



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Secondary Six-Year Plan Hard-Surfacing Rural Roads Resolutions

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: To approve resolutions designating Henderson Lane and Glendower Road as Rural Rustic Roads

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

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LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

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BACKGROUND: Each spring, the Board of Supervisors approves the Secondary Six-Year Plan (SSYP), which includes funds dedicated to paving unpaved roads in the County under the Rural Rustic Road (RRR) paving program. This program is the preferred approach of both Albemarle County and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for paving low-volume roads. The goal of the SSYP is to retain the traditional rural lane ambience, while also improving the road surface within the current right-of-way. A 'chip and seal' or asphalt surface is used to pave the existing alignment and width of the road for minimal disturbance.

The process for identifying and prioritizing RRR paving projects in Albemarle is defined in the Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process (Attachment A). When a paving priority is advanced, funds are allocated to the road and the road becomes a project in the SSYP following the spring public hearing. Adjacent landowners are notified by letter and given an opportunity to comment at the spring public hearing or to County Community Development Transportation staff. Following that, the Board may choose to designate the road as an RRR by Resolution. Once a road is designated, VDOT initiates the paving process.

Following the Board's direction at the May 18, 2022 public hearing, projects now require two-thirds (2/3) support from directly impacted homeowners along the segment of road to be paved. Starting in January 2024, residents were notified by mail of the potential projects on their roads and asked to provide feedback either by email, phone, or in person. For projects that already had demonstrated two-thirds support, impacted homeowners were simply notified and given the opportunity to provide feedback. For projects that still required the two-thirds support, impacted homeowners were directed to reach out to staff to voice their support for, or opposition to, the proposed paving.

The following road segments are fully-funded for RRR paving in FY 25, if designated as Rural Rustic Roads by the Board of Supervisors:

- The 0.24-mile segment of Route 805, Henderson Lane, from Route 29 to the end of the road. (Attachment B)
- A 1.62-mile segment of Route 713, Glendower Road, from 0.35 miles north of Route 712 to 1.97 miles north of Route 712, and a 1.33-mile segment of Route 713, Glendower Road, from 0.07 miles east of Route 20 to 1.40 miles east of Route 20. (Attachment C)

Before paving these roads under the RRR program, VDOT requires that the governing body adopt a resolution designating the roads as Rural Rustic Roads.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure and Placemaking - Invest in infrastructure and amenities that create connection, opportunity, and well-being.

DISCUSSION: Notification letters were sent to affected homeowners following the April 5 Work Session. Not all the roads received either two-thirds support or one-third opposition from impacted homeowners, as detailed below. Henderson Lane and Glendower Road were the two roads that successfully met the two-thirds support threshold.

Road	% Supported	# Supported	# Opposed	# No Response	Affected Owners
Rte. 805 Henderson Lane	100	9	0	0	9
Rte. 713 Glendower Road	68	15	5	2	22
Rte. 707 Blair Park Road	60	3	0	2	5
Rte. 856 Burton Lane	25	4	0	12	16
Rte. 711 Burton Road	40	2	0	3	5
Rte. 813 Starlight Road	60	3	0	2	5

BUDGET IMPACT: Adoption of these resolutions would have no impact on the County budget. These resolutions would authorize VDOT to expend state funds on a project for which the Board has previously recommended state funds be allocated through the SSYP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached resolutions (Attachments B and C) to designate the segments of Henderson Lane and Glendower Road specified above as Rural Rustic Roads.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Albemarle County Unpaved Road Policies and Review Process
- B - Resolution Designating Route 805 (Henderson Lane) as a Rural Rustic Road
- C - Resolution Designating Route 713 (Glendower Road) as a Rural Rustic Road