

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request Board Approval to Submit Two Road Projects to the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) 2010 SCOP Application

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to submit two roads for the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) 2010 Application (2012/2013 funding cycle).

Background:

The Board must submit two road projects for the 2010 Small County Outreach Program for consideration by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). A list of five roads is being provided for the Board's consideration which was developed by the Public Works Department and Preble-Rish Engineers. These roads have heavy traffic and are too narrow for the volume and type of traffic that uses these segments. The improvements to these County maintained roadways would be of tremendous benefit to Wakulla County.

During the 2009 SCOP application process, the County selected Rehwinkle Road and New Light Church Road (CR-373A) as the two roads for consideration. New Light Church Road was selected for funding and improvements are scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2011.

The Board's selections will be submitted to FDOT on May 3, 2010 for ranking and then to be compared with other County roads in the Northwest District of FDOT. The highest ranked roads will be funded for the current budget cycle.

Analysis:

The roads listed were selected by inspecting the surface condition, width and length of the roadway. Using these criteria will help insure a high ranking and maximize the funding for these projects. In addition, if any of the road projects are selected and funded, it will greatly improve the safety and driving quality for the citizens of Wakulla County. Staff is requesting the Board to select two of the five roads to submit for the 2010 Small County Outreach Program. The five roads are listed as follows:

1. Rehwinkle Road – Existing 20' wide roadway 3.6 Mile Total Length
Proposed Improvements – Widening to 22' wide with leveling and resurfacing.

2. Emmitt Whaley Road – Existing 20’ wide roadway 1.1 mile length
Proposed Improvements – Widening to 22’ with leveling, resurfacing, drainage, and shoulder improvements.
3. Harvey Mill Road (CR-374) – Existing 18’ wide roadway 2.0 mile length
Proposed Improvements – Widening to 20’ with leveling, resurfacing, and shoulder improvements.
4. CR-365 (from SR-61 to CR-267) – Existing 20’ wide roadway 3.2 mile length
Proposed Improvements – Widening to 24’ with leveling, resurfacing, drainage, and shoulder improvements.
5. Trice Lane (from US 319 to SR-61) – Width varies from 18-ft to 20-ft. Roadway length is 1.2 miles. Proposed improvements include widening to 22-ft, resurfacing, and shoulder improvements.

The first four roads listed above were the priority roads from last year’s SCOP evaluation cycle. Staff feels that these roads are good candidates for funding and will provide the County with quality improvements if funded. The fifth road (Trice Lane) is the only new addition to the list, and would be a quality project for the County as well, if selected.

Options:

1. Approve and verify two roads for submittal to FDOT for the 2010 SCOP Application.
2. Do not approve two roads for submittal to FDOT for the 2010 SCOP Application.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1