

**Town of Georgia**  
**Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements**

The Selectboard of the Town of Georgia, County of Franklin, State of Vermont hereby adopts the following policy: Policy for Transportation Construction and Improvements.

1. Road and road related improvements shall be constructed or installed in accordance with sound engineering practice and this policy.
2. The construction guidelines and standards contained as part of this policy are considered minimum standards. The Selectboard may impose a stricter requirement if, in their opinion, traffic or other conditions warrant.
3. All new culverts shall be a minimum of eighteen inches (18") in diameter. The Road Commissioner may require larger culverts at his discretion. The size may be reduced only, if determined by the Road Commissioner, it will not adversely affect roads, drainage, or property. Culverts shall be either corrugated metal pipes or smooth bore plastic pipes but shall require approval of the Road Commissioner. A minimum of 10" of compacted fill shall be placed over the top of the culvert. All driveways shall be constructed to prevent erosion and sedimentation of town roads and ditches and so that water runs off the sides of the driveway and not into the road. Driveways must be designed and maintained for safe sight distance and traffic safety.
4. New and replacement bridges and culverts (48" in diameter and larger) will meet the 25-year event or "Q-25" standard.
5. Roadside ditches shall be treated to minimize erosion and to remove sediments and other pollutants from runoff water by:
  - a. seeding and mulching ditches having a slope of less than 2.5%;
  - b. use of erosion matting and seeding in ditches with slopes between 2.5% and 5%;
  - c. stone lining ditches having a slope of 5% or greater.
6. All bridges shall have a minimum of two-lane width except the following: Falls Rd. Bridge #30, any bridge on a Class IV road or legal trail.
7. The Selectboard hereby adopts the following construction guidelines and or standards from the Vermont Agency of Transportation which are considered integral to this policy, and which shall augment the previously adopted Road Standards adopted by the Georgia Selectboard on 2/27/95:
  - a. A-2 1 Class 3 Town Highway guidelines for ADT 0-250
  - b. A-22 Class 3 Town Highway guidelines for ADT 250-400
  - c. A-23 Other than Class 3 Highway guidelines for ADT 0-400
  - d. A-24 Guidelines for All ADT Highways 400-750
  - e. A-25 Guidelines for All ADT Highways 750 +<50 mph
  - f. A-26 Guidelines for All ADT Highways 750+> or = 50 mph
  - g. A-76 Design Standard for Town and Development Roads (to be used with Town Standard)
  - h. B-11 Design Standard for Underdrain
  - i. B-71 Design Standard for Residential and Commercial Drives
  - j. D-2 Design Standard for Headwalls and other reinforcement
  - k. D-3 Design Standard for Treated Gutters
8. The Selectboard reserves the right to modify the standards of this policy for a particular project where, due to unique physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility the project can be completed in conformance with these standards and where they find that the general objectives of these standards are satisfied after a study of local conditions requiring changes. Fiscal reasons are not a basis for modification.

9. Any new road, whether or not that road is proposed to be conveyed to the Town, may be reviewed by the Selectboard and may be required to be constructed according to the minimums of this policy if it is determined necessary to protect roads, rights of ways, drainage or property of the Town of Georgia or private property owners.

10. The Selectboard shall make final decisions over all questions arising during construction of new roads and shall approve all field changes.

Passed and adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Georgia, State of Vermont on May 14, 2001.

Selectboard Chair, Kirk Waite	_____
Selectboard Vice Chair, Colin Conger	_____
Eric Nye, II	_____
Gerald Baitz	_____
Gilles Rainville, Sr.	_____

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board on May 14, 2001.