

## Other Public (O.P.) Road 50-50 Program Information & Guidelines

**Other Public (O.P.) Road:** a road that has an associated right-of-way dedicated to public use and is not maintained by a municipal entity.

- 1) The road must be a dedicated right-of-way open to public use.
- 2) The Allegany County Commissioners will pay 50% of road improvement cost or \$2,500 per existing residence, whichever is less. The number of residences that benefit from the improvement are counted by those who have direct access to the proposed improvement.
- 3) Residents need to review the road with a private contractor and determine the scope of work for the improvement. Obtain a price quote for work from two contractors (preferred). Eligible road improvements include grading, placement of stone, tar and chip (chip sealing), or bituminous concrete (i.e. asphalt), and minor drainage improvements.

The contractor is not authorized to have road improvements placed over any existing manholes, water valve boxes, or other utility structures that are located in the road. The contractor must contact the appropriate utility owner to determine what structures may need to be adjusted and to coordinate that work. Speed humps are not permitted with the road improvement. A list of contractors that have previously completed projects associated with this program are listed below. The use of contractors not listed below is also acceptable.

### List of Possible Contractors:

a. Liller Brothers	(301) 729-0505
b. Terry Hersh	(301) 722-7214
c. Walker Paving	(301) 759-9145
d. E-Z Out	(301) 729-0072
e. Reed Clingerman	(301) 478-2282
f. Belt Paving	(301) 729-8994
g. IA Construction	(301) 724-1760
h. Liller Paving	(304) 726-7292

- 4) Provide a letter to the Board of County Commissioners, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, Maryland 21502 requesting road improvements utilizing the OP Road 50-50 Program. Letter must be signed by more than one resident that benefits from the road improvement. Letter should contain name of road and the location of the improvement. Attach copies of the price quotes from the contractors. The price quotes shall be detailed and reflect the same scope of work to ensure an equal comparison between contractors.
- 5) The Board of County Commissioners will refer request to the Department of Public Works for review and recommendation. Residents will be notified by letter of the decision.
- 6) If approved, residents will coordinate and oversee the proposed work with the contractor. When the improvement is complete, a resident should contact the Department of Public Works for review at 301.777.5933. Residents will pay the contractor 50% of the agreed upon cost and the contractor will bill Allegany County for the remaining 50%. Allegany County will pay the contractor directly.
- 7) All OP ROAD 50-50 PROGRAM requests must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by July 1st for evaluation in order to be completed in the same fiscal year. To be eligible for improvements, the road must meet the following criteria:

- The dedication of the public use right-of-way shall have been in existence for 10 years.
- The road improvement shall be an equal or better road surface improvement.
- Minor drainage improvements are recommended to promote the longevity of the road improvements. Drainage improvements can not alter runoff patterns. Paved roadside swales are not permitted.
- Requests for improvements can be made on no greater than a 15 year frequency. Previously approved requests will be rated lower than first time requests.

If requests exceed the available funding for the fiscal year, the requests will be ranked using the following criteria:

- The number of residences benefiting from the project. The more residences that benefit receives a higher ranking.
- The cost per residence benefited from the project. The lower the cost per residence receives a higher ranking.

Requests not completed in a fiscal year due to lack of funding will be given first priority the following fiscal year pending available program funding and resident commitment.

- 8) The roads improved will not become part of the County Roads system. The Allegany County Roads Division will not maintain or plow the road after the improvements. For a road to be accepted into the County Roads system, the road must meet Allegany County road standards. The Board of County Commissioners has a program to assist residents for adopting a road into the County Roads system. The Revolving Road Program outlines this process. Contact the Department of Public Works for additional information at 301.777.5933.