

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Requests for Improvements on Primary Road System

Policy No. 2011-01

The Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) maintains a Transportation Asset Management Program (TAMP) which includes the agency's 5-year road plan. This plan utilizes traffic counts, road ratings (PASER and IBR), connectivity routes, and available funding sources to prioritize road maintenance and improvements. Annually the TAMP is updated to continually provide a 5-year road plan moving forward. The TAMP is discussed each year during the Road Commission's Township Annual meeting and is available on the Road Commission's website <https://www.vbcrc.org/tamp>.

Due to limited funding, road work beyond routine maintenance, that is requested which is not included in the Van Buren County Road Commission's ("Road Commission") budget is often funded by the townships, such as sealcoat, fog seal, gravel road improvement projects, and paved road improvement projects. The Road Commission and the Township Partners have worked together for decades to provide additional road projects with funding from the township level. This partnership between the Road Commission and the townships is built from necessity to best serve the public of Van Buren County, and is greatly appreciated by the Road Commission and the motoring public.

The VBCRC will consider a request from a township and/or a municipality for improvements that are not included in the TAMP which would be funded in part by Township funds and Road Commission funds. To consider such a request, the Road Commission must be in receipt of a Resolution from the requesting governing Board stating:

1. The name of the Primary Road, the point of beginning, the point of ending and a brief description of the requested improvement project it wishes to be funded.
2. Amount of funding the township/municipality proposes to support the improvement project, including any millage funds and/or township/municipality funds.
3. The year, or years, in which the township/municipality would financially support this improvement project.

The Board of County Road Commissioners will, upon receipt of such Resolution, consider the township/municipality's request using the TAMP criteria as a guideline, which includes:

- Road Commission staff recommendations made through data collection utilizing the PASER system.
- If the traffic volume of the road is considered high, medium, or low based upon VBCRC guidelines.
- If the road segment is on the VBCRC's defined connectivity route and/or if the road improvement would connect other improved routes.
- Road Commission budget constraints.

Additionally, the Road Commission will consider the following information in determining feasibility of the township's request:

- The date in which the township's/municipality's Resolution is received by the Board of County Road Commissioners.
- The percentage of project cost share from the township/municipality.
- How the request fits into the TAMP's 5-year road plan.
- Other such mitigating circumstances that may arise.

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