

Van Buren County Road Commission

Failed Condition Road Policy

Policy No. 2018-06

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) is responsible for the safety of the traveling public and has a duty to provide “reasonably safe” road conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the VBCRC also has a duty to maintain its infrastructure assets as efficiently and cost effectively as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the VBCRC has sought the input of all 18 Townships in the implementation of the adoption of this Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the VBCRC shall consider this Failed Condition Road Policy to apply to all Primary Roads and Local Roads under the jurisdiction of the VBCRC; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County hereby adopts this Failed Condition Road Policy as follows:

1. A Road shall be deemed to be in “Failed Condition” if rated by VBCRC staff according to the Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) system to be a PASER 2, or below, using:

- Historical PASER rating data; and,
- Sound engineering judgment.

To assist VBCRC staff in such maintenance decisions, data is collected annually on its Road System using the PASER system.

2. A Township Board shall be notified of the road sections deemed to be in Failed Condition on an annual basis.

3. If plans to improve said Failed Road are not initiated by the VBCRC or the Township within six (6) months, the VBCRC may implement one or more of the following steps to decrease its liability, and to maintain a roadway that is reasonably safe for public travel:

- Attend a Township Board Meeting to specifically discuss and seek solutions for the Failed Road segment.
- Host a public meeting inviting the Township Board, the Township residents along the Failed Road, and the general public to discuss possible options for improvements.

- As an intermediate step, for a maximum of six months, and/or as deemed to be in the best interest of public safety, the VBCRC may:
 - Post rough road signs;
 - Post advisory speed panels to recommend a reduced speed (not enforceable);
- Continue to provide minimal routine maintenance in an effort to sustain the infrastructure in a manner deemed to be reasonably safe for access by the residents on said roadway.
- Continue to pursue methods by which to fund a reconstruction project, such as Federal/State Aid (on eligible routes only), a township special assessment, township or county-wide road millage allocations, if available, bonding, etc.

4. If steps have not been initiated in a time frame acceptable by the VBCRC, the VBCRC Board will move forward with pulverization, and will pay 100% of the cost to pulverize the Failed Road segment.

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POLICY ADOPTED this 20th day of December, 2018.