



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 8/1/2018

TITLE:

Through-Truck Restriction on Miller School and Owensville Roads

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Request to set a public hearing to consider a restriction on Through Trucks on Miller School Road and Owensville Road

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

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

PRESENTER (S): Kevin McDermott

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: On January 2, 2018, the Board authorized funding for a study to evaluate potential Through Truck Restrictions on Owensville and Miller School Roads. On Owensville Road (Route 678), the potential restriction would extend from Ivy Road (US 250) to Garth Road (Route 614). On Miller School Road (Route 635), the potential restriction would extend from Plank Road (Route 692) to Rockfish Gap Turnpike (US 250).

This request arose out of increased frequency of large trucks using rural roads throughout the County and the safety issues associated with this trend. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Albemarle County have been dealing with the issues related to this trend on an increasingly frequent basis and have received requests from County residents living on or near these routes to address this issue.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Rural Area Character: Preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity

DISCUSSION: The process for assessing and approving a through truck restriction in Albemarle County is outlined in the "County of Albemarle and VDOT 'Through Truck Restriction' Process" adopted December 2000 (Attachment A). The process is now at Step #7 of the Detailed Assessment and Request for Public Hearing stage. County and VDOT staff have reviewed the Draft Through Truck Restriction Studies and based on the VDOT "Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways" (Attachment B), staff has determined that these requests appear to meet the CTB Guidelines for a restriction. The information to support this determination is provided in Attachment C (Owensville Road) and Attachment D (Miller School Road).

BUDGET IMPACT: The Board has previously authorized funding for the Through Truck Restriction Studies for Miller School and Owensville Roads at a total cost of \$18,940. No additional impacts to the County Budget are expected by moving forward with the Through-Truck Restriction Proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board authorize a public hearing on October 10, 2018 to consider Resolutions requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board to approve Through Truck Restrictions on Owensville Road (Route 678) and Miller School Road (Route 635).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: County of Albemarle and VDOT "Through Truck Restriction" Process

Attachment B: VDOT Guidelines for Considering Requests to Restrict Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways

Attachment C: Owensville Road (Route 678) Through Truck Restriction Study: Summary

Attachment D: Miller School Road (Route 635) Through Truck Restriction Study: Summary