SECTION: Department Policy  
TITLE: Planning and Development

SUBJECT: The agency conducts planning for the maintenance, expansion, improvement, or replacement of existing systems to meet future needs. Impacts on operations and maintenance should be addressed to ensure that the agency is able to sustain the infrastructure and services. Funding for the Road Improvements is provided by the "C" Fund for Road Improvements.

PURPOSE: The "C" Fund Program is a statewide program for improving roads. The fund for the program comes from a tax on each gallon of gas and diesel fuel. Currently the tax amounts to 2.66 cents per gallon. This tax is set by the General Assembly and applied throughout South Carolina. Funds from this tax vary annual for Georgetown County.

PROCESS: A State Law requires the appointment of a County Transportation Committee. This committee reviews priorities recommended by the County Division of Public Works and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Maintenance Engineer. The priorities will include county, municipal, and state roads, and will also include paving, rocking, and resurfacing projects.

PETITIONING: Georgetown County residents can call the Public Works Division at (843) 545.:3438 and request a "C" Fund Petition. The petition will be mailed. Complete and return to the Georgetown County Public Works Division, P O Drawer 421270, 2236 Browns Ferry Road, Georgetown, SC 29442.

Every Property Owner on the road must agree that: (1) she/he wants the road improved, and (2) she/he will give any needed right-of-way. Unless property owners agree to give rights-of-way, the road may not be considered.

Petitions may be submitted at any time during the year. Petitions submitted after October 1st of each year will be held for the following year.

Property owners, city/town/ county governments, SCDOT, and the Legislative Delegation can submit a petition. The "C" Fund Program exists to assist every jurisdiction to improve their public roads.

Annually the CTC will establish priorities for all road improvement projects to meet the transportation needs of the entire county. Using the standardized County street improvement priority criteria table, actual site visits and direct input from concerned County residents at formal CTC meetings they will recommend priorities by majority vote. These recommendations will then be forwarded to the County Council for formal approval.

DATE: 11/05/2014  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES:  
REVIEW DATE: 11/05/2017  
POLICY NUMBER: 10.5.3,24.1.3  
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Steps:
(1) Obtain the signatures of all property owners and return the petition to the Georgetown County Public Works division before October 1st.
(2) The staff will examine the history of the road, count homes, do a traffic count, and school bus routing information to analyze the road use.
(3) This information will be submitted annually to the County Transportation Committee to be prioritized.
(4) The CTC will select roads/projects to fund based on prioritization and available funding.
(5) Priority list will be submitted to County Council for final approval.

At any time during the year, Public Services Department can call a special CTC meeting to present a special project. Special projects include road paving, rocking, major repair beyond general maintenance or other project associated with improving transportation that the County deems a priority. The CTC will review the recommend projects by majority vote and send recommendations to County Council for approval.

Whenever CTC sends recommendations to County Council, they are presented at a formal meeting at which the improvement projects will be reviewed, modified if required, and approved by majority vote. This will constitute PWD authority to execute the prioritized road improvements.

Road to be considered must be a public road, publicly maintained by the state, County, or a city. It must connect to an existing publicly maintained road, and finally, the road should not possess any unusual features that could cause construction to be abnormal.
REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMING
C Program Administration

COUNTY: __________________________ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: __________________________

☐ LOCAL PAVING (OFF SYSTEM) ☐ STATE ROAD PROJECT (ON SYSTEM)
☐ MATCH PROGRAM ☐ SCDOT DIRECT LABOR PROJECT

REVISION TO CURRENT C PCN: __________________________

PROJECT INFORMATION SECTION

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION: __________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

INITIAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: __________________________________________

COMPLETE IF APPLICABLE TO PROJECT
BEGINNING POINT: __________________________ ENDING POINT: __________________________

TOTAL MILEAGE: __________________________ MILE(S)

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: ☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION ☐ RESURFACING ☐ OTHER

LOCATION MAP MUST BE ATTACHED

PLEASE GIVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF WORK PERFORMED BY OTHERS THAN SCDOT:

NAME OF GOVERNMENT ENTITY: _______________________________________________________

CONTACT PERSON: __________________________ CONTACT PHONE: _______________________

TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

CITY / TOWN: __________________________ SOUTH CAROLINA ZIP CODE: ____________

AUTHORIZED BY: ________________________________________________________________ DATE

CHAIRMAN, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FOR SCDOT INTERNAL USE ONLY

SCDOT DISTRICT: ______ SCDOT CONTACT PERSON: __________________________

PLANNED PROJECT # IN P2S: __________ CONTACT NUMBER: _______________________

RETURN TO: S.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
955 PARK STREET, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29202
ATTENTION: C PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

(COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN)

We, the undersigned residents and property owners, living on
_________________________ in Georgetown County, hereby request
(mile of road for improvement) Georgetown County to evaluate the referenced road for improvement, which is
approximately ___________ mile(s) long. We hereby certify that (2) homes on the road
separate dwelling units have entrances off of this roadway and that school buses
[DO] or [DO NOT] use this roadway.

We understand that the County will each year rank according to an approved
formula all roads with valid petitions for improvement and those roads with the highest
ranking will be recommended for improvement. The recommended list will be based on
anticipated funding levels.

Every property owner on the road must agree that (1) he/she wants the road
improved, and (2) that he/she gives any needed right-of-way. Unless every property
owner agrees to [PAVING] or [ROCKING] and giving rights-of-way, the road
may not be considered.

NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE # DATE

Return Petition To:
Georgetown County
Department of Public Services
P. O. Box 421270
Georgetown, SC 29442-1270
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KEY TO TABLE AND METHODOLOGY

S - Source of Request  P - Petition
   G - Government
   L - Letter
   O - Old Request Made to Delegation
Y - Year Request Filed

STREET IMPROVEMENT CRITERIA

1  Length in Miles:
   0.0 - 0.5 mi. \ 5 pts.
   0.5 - 1.0 mi \ 3 - 4 pts.
   >1.0 mi. \ 0 - 2 pts.

2  Street Classification:
   Arterial \ 7 - 10 pts.
   Collector \ 4 - 6 pts.
   Residential \ 0 - 3 pts.

3  Maintenance Costs Per Mile:
   High \ 7 - 10 pts.
   Medium \ 4 - 6 pts.
   Low \ 0 - 3 pts.

4  Residences Served Access:
   >20 \ 7 - 10 pts.
   10-20 \ 4 - 6 pts.
   <10 \ 0 - 3 pts.

5  Other Land Uses: Up to ten points may be applied if the road serves as access to nonresidential uses (e.g. church, recycle center, fire station) business, etc.

6  Average Daily Traffic: ADT =10(# of homes)
   >150 \ 1 - 10 pts.
   100 - 150 \ 4 - 6 pts.
   <100 \ 0 - 3 pts.

7  Bus Route: Up to five points may be applied if the road is utilized by a school bus.

8  Estimated Cost of improvements:
   <$20,000 \ 10,-15 pts.
   $20,000 - $40,000 \ 5 - 10 pts.
   >$40,000 \ 0 - 5 pts.

9  Width of Right-of-Way
   ≥ 50' \ 7 - 10 pts.
   40' - 50' \ 4 - 6 pts.
   <40' \ 0 - 3 pts.
10 Recent Improvements: Up to 15 points may be applied if recent improvements to the road and/or drainage system are evident.

11 Right-of-way Clearance: Up to 5 points may be applied if the existing R.O.W. is clear of obstructions.

12 Drainage Problem Area; Up to 10 points may be applied if no drainage problem are evident.

13 Bridges: Up to 10 points may be applied if no bridges are present along the road segment.

14 Wetlands: Up to 5 points may be applied if there are no wetlands within or adjacent to the roadway.

15 Contiguous to a paved street: Up to 10 points may be applied if the roadway is abutting a paved road.

16 Connects two paved roads: Up to 5 points may be applied if the roadway connects two paved roads.

17 Unusual features; Up to 5 points may be applied if any unusual features are present (e.g. heavy truck use, proximity to school, etc.).

18 Length of time on approved prioritization list: 1 points for every year road has been on list.

T Total Points Awarded