

## **Six Year Secondary Road Plans**

The Secondary System Construction Program consists of a prioritized list of improvements and a financial implementation plan for all projects in each locality within the Culpeper Highway District (Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Rappahannock, and Louisa Counties). The Board of Supervisors reviews and approves a priority listing of projects for the County and forwards this list to VDOT. The final list of improvements and financial plan is established by VDOT for the entire district.

The Six Year Secondary Road Plan also consists of a priority list of improvement projects and a financial implementation plan for all projects within the County. Each year the financial implementation plan must be reviewed and approved for appropriation by the Board of Supervisors. The County adopts a priority listing of projects every two years. The list is based on transportation recommendations identified in the (CHART Plan, Rural Area Transportation Long Range Plan), Rural Area Plan, the Comprehensive Plan or related planning studies. The total list of projects exceeds anticipated that which can be completed during the six year time horizon of the plan. The County has significantly more control over project priorities on the Secondary System than it does on the Primary System.

Traditionally, most County roadway improvements have been limited to funding through VDOT's six year road planning process for both primary and secondary roads. Recently, however, the County has made a more concerted effort to fund the development of proposed roads and work with the development community to encourage participation in the development of these roads. Examples of these projects include the connection of Commonwealth Drive to Greenbrier Drive, and the construction of Hillsdale Drive/Branchlands Boulevard and Berkmar Drive Extended in which the County and developers shared construction costs. In order to take advantage of these types of efforts in the future, it is necessary that the County have an effective transportation planning process which provides standardized methods to identify and prioritize new projects. Future roads which the County proposes for development, but which are ineligible for VDOT construction funds, will need to be funded through the Capital Improvements Program.

### **Recommendation**

- Maintain and regularly update a County Priority List of Secondary and Primary Road Improvements.