



COUNTY OF LEXINGTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THE "C" FUND PROGRAM

The current priority list is part of the County Transportation Plan approved by the Lexington County Transportation Committee (CTC) in August 2017. There are over 220 miles of County dirt roads that have been petitioned for paving. The "Approved Paving Plan Status" shown on the Lexington County website is the Top 25 from the priority list which was approved in 2009. While dirt roads continue to be petitioned and evaluated, the CTC has required that each of the top 25 roads from the 2009 priority list be completed before a new road may be programmed for paving.

WHAT IS THE "C" FUND PROGRAM?

The "C" Fund program is a statewide program for making local, relatively small scale roadway improvements. Funding for the program is derived from South Carolina fuel sales taxes, which is determined by the South Carolina General Assembly and distributed to the 46 counties of the state of South Carolina.

WHO DECIDES WHICH ROADS WILL BE PAVED?

The Lexington County Public Works Department recommends road projects to County Council and the County Transportation Committee (CTC) based on a ranking system established by the CTC. This rating and ranking system is used to prioritize the roadway improvements. Then, based on available funding and complete easement acquisitions, roadway projects are developed.

CAN MY ROAD BE PAVED IF RIGHT OF WAY IS NOT PROVIDED BY EVERYONE ON THE ROAD?

For a road to be programmed for paving, all property owners must provide the necessary right of way and drainage easements. If right of way and easements are not provided by 100% of the properties, design will not begin on the road. The road will not be paved.

HOW CAN I GET MY ROAD CONSIDERED FOR PAVING?

Call the Lexington County Department of Public Works at 803-785-8201 and request a "C" Fund petition, which will be mailed to you for completion. This petition package is also available on our County website under our Public Works Department section. The completed petition needs to be mailed back to the Public Works Department at 440 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

WHY MUST A PETITION BE USED?

Every property owner that signs the petition agrees to the road improvements, and thus, is also willing to give necessary right of way and drainage easements. Public Works staff will evaluate

the returned petition for property owners that have not signed the petition and attempt to resolve any conflicts with the property owner. At that time, Public Works staff will determine if the road qualifies for the priority list. **A road will not be placed in the priority list unless ALL property owners provide the necessary right of way and drainage easements.**

WHAT ARE THE STEPS INVOLVED?

1. Obtain the signatures of all property owners who desire to have the road paved and are willing to provide right of way and easements. Return the completed petition to the Lexington County Public Works Department, 440 Ball Park Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
2. Public Works staff will conduct traffic counts, obtain local school bus routing information, and then develop a weighted factor for the road based on these factors and others such as the maintenance history of the road and the number of residences on the road.
3. Roads are prioritized by weighted factor and submitted to County Council and the Transportation Committee (CTC) for consideration / inclusion in the roadway improvement list. **The petition is only one factor in evaluating a road for paving.** Other factors are: home density, traffic, maintenance cost, and school bus usage.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TYPES OF ROADS THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR PAVING?

For a road to be considered for paving, it must be a public road, maintained by the County, and it must also connect to an existing publicly maintained paved road. The road, or a segment of the road, will not be paved if it crosses a pond dam.

ONCE A ROAD IS SCHEDULED TO BE PAVED, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE BEFORE IT IS PAVED?

Before a roadway improvement contract can be awarded, engineering design work must be completed, rights of way and easements signed by every property owner, and formal bids received on the project. Generally, this process takes over two years to complete. Weather conditions play a big part in completion of the construction phase of the project.

WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG TO GET A ROAD PAVED? WHY ISN'T MY ROAD ON THE LIST?

Lexington County currently has a very limited annual budget of approximately \$2 million for paving dirt roads. It costs approximately \$800 thousand to \$900 thousand to pave one mile of roadway. Therefore, we can only pave about two (2) miles of dirt road per year with the current funding. There are currently about 320 dirt roads on the petitioned list, totaling about 210 miles. There are approximately 626 miles of dirt roads maintained by Lexington County. Thus, many County maintained dirt roads have not been petitioned for paving.

WHO SHOULD I CALL ABOUT THE "C" FUND PROGRAM TO GET ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS?

Questions may be directed to the Lexington County Department of Public Works, at 803-785-8201.