

WHAT IS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT?

A capital improvement is defined as “*any work on a road or bridge which has a life expectancy of at least 10 years and restores the load-carrying capacity.*”

Examples of eligible "capital" activities are defined as follows:

- 1. Medium to heavy overlays which improve the strength and ride quality (minimum 1 inch lift on a shimmed surface), pavement and/or base recycling, pavement cold planing and resurfacing**
- 2. Road reconstruction or rehabilitation**
- 3. Gravel road grade-raising or paving**
- 4. Single culvert replacements or a series of drainage improvements**
- 5. Traffic signal or sign installation and/or replacements**
- 6. Sidewalk construction or reconstruction**
- 7. Heavy ditching, underdrain and catch basin installation or total system replacement, permanent erosion control**
- 8. Guardrail installation**
- 9. Bridge or minor span replacement and rehabilitation**
- 10. Any bridge repair activities with a 10 year life**
- 11. Debt financing/bond repayment for past capital improvements to public roads**