The RRR Program is VDOT's preferred approach to paving low-volume roads. The goal of the program is to keep traditional rural lane ambience, while improving the road surface within the current right-of-way. In FY 2020 Albemarle County was allocated approximately \$550,000 in funds toward paving unpaved state-maintained roads, which includes the funds to pave Coles Rolling Road (Route 712) Phase 1 and which partially funds Phase 2 at \$52,158. The remainder of Phase 2 is to be funded in the FY 2021 SSYP at \$312,342.

The process for identifying and prioritizing RRR paving projects in Albemarle County begins with an evaluation of submitted paving requests to identify eligibility and need. The Board then approves the prioritized list of projects and the SSYP that reflects those priorities. Prior to a road being designated RRR and being paved, adjacent landowners are notified and given an opportunity to comment. Following that comment period, the Board is presented with a Resolution designating the road RRR.

Property owner notifications were sent out on June 25, 2019 for Coles Rolling Road requesting comments back by August 1, 2019. Three landowners responded to the notifications with two being very supportive of the paving and one not in support. The landowner not in support shared that the notification letter was their first-time hearing of the paving.

Coles Rolling Road provides through-road connection to primary Route 20 and is located in an area of the County designated by the Comprehensive Plan and zoned as Rural Areas. The SSYP Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) for Coles Rolling Road was 300 vehicles per day from 2012 and is unlikely to increase because of the Rural Areas designation.

BUDGET IMPACT: Adoption of this Resolution will have no impact on the County budget. This authorizes VDOT to expend state funds on a project to which the Board has previously recommended state funds be allocated through the SSYP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A) to designate Route 712, Coles Rolling Road, as a Rural Rustic Road.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Coles Rolling Road Resolution