

Public Hearing Notice

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, in accordance with Section §33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Berryville Clarke County Government Center Main Meeting Room, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, VA, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

PH2026-05. VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for FY2027-FY2032 in Clarke County and on the FY2027-FY2032 Secondary System Construction Program Estimated Allocations. Copies of the proposed Plan and Estimated Allocations may be reviewed at the Edinburg Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 14031 Old Valley Pike, Edinburg, Virginia, or the Clarke County Administration office, located at 101 Chalmers Court, Suite B, Berryville, Virginia, or on the county website (clarkecounty.gov). All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

Any person desiring to speak on the above matters should appear at the appointed time and place. Written copies of statements are requested but not required. Clarke County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission to its programs and activities. Accommodations will be made for handicapped persons upon prior request.

Chris Boies - County Administrator

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Boies

Re: VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan

Date: April 14, 2026

The Code of Virginia Section 33.2-331 provides a process for the County and VDOT to prepare and update a six-year plan for improvements to the secondary state highway system in Clarke. The Board reviewed the plan with VDOT at the April 13th work session and is being asked to authorize a public hearing at your April 21st regular meeting. Staff recommends that hearing be held on May 19th at 6:30 p.m.

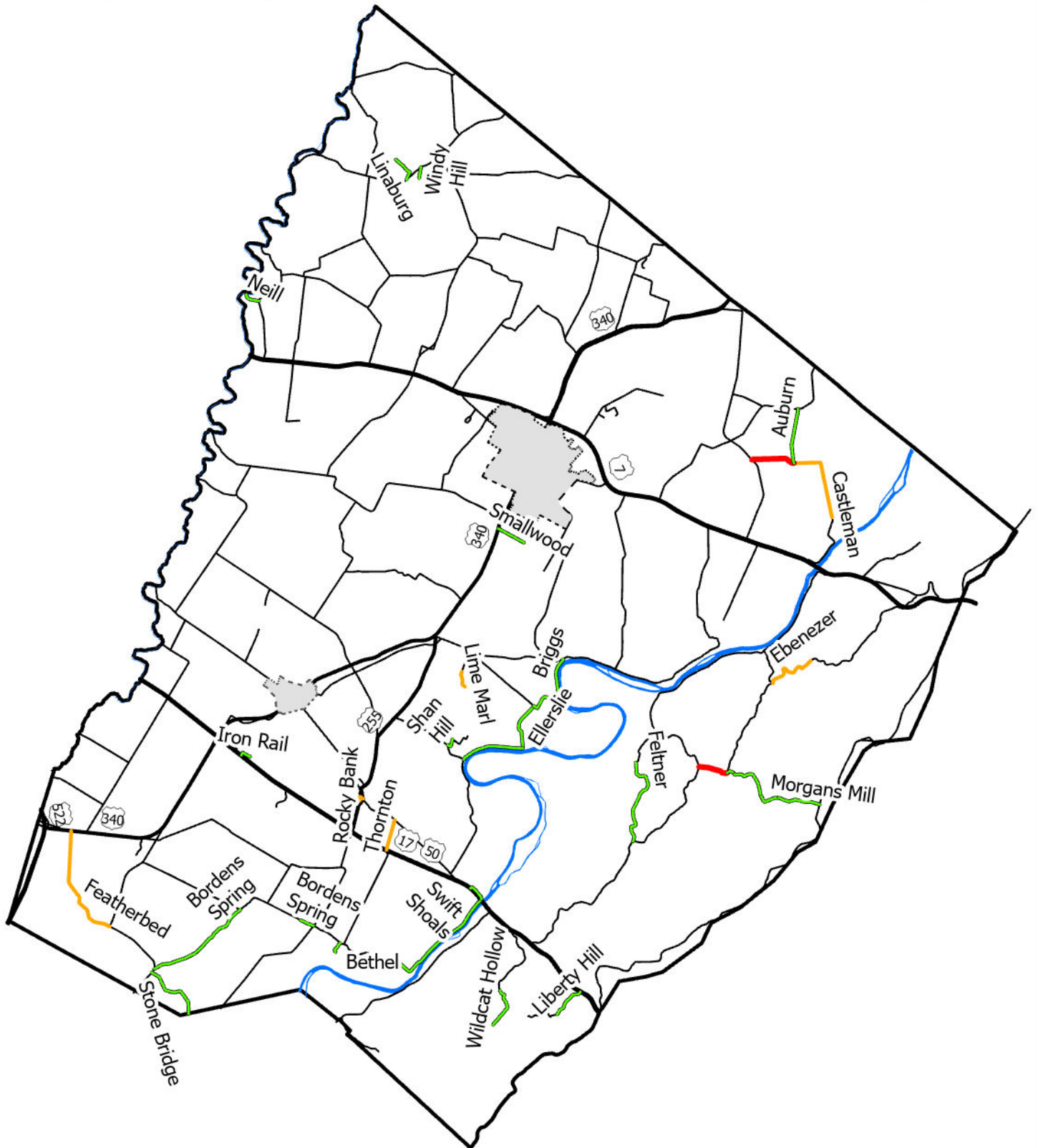
The proposed plan includes revenue projections through the construction program with estimated allocations. The two sources of revenues (both from the Commonwealth) are the Telefee, which consists of funds paid to allow utility lines to be located within the VDOT right-of-way and the district grant for unpaved roads, which is a formula allocation based on the miles of unpaved roads in the County. The annual estimates for these revenues are not enough to complete projects annually, so the plan calls for funds to be saved over time in order to complete projects when full funding is available.

The proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for FY 2027-2032 contains no named projects. VDOT's current estimate is \$350k-\$400k per mile for hard surfacing under the rural rustic program. Roadways eligible would include those with a route number 600 or higher and having 50 or more trips per day. The District Grant funds can now be used for road improvements on unpaved roads like drainage and safety improvements, not just hard surfacing. Countywide Transportation Service funds are also available using the Telefee revenues for various secondary road improvements.

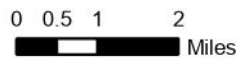
VDOT mentioned at the work session the following roadways for possible hard surfacing: Rt. 604 Ebenezer Rd., RTE 603 Castleman Rd., and RTE 644 Featherbed Rd. The School Transportation office was also asked to provide a list of concerns and they noted the following: Ebenezer Rd. - Potholes, washboard, narrow; Feather Bed Rd. – Potholes; Thornton Rd. - Potholes, washboard; Lockes Mill Rd. – Potholes, washboard; and Auburn Rd. – Potholes.

The County's Transportation Plan, Strategy 2, states, "Apply the County's limited six-year secondary road construction funding towards projects that improve safety, address stormwater impacts, or that hard-surface existing gravel roads. For projects to hard-surface gravel roads, solicit and evaluate public comments from property owners and users of these roads before construction is authorized. Attached is a map showing the unpaved roads in the County.

Unpaved public roads in Clarke County



Clarke County GIS
September 9, 2024



Source: Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Data updated: June 26, 2024



Annual Average Daily Traffic on Unpaved Public Rds

- 9 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 140

- Clarke Public Roads
- Clarke Highways
- Town Boundary
- Shenandoah River

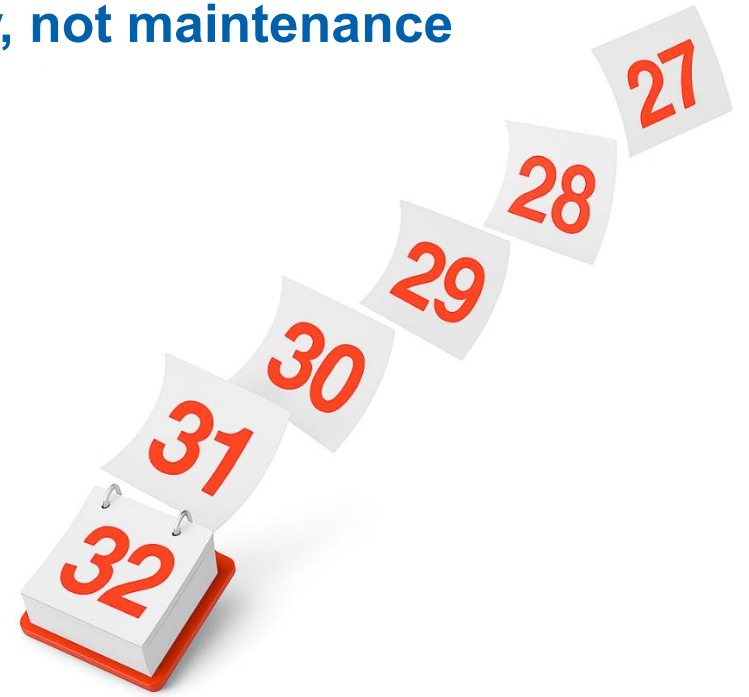


Clarke County
Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP)
FY 2027 to FY 2032



SSYP Overview

- Plan assigns funds to secondary roadway construction projects
- Secondary roads = VDOT roads with Route numbers 600 or higher
- Funds are for roadway construction/improvements only, not maintenance
- Plan covers six fiscal years (FY 2027 to FY 2032)



Roles & Partnership

Virginia law establishes a partnership with VDOT & County to determine project priorities

- **Plan update annually prior to start of VDOT's fiscal year (July 1st)**
- **VDOT works with County staff for project selection**
- **Final adoption requires public hearing and Board resolution**



Funding Sources

District Grant – Unpaved

- Allocated based on County's mileage of unpaved roads compared to the State
- Only to be used for construction improvements on unpaved roads
- 100% allocated to the Rural Rustic Road Program (RRR)

TeleFee

- Paid by Telecommunication providers for VDOT right-of-way use
- Can be used on any secondary road (paved or unpaved)
- Usually allocated to unforeseen projects or needs for flexibility



Clarke County Estimated Allocations FY27-FY32

Fund	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
Telefee	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680
District Grant - Unpaved	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$57,910	\$57,910	\$108,927
YEARLY TOTAL	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$94,590	\$94,590	\$145,607

- First year funding of the SSYP is reliable
- Funding in out years may change annually based on statewide economic conditions

Projects

FY 31 Clarke County Rural Rustic Roads Projects - UPC: 121191

No Rural Rustic Road Project Currently Identified

	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
Telefee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
District Grant - Unpaved	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$57,910	\$57,910	\$108,927
CUMULATIVE TOTAL	\$55,304	\$110,608	\$165,912	\$221,216	\$279,126	\$337,036	\$445,963

Countywide Transportation Services Fund

<u>Countywide Transportation Services - UPC: 121671</u>							
	Current	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
Telefee	\$88,620	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680
TOTAL	\$88,620	\$125,300	\$161,980	\$198,660	\$235,340	\$272,020	\$308,700

Next Steps

- **Schedule public hearing for public comment on plan**
- **BOS Resolution of approval prior to June 15th**



Secondary System
 Clarke County
 Construction Program
 Estimated Allocations

Fund	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	Total
TeleFee	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$36,680	\$220,080
District Grant - Unpaved	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$55,304	\$57,910	\$57,910	\$108,927	\$390,659
Total	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$94,590	\$94,590	\$145,607	\$610,739

Board Approval Date:

Residency Administrator

Date

County Administrator

Date

Staunton Clarke County

Clarke County (021)

UPC	Description
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121191	FY31 Clarke County Rural Rustic Roads Projects
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0004.09	Project	9999021748	Various Routes	In the County (See POOL Comments)
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Previous	Budget	Projected	Total
\$55,304	\$55,304	\$335,355	\$445,963
Total Estimate:			\$400,000
Balance:			-\$45,963

	PE	RW	CN
Schedule:			09/23/26
Estimate:	\$0	\$0	\$400,000

Funding Detail (in \$1000s)	Previous	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032
6071700 HB2 DG: Unpaved - Clarke	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$58	\$58	\$109

121671	COUNTYWIDE - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
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0004.10	Project	9999021749		
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Previous	Budget	Projected	Total
\$239,072	\$36,680	\$183,400	\$459,152
Total Estimate:			\$402,351
Balance:			-\$56,801

	PE	RW	CN
Schedule:	07/01/22	06/30/23	07/01/24
Estimate:	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$382,351

Funding Detail (in \$1000s)	Previous	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032
6030606 Secondary Formula - Telecommunications : Clarke	\$239	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37