Transportation Requests

To obtain a Transportation Issue Citizen Request Form, please call 540-422-8210 or go online at: www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/community-development/planning/long-range-planning/transportation

Citizen Request Forms should be emailed to: maureen.williamson@fauquiercounty.gov, or mailed to Community Development.

The Transportation Committee is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and meets the last Wednesday of the month (as needed) in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Warren Green Building, 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton. Please refer to the following website for meeting schedules:

www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/community-development/boards-committees/transportation-committee
Due to fiscal restraints, it is very difficult to have a private street added to the Virginia Secondary Road System. In order to meet the minimum requirements, which does not guarantee the street will be accepted in the Secondary Road System, it must:

- Have sufficient right-of-way, generally 50 feet, or all property owners must be willing to voluntarily donate any needed right-of-way.
- Be constructed to VDOT standards, with all costs (which are generally very high) to bring the road up to VDOT standards being borne by the property owners, not VDOT or Fauquier County.

For more information on VDOT standards visit: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/ssr-rev.asp

For more information on acceptance into VDOT’s Secondary System visit: http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-2ndaryroads.asp

**Speed Limits**

**Drivers speed on my street, how can I get the speed limit lowered?**

Often the problem with vehicles traveling at excessive speeds isn’t due to posted speed limits, but rather to speed limit enforcement. If this is the case, contact the Fauquier County Sheriff’s Department at 540-422-8600. If the posted speed limit is the issue, then a request for change must be made to the County using the Citizen Request Form. County staff will review the request and submit to VDOT for review. VDOT will conduct a study to determine the speed for the road. This study, which compares the road to established VDOT criteria, takes 90 to 120 days to complete. If they determine that the speed limit should be changed, they will present their findings to the Transportation Committee. Please be advised that speed limits are based on strictly adhered to VDOT criteria. Also, VDOT requires that Supervisors be made aware of all requests on a primary road in their district.

For more information on VDOT’s speed limits visit: http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-speedlimits.asp

**Signs**

**I want a sign (Watch for Children, Deer, or other advisory sign) installed on my street, what should I do?**

Submit a Citizen Request Form to Fauquier County Community Development. County staff will forward the request to VDOT. Final VDOT approval will depend on the circumstances involving the sign.

**How do I have a School Bus Stop Ahead or other school related sign added to my road?**

Contact the Fauquier County Public School Transportation Department for any request relating to public school activities. They can be contacted at 540-422-7240. Or visit: http://www.fcps1.org/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=113

**Paving**

**How do I get the gravel VDOT road I live on paved?**

First, consider that gravel roads are a part of the rural character of Fauquier County and a paved road may invite more traffic.

The road must have sufficient right-of-way, generally 50 feet, or all property owners must be willing to donate the necessary right-of-way. If the road meets this requirement, then a request for paving must be made through the Transportation Committee, for consideration in the Six-Year Plan. The Committee makes its recommendations each spring on additions to the County’s Six-Year Plan to the Board of Supervisors. The Board makes the final decision on alterations to the Six-Year Plan. Keep in mind funding is very limited, and paving projects can take years to complete.

The Rural Rustic Program is a less expensive option for roads with lower traffic levels. To learn more visit: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/local_assistance/Rural_Rustic_Road_Program_Manual_2014_Update_-_Recodification.pdf

Requests for VDOT road maintenance such as paving potholes should be directed to VDOT at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or visit: https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/

**Private Streets**

**I live on a private street and would like it to be maintained by VDOT, what should I do?**