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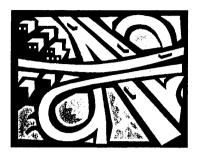
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SECTION 4 Transportation

## PREFACE

The intent of the Transportation Plan is to identify existing transportation facilities and provide a framework for making the best use of those facilities to further the Comprehensive Planning goals. The Transportation Plan is designed to minimize the impact of through traffic on residential, agricultural, and forestal lands, and to maximize the benefits of safe access for commercial, industrial, and commuter uses through a multi-modal transportation system.

A major component of the Transportation Plan is the Major Thoroughfare Plan, which serves as a complement to the General Land Use Plan. Its purpose is to identify improvements to existing corridors and identify new corridors to accommodate future land development. Each corridor is assigned a functional classification. The importance of the classification is to identify needed right-of-way and provide typical design cross sections for each road classification.

The Hanover County Planning Department is the agency responsible for reviewing applications for rezoning, which often involves negotiating proffers as part of the rezoning process. Proffers may include a cash contribution that will be applied to future off-site improvements to the major thoroughfare road network or may include the actual construction of a portion of such off-site improvements. In addition to cash contributions and road improvements, road proffers often include right-of-way dedications as a means of assembling sufficient right-of-way along the thoroughfares identified in the Major Thoroughfare Plan.