

2. HIGHWAY MATTERS

A. HIGHWAY ABANDONMENT - PORTION OF ROUTE 622 NEAR ZUNI

As you may recall from last month, Supervisor West asked that this matter remain on the Board agenda pending resolution of right-of-way acquisition matters between the church and affected private property owners.

B. BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

As you're aware, VDOT has developed a 3-part blueprint for the future to address its \$2.6 billion funding shortfall. The first part of that blueprint included a reduction in new construction projects – more than 800 projects have been deferred or eliminated (including our Rt. 58 overpass) saving roughly \$2 billion.

The second part of the blueprint will involve staffing changes and organizational restructuring for VDOT. They've announced that they'll reduce 1,000 classified and 450 part-time positions and consolidate 15 residency offices over the next 18 months.

The third part of the blueprint focuses on reductions in service – which will affect us locally. They have developed new levels of service that will impact snow and ice removal on secondary roadways (basically, on secondary highways, it'll stay there until it melts) and vegetation management (ditches will be mowed once a summer whether it needs it or not).

You may wish to discuss the blueprint in further detail with Mr. Lomax to better understand what's coming – it's not pretty.

C. ROUTE 58 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

VDOT will be presenting a proposal Monday night for intersection improvements in lieu of a grade-separate interchange at the stoplight on the Courtland bypass. An advance copy of their presentation is attached. They will be seeking your concurrence in order to coordinate the preliminary engineering and update the Six-Year project budget.

D. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Please share your local highway concerns Mr. Lomax.