

MEMORANDUM

To: Frank J. Rogers, County Administrator FJR
From: Clifton M. Tweedy, Deputy County Administrator
Subject: AGENDA ITEM – Highway Matters
Date: November 19, 2025

BACKGROUND:

Each month staff will prepare this report to update the Board on the status of previously identified highway issues. Items requiring Board action will be identified in a separate agenda item under Highway Matters.

DISCUSSION:

Board Matters:

Supervisor Lawton

- Requested VDOT review the traffic control measures for the intersection improvement project at the intersection of Gladys Road and Wards Road. There have been three accidents at this location recently. *VDOT agreed to review the traffic control measures for this project, and County staff will reach out to the Sheriff's office to request some speed enforcement in the area to improve safety.*

Supervisor Hardie

- Requested improvements to the intersection of Routes 24 and 501 in Rustburg by adding turn lanes. *VDOT indicated there is a current study to determine how this intersection could be improved. It should be ready for consideration for the next Smart Scale project application process, which starts in March.*

Pending Matters:

Supervisor Carwile

- Requested an update on the possibility of flashing warning signs on Enterprise Drive in the vicinity of Bee Drive. *VDOT has approved installing the flashing school zone signs 600' from Bee Drive in each direction. The cost of the signs is estimated to be approximately \$33,000. County staff will follow up with the Schools and VDOT to assist with completing this effort. Project approved by the Board of Supervisors with a request for staff to work to get better pricing.*
- Requests VDOT to do a more detailed speed study on Rainbow Forest Drive to gather the raw data needed to determine if the road is eligible for traffic calming consideration.

VDOT indicated, based on recently collected speed data, that the road does qualify for traffic calming. VDOT continues to evaluate and suggests the Board review the VDOT Traffic Calming Manual. It is an involved process, with the next step gathering signatures from citizens in the area. A memo will be sent out to the Board outlining the process.

- *Asked about the traffic warning sign that was to be installed at the exit from Chick-Fil-A onto Timberlake Road. VDOT confirms the sign has been installed. We are still getting complaints.*

Supervisor Hardie

- *There was a serious wreck near the bottom of the hill just west of the “S” curves on Route 24, approximately ½ mile west of Calohan Road. Can VDOT review the roadway in this area to determine what safety improvements could be made? VDOT reports they only have a prescriptive right-of-way in this area; therefore, they do not own the property beyond the ditch line. This complicates and delays their ability to make safety improvements since they would need to work with the property owners before any work can start. VDOT will continue to explore its options to improve safety features in this area.*

Supervisor Cline

- *Requested a study to determine drainage improvements that can be made to Route 460 in the vicinity of Moore’s store to reduce flooding. One of VDOT’s on-call consultants has begun the study. They believe they can make improvements as soon as the study is complete and funds are available.*
- *Requested VDOT continue to monitor the intersection of Doss Road with Route 460. Recently, there have been several significant wrecks involving fatalities and serious injuries at this intersection. VDOT recently provided the related crash data to Supervisor Cline. VDOT has made several improvements to the intersection, but is contacting an on-call engineering group to take another look at the intersection to determine what additional measures could be considered. Their report should be available by Christmas.*

Supervisor Dowdy

- *Depending on the results gathered from the new speed limit signs recently installed along the entrance road into Wildwood Subdivision, installation of a similar sign along Sherbrooke Drive may be requested.*
- *Asked about the availability of funding to possibly install flashing speed limit signs along Charldon Road. A pair of these signs costs approximately \$7,000. The County currently has \$23,300 in the line for these types of expenditures.*

Supervisor Lawton

- *Discussed the condition of Chelsea Ford Road – Part of the road is in Campbell and part in Bedford County. VDOT will review the part in Campbell to see what improvement may be needed.*

