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Supervisors are slated to discuss and vote on the ordinance at their meeting Monday, Aug. 5.

### **Current impact fee**

The impact fee rate paid by developers is currently \$3,147 and is based on a calculation that estimates the number of vehicles a project adds during peak travel time between 4 and 6 p.m.

According to Michael Christopher, Washington Township manager, the impact fee was originally set at \$2,714 in 2005 and was raised to \$3,147 in 2008.

Funds generated through the impact fee are to go towards completing the multi-million dollar Washington Township Boulevard relief route — which is designed to run from Route 16 in Rouzerville to Route 16 west of Waynesboro.

To this point Washington Township Boulevard has not been completed, since the economic downturn hit the area.

Supervisors hope lowering the fee will encourage growth.

### **Refunds**

Whether refunds will be given to developers who paid higher impact fee rates is still unknown.

“If there is an issue, we'll deal with requests for refunds as we receive them,” said John Lisko, Washington Township solicitor.