



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

North Garden Lane Rural Rustic Road Designation

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution recommending Route 712, North Garden Lane, be designated as a Rural Rustic Road

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

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

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Route 712, North Garden Lane, is scheduled to be paved in FY 2019 under the Rural Rustic Road paving program. This paving project was previously prioritized by the Board and approved in the most recent Secondary-Six Year Improvement Plan (SSYIP). 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 SSYIP, 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 expects to receive approximately \$550,000 in funds toward paving unpaved state-maintained roads, which includes the funds to pave North Garden Lane (Route 712) from Plank Road (Route 692) to Monacan Trail (Route 29).

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

Property owner notifications went out in early January 2019 for this project requesting comments back by late February 2019. Two property owners responded in support of the project because of numerous pot holes that developed along North Garden Lane. VDOT supports paving the road to reduce maintenance costs.

North Garden Lane serves Southern Hills Subdivision and is located in an area of the County designated by the Comprehensive Plan and zoned as both Rural Areas and Village Residential. The most current Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) from 2012 for this road was 290 vehicles per day and is unlikely to increase because of the Rural Areas designation and because Southern Hills is an older, fully developed subdivision.

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 SSYIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution