



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE City Council Committee WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 | 3:00 PM
2nd Floor Training Room- City Hall
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome** *Councilmember Jacqueline Timmer, Chair*
- I.1. A Minute for Planning — Community Development
- II. **Information Items**
- II.2. City Wide Deer Management
- II.3. Water Resources FY 2025 Annual Report
- III. **General Business**
- III.4. Additional VDOT Lane Mileage FY27
- IV. **Roll Call**
- V. **Next Regular Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

January 13, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Ryan Ball

AGENDA ITEM # II.2

City Wide Deer Management

RECOMMENDATION

Recieve a presentation on City-wide deer management.

SUMMARY

To provide information to PDC Committee about City Wide Deer Management. The deer population in the City has generated citizen complaints of damage to plants, general nuisance in neighborhoods, and vehicle crashes. Discuss options to aid in abating the concerns.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

To be determined based on discussion with the Physical Development Committee.

CONTACT(S)

Ryan Ball

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. City Wide Deer Management Powerpoint 2026 (1)

REVIEWED BY



Kenneth Edwards, Interim Chief of Police

Date: January 08, 2026



Date: January 08, 2026

Mercedes Braun, Assistant to the City Manager



Date: January 08, 2026

Wynter Benda, City Manager



Date: January 08, 2026

Alicia Finney, Clerk of Council

DEER POPULATION

January 13, 2026



INFORMATION

Purpose:

To provide information to City Council about the city's deer population.

Why:

The deer population in the City of Lynchburg has created citizen complaints of damage to plants and trees, general nuisance in neighborhoods, and vehicle crashes.

The deer are also bringing along public health hazards that include tickborne diseases such as RMSF, Alpha Gal Syndrome, and Lyme Disease.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Hunting season from early September to the end of March each year.
- Allowance for hunting on 3 large city parcel groups for citizens to hunt deer.
- Working with City Communications and Public Engagement to increase promotion of urban archery to encourage more bow hunting in the city.
- Encourage citizens with deer-related damage to apply for “Kill Permits” for deer during off hunting season.
- Estimates range between 5-10 thousand deer in the city at any given time.



DEER KILLED INFORMATION

Civilian Hunting Numbers for Last Five Years

2020 - 156 deer

2021 - 186 deer

2022 - 204 deer

2023 - 186 deer

2024 - 246 deer

Wildlife Culling Numbers

2016 - 416

2017 - 345

2018 - 217

2019 - 215

2020 - 13 (2.5 months)



REASONING FOR DISSOLUTION OF WILDLIFE PROGRAM IN 2020

- Hard to keep hourly/part-time employees on as it was their second or third jobs.
- The costs skyrocketed as we had to backfill positions with sworn LEO's OT rates.
- DWR told us that we could no longer use the .17 rifle to cull deer which cut our numbers nearly in half.
- The cull rate did not keep up with deer birth rates as does typically have 1-3 fawns a year.
- Difficulty culling deer with rifles in many of the neighborhoods in Boonsboro (area with the most complaints) due to safety and noise complaints.





FINAL THOUGHTS

- This is not solely a Lynchburg problem. Much of the state and certainly our region is dealing with the same problem.
- Continue working with City Communications and Public Engagement to develop a strong social media campaign to encourage hunting and/or allowing hunting on suitable properties.
- Encourage Citizens to apply for Kill Permits in off season with DWR.
- Strengthen the ban on deer feeding in the city by implementing year-round ban on feeding deer (Civil Fine). The state-wide ban is from September 1st to the first Saturday in January.
- Consideration of any options Council feels would be beneficial to help reduce deer population in near future.

LYNCHBURG WATER RESOURCES FY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

January 13, 2026

Physical Development Committee



ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT

- Lynchburg Water Resources publishes an Annual Report every fall to summarize department accomplishments and challenges.
- Includes a division-by-division recap of the past fiscal year.
- Highlights critical infrastructure projects completed and underway.
- Presents data that measures key performance indicators for the department.
- Spotlights employees in variety of roles.
- Provides an FY 2025 financial summary.





DRINKING WATER DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognized by VDH for the 20th consecutive year for drinking water three times cleaner than federal and state standards.
- Launched Water Service Line Inventory Program in compliance with revisions to EPA's Lead & Copper Rule, including about 20,000 customer notifications.
- College Hill Water Treatment Plant Coagulation Tanks underwent scheduled maintenance and painting.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 3.9 million gallons treated
 - 130,000+ laboratory tests
 - 676 service line surveys

WASTEWATER DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) received 2024 NACWA Gold Peak Performance Award.
- Launched Septic-to-Sewer Program to provide cost savings for citizens who choose to connect to City sewer system: 53 inquiries, 29 applications completed, 14 connections installed.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 4.6 billion gallons of wastewater treated
 - 29,730 wet tons of solids removed and disposed
 - 32,000+ laboratory tests run at WRRF





STORMWATER DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Focused on rehab of stormwater ponds, including Breezewood and College Park, to build resiliency and improve water quality.
- Advanced Outfall Rehabilitation and Streambank Stabilization programs.
- Updated floodplain management ordinance.
- Organized Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional training for 25 City employees from five different departments.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 7,549 storm inlets cleaned
 - 968 BMPs inspected

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

- Broke ground on major infrastructure projects: Blackwater CSO Tunnel, Main St Phase IV, Richland Hills Sewer, College Hill Utility Improvements.
- Completed Breezewood Pond Retrofit and Seabury-Hughes Utility Improvement projects.
- Completed sewer lining and manhole rehab in two SSES areas, with evaluations in two others.
- Two LWR engineers earned P.E. licenses.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 189 active capital projects
 - 2.7 miles of waterline replaced
 - 2.4 miles of sewer pipes lined
 - 133 fire hydrants replaced
 - 7.5 miles of root control





FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Responded to and repaired 67 water main breaks across Lynchburg.
- Increased hydro-excavation efforts as a safer, more efficient method of exposing underground water and sewer pipes.
- CCTV crews completed 90% of inspections in two top-priority areas of the city.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 78 water service lines installed
 - 111 miles of sewer/storm lines cleaned
 - 31.8 miles of sewer line TV'd
 - 354 hours of hydro-excavation

ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT

- Customer Service team responded to 3,221 customer requests.
- Meters Division installed 5,354 cellular read meters to expand EyeOnWater Program.
- Safety Division updated AWIA RRA (Risk & Resiliency Assessment) and Emergency Response Plan Update, updated 400 lockout/tagout procedures at WRRF, added 25 handheld radios, replaced old AEDs.
- Technical Services Division repurposed two vacant positions to address growing cybersecurity threats and streamline work management and data collection.



OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Hosted several workshops for local teachers to assist with professional development related to water education.
- Water Wagon won Outreach Award.
- Hosted youth art contest, Water Tower Showdown, facility tours, stream cleanups, rain barrel workshops, volunteer/internship opportunities, social media campaigns.
- **FY 2025 numbers:**
 - 7,286 in-person interactions (3,422 students)
 - 26 group tours for 391 citizens
 - 174 gallons of grease collected
 - 79 social media posts alerting citizens of utility work





NEEDS & CHALLENGES

- 86 miles of waterline currently in need of replacement, 112 miles by 2045.
- \$27.4 million in Abert Water Treatment Plant upgrades needed over the next 7 years.
- Sanitary Sewer System renewal, similar to the water system we should renew 1% per year.
- Little debt capacity in the Stormwater Fund to address significant infrastructure needs such as Fort Avenue flooding and failing infrastructure.
- Retirements in key positions – need to remain competitive with pay.

HAPPENING IN FY 2026

- Work continues on critical infrastructure projects (CSO Tunnel, Downtown Renewal, Richland Hills sewer, College Hill).
- College Lake's stream restoration was completed in November.
- Three major neighborhood projects will break ground: Fillmore Street; College Park Stormwater; Daniel's Hill (South).
- Anticipating new FEMA floodplain maps to be shared with citizen review period.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

January 13, 2026

PRESENTED BY

Joseph Newland, City Engineer

AGENDA ITEM # III.4

Additional VDOT Lane Mileage FY27

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached resolution requesting Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to increase the official City Street lane mileage for reimbursement of highway maintenance funds for FY 2027.

SUMMARY

When required, usually each year, the City submits a list of new or improved streets to VDOT for acceptance into the street maintenance system for payments to the City from the Commonwealth. For FY 2027, staff has identified 0.20 lane miles of street segments that need to be added. These street segments are shown on the attached map and VDOT U-1 Form.

This action is required by VDOT to add these segments to the system.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

None

FISCAL IMPACT

0.20 additional lane miles will increase highway maintenance funds in the amount of \$3,526 annually.

CONTACT(S)

Joseph Newland, City Engineer
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. RESOLUTION
2. U1 FORM 2027
3. Cohen Place
4. VDOT Lane Mileage FY27 powerpoint

REVIEWED BY

Gaynelle Hart

Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works

Date: December 29, 2025



Gregory Patrick, Deputy City Manager

Date: January 08, 2026



Alicia Finney, Clerk of Council

Date: January 08, 2026

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requires action to increase the lane mileage for street maintenance entitlement funds from the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, 0.20 lane miles of local and arterial streets have been identified to be added to the system; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Lynchburg City Council requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to approve the addition of lane mileage as enumerated in the Urban Inventory Change Request Application.

Adopted: _____

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

Appendix B
Form U-1 (rev. 7-1-17)

LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION
VDOT
REQUEST FOR STREET ADDITION, DELETIONS AND CONVERSIONS FOR
STREET PAYMENTS SECTION 33.2-319
CODE OF VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY Lynchburg

DISTRICT Lynchburg

ACTION REQUIRED (SELECT BELOW)	STREET NAME ROUTE NUMBER	FROM	TERMINI	TO	R/W (Width) (FEET)	PAVEMENT WIDTH (FEET)	CENTER LANE (MILES)	NUMBER OF LANES	MOVING LANE MILES	Eligibility Code Reference Link	FUNC. CLASS. (TMPD USE except for HR and NOVA)
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* Council Resolution and Map Attached

SIGNED _____
MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL DATE

SIGNED _____
AUTHORIZED VDOT OFFICIAL DATE

Submit to: District Point of Contact in triplicate

CLASSIFIED BY _____
T&MPD ENGINEER DATE

Code #

Select one

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Description

Road and Street Criteria-50'R/W and 30' hard surface

40' R/W and silent on pavement on cul-de-sac

16' pavement width of part of secondary system prior to annexation or incorporation which includes anyth

30' R/W,16' pavement width if established prior to 1 July 1950. They don't have to be built but established

SSR requirement if built after 1 Jan 1996-varies from 18' to 29' pavement width depending on the type of r

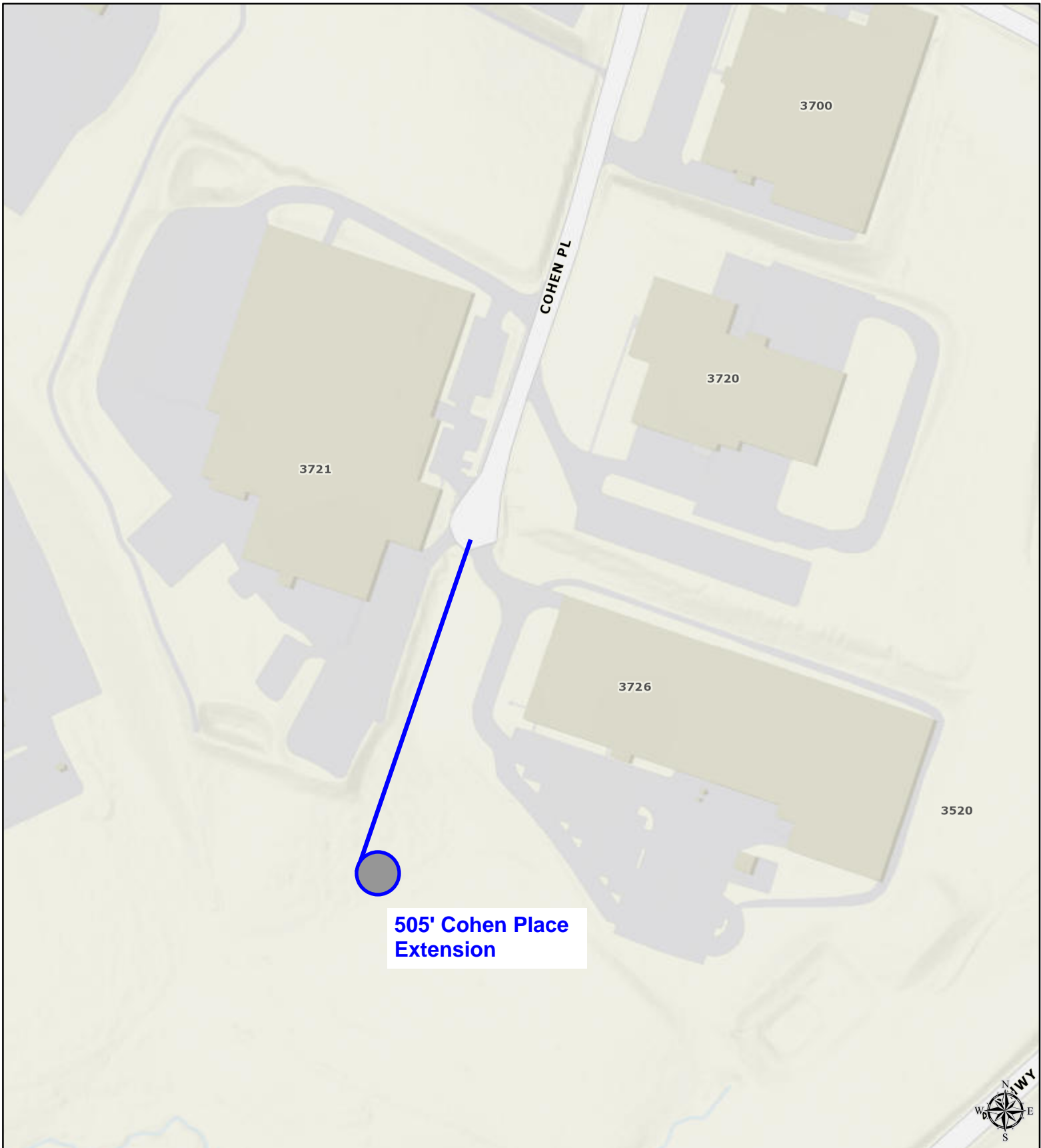
40' R/W,16' pavement width if one way street, loop road and school bus entrances

40' R/W,18' pavement width if 70% or more development land has a natural grade of at least 20%

ing is secondary system that VDOT was maintaining
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oadway (curb, gutter, ditches etc.). The requirement can be found in 1996 and 2009 Subdivision

Street Requirements published by VDOT)



FY2026 Lane Additions



DISCLAIMER: THIS MAP IS NEITHER A LEGALLY RECORDED MAP NOR A SURVEY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED AS SUCH. THE INFORMATION DISPLAYED IS A COMPILATION OF RECORDS, INFORMATION, AND DATA OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS ACCURACY OR HOW CURRENT IT MAY BE.

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1 inch = 200 feet 1:2,400

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ADDITIONAL CITY STREET MILEAGE

January 13, 2026



PURPOSE & ACTION

Purpose:

To increase the City's street mileage for reimbursement of Highway Maintenance Funds from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Approve the attached Resolution as required by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Why:

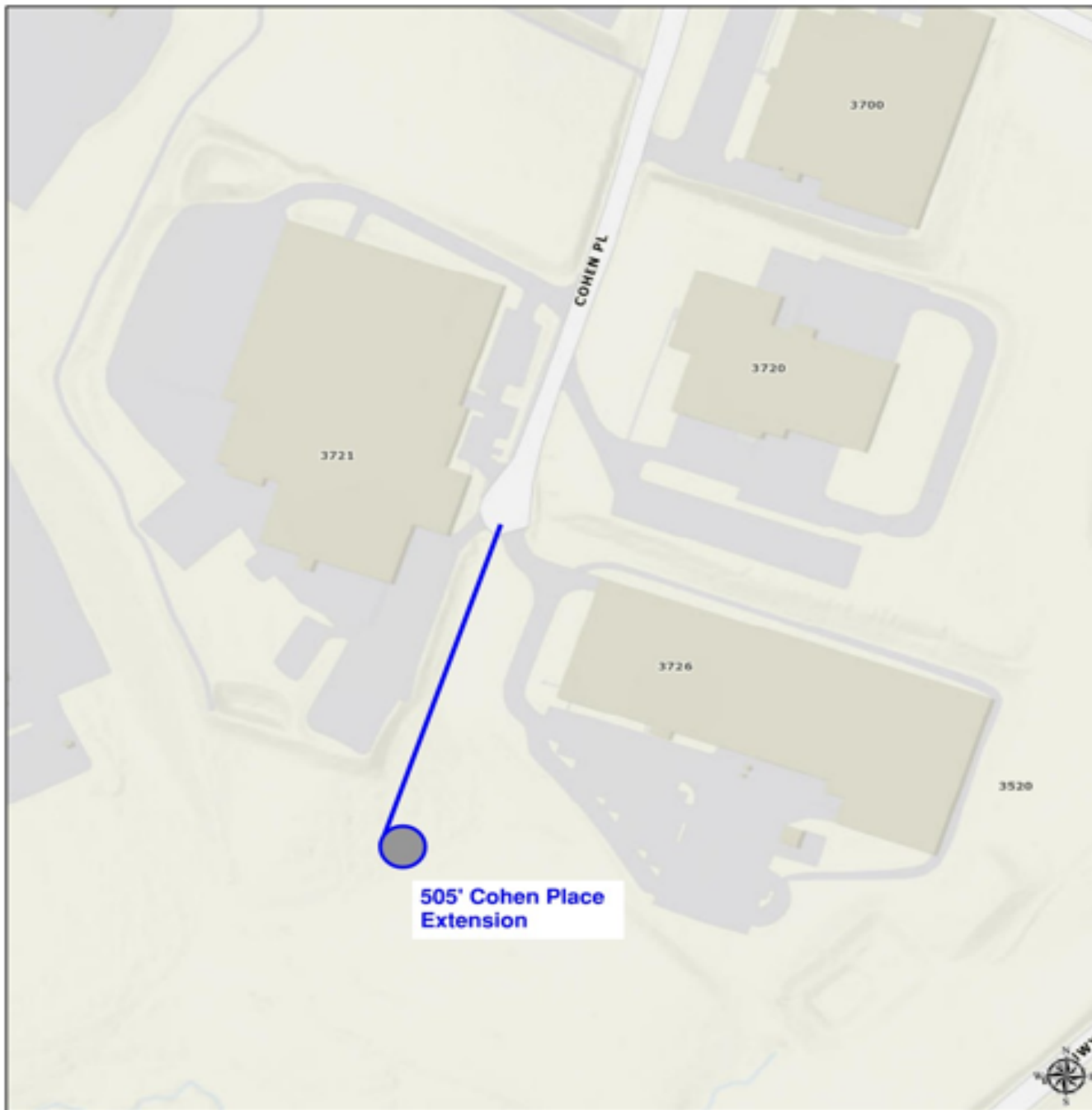
The Commonwealth Transportation Board pays localities to maintain their own streets as set in State Code Sect. 33.2-319.

SUMMARY

- Every year staff identifies street segments that have been added.
- This year, 0.20 lane miles were identified to be added.
- Mileage will increase annual payments by \$3,526 at current rates.
- Lynchburg has 208.06 miles of arterials and 614.25 miles of collector/local streets.
- Lynchburg will receive \$17,074,316 for FY 2026.

FY 2027 ADDITION

- Cohen Place Extension



FY2026 Lane Additions