



## **2017 Rural Addition Program October 2, 2017**

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# Rural Addition Program

*Serves as a tool for Counties tool to address older privately maintained public streets which either could not be or were not proposed to be accepted as part of the secondary system of state highways initially.*



# General Requirements

- **Provides public use 24 hours a day**
- **Have a right of way that is available to be dedicated to public use**
- **Serve at least three occupied homes and at least three per mile of road**
- **Be able to safely handle the traffic volume**
- **Connect to other roads already maintained by VDOT or a locality**

# Additional Requirements

- **The County BOS must take formal action by resolution**
  - **To approve the addition**
  - **Request VDOT maintenance**
  - **Identify the source of funding to finance any improvements.**
- **A certified copy of the plat shall be furnished**
- **Rural addition funds administered by the Department are reserved for construction and engineering costs only**
- **Costs for providing right of way (**including relocation of utilities**) are not eligible expenses. Ineligible costs must be borne by others**
- **Rural additions are limited to no more than 1 1/4 % of each county's Secondary mileage per fiscal year**

# Additional Requirements (New Legislation)

## § 55-50.4. Private roads; public use; maintenance.

- Private road with 50 or fewer lots
- Written consent from every property owner in the subdivision with lot served by private road
- Dedicated for public use after consent given
- Consent must be recorded in Clerk's office of Circuit Court for locality
- Follows same guidelines for other rural additions from that point forward

# Rural Addition Steps

- The BOS considers request from citizens to add the road
- The locality coordinates the eligibility review
- VDOT advises the locality requirements and costs
- BOS takes formal action in form of resolution:
  - Requesting VDOT to add the road
  - Identifies funds
  - Guarantees unencumbered right of way
- VDOT accepts the maintenance responsibility for the road (must occur before any expenditure of funds)
- Road is improved

# Funding

- **Rural Addition Funds**
  - **Counties are allowed to set aside five percent of the secondary road construction funds**
  - **Only for streets 20 year old or older**
- **Local Funds**
  - **County's general fund**
  - **Special assessment of the land owners served**
  - **Revenue derived from the sale of bonds**
- **Revenue Sharing Funds**

# Funding Continued

- Must be a priority in the locality Secondary Six Year Plan (**unless funded through other means**)
- Eligible funding: Telefee; CTB Formula – Unpaved State (**until FY2020**); District Grant – Unpaved (**beginning FY2021**); Revenue Sharing or locality only funds
- CTB Formula and District Grant require a minimum of 50VPD per the most recent traffic counts (**new traffic count can be requested**)
- Review Commissioner's Department Memorandum for additional information on funding and design requirements



# Rural Rustic Road Program



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