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SUBJECT: FULL OR PARTIAL COUNTY FUNDING PARTICIPATION IN ASPHALT  
SURFACING OF GRAVEL ROADS

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This policy sets forth the criteria under which the County Board will consider participation in the cost of asphalt surfacing of gravel roads. This policy applies to roads on the county road system and to roads which are not on the county system. If the criteria are met, participation is still subject to County Board of Commissioners approval on a project-by-project basis. This policy is not intended to supersede or change the existing Commission Policy, Section 27.00, on special assessment districts for asphalt roads.

Paving of existing gravel surfaced roads will be considered by the County Board of Commissioners only if all of the below listed criteria are met:

1. The average daily traffic, either current or projected within the next 5 years, be a minimum of 400 vehicles per day.
2. The road is classified as a major collector or arterial.
3. The benefits of the improvement are realized by a large sector of the county population as opposed to a small local group, such as a single residential subdivision or individual business.
4. Low property valuations or other factors render special assessments impractical or inappropriate.
5. The segment of road to be improved is not located entirely within the incorporated limits of the cities of Fargo or West Fargo.
6. If the road is not on the current county road system, a written agreement shall be signed between the appropriate officials and the County Board prior to participation outlining future ownership and maintenance responsibilities. The county will not assume any future maintenance responsibilities for roads other than those on the county system.
7. If the road is not on the current county road system, county funds used should not exceed 40% of the project cost or \$100,000, whichever is less.

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8. Any county participation on projects not on the county road system will be limited to a one-time payment. The county will not make commitments involving future year funds.
9. Projects will be considered only if county road funds are available. Funds will not be transferred from other areas of the County General Fund to cover project cost.
10. If an urban section is constructed, county participation should not exceed the estimated cost of constructing a similar length of a rural road section.
11. Contract documents for the improvements must be prepared by a professional engineer registered in the State of North Dakota and approved by the Cass County Engineer.

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