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Senator S. L. Ferguson,  
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Senator Ferguson:

For some time the chairman of the State Highway Commission, Mr. Henry G. Shirley, and I have been considering ways and means to coordinate more closely the work of the State and County road authorities.

The State highway system comprises 5244 miles. The total road mileage of the State is 59,000 miles. The State highway system is being increased by 260 miles each year. Each particular road must, of course, be maintained and constructed solely by either the state or the county. Divided responsibility would be ineffective and result in much confusion.

That the program of closer co-operation with the county authorities may be started I have called a meeting at Farmville at 1 P. M. on November 12th, and to this meeting the members of the boards of supervisors, county officials, and all citizens generally of the following counties have been invited: Bedford, Franklin, Henry, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Campbell, Appomattox, Charlotte, Buckingham, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Greensville, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Amelia, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Goochland, Powhatan and Henrico.

I am sending you this personal invitation in the hope that you can be present. In advance I want to assure you that the state has no desire to interfere in local road affairs and only to be helpful in securing a more efficient administration. After Mr. Shirley and I have explained the plans of the state administration, time will be allotted for a free discussion on the part of those present. I would be grateful to be advised by you that you will be present on that day to confer with us on this important subject.

Very cordially yours,

PLEASE INVITE OTHER CITIZENS OF YOUR COUNTY TO ATTEND.

