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Periodic Review Report of Findings

Agency name	Commonwealth Transportation Board
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	24 VAC30-325
Regulation title	Urban Maintenance and Construction Policy
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This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC7-10), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual for Publication of Virginia Regulations*.

Acronyms and Definitions

Please define all acronyms used in this Report. Also, please define any technical terms that are used in the document that are not also defined in the "Definition" section of the regulations.

There are no acronyms or technical terms that are used in this report or technical terms that need to be defined.

Legal Basis

Please identify (1) the agency or other promulgating entity, and (2) the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulatory change, including the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia or Acts of Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable. Your citation must include a specific provision, if any, authorizing the promulgating entity to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency or promulgating entity's overall regulatory authority.

This regulation was promulgated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and provides internal and external instructions in the administration of maintenance and construction payments for qualifying cities and towns, including clarifying satisfactory design standards and

lane mileage eligibility. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is authorized generally to adopt regulations for the protection of and covering traffic on and for the use of systems of state highways pursuant to § 33.2-210 of the *Code of Virginia*, and is specifically authorized to approve payments for maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of highways to all cities and towns eligible for funds under § 33.2-319 of the *Code of Virginia*. Such payments, however, shall only be made if those highways functionally classified as principal and minor arterial roads are maintained to a standard satisfactory to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Alternatives

Please describe any viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the regulation that were considered as part of the periodic review. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving its purpose.

No viable alternatives were considered as part of this periodic review.

Public Comment

Please summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency response. Ensure to include all comments submitted: including those received on Town Hall, in a public hearing, or submitted directly to the agency or board. Please indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.

There were no comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review.

Effectiveness

Pursuant to § 2.2-4017, please indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), including why the regulation is (a) necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and (b) is clearly written and easily understandable.

The regulation is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, as it is needed to specify the appropriate design standards to which urban highways should be constructed and maintained in order for the cities and towns in which those urban highways are located to be eligible for certain state funds. The design standards ensure the safety of the public as well as to facilitate the efficient movement of people and commercial goods on those highways. The regulation is clearly written and easily understandable.

Decision

Please explain the basis for the rulemaking entity's decision (retain the regulation as is without making changes, amend the regulation, or repeal the regulation).

The Commonwealth Transportation Board is proposing to retain this regulation without making changes.

Small Business Impact

As required by § 2.2-4007.1 E and F of the Code of Virginia, include a discussion of the agency's consideration of: (1) the continued need for the regulation; (2) the nature of complaints or comments received concerning the regulation from the public; (3) the complexity of the regulation; (4) the extent to which the regulation overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal or state law or regulation; and (5) the length of time since the regulation has been evaluated or the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by the regulation. Also, discuss why the agency's decision, consistent with the stated objectives of applicable law, will minimize the economic impact of regulations on small businesses.

There is a continued need for this regulation because it specifies the appropriate design standards to which urban highways should be constructed and maintained in order for the cities and towns in which those urban highways are located to be eligible for certain state funds and provides internal and external instructions in the administration of maintenance and construction payments for qualifying cities and towns. The regulation is not overly complex. There is no overlap, duplication, or conflict with federal or state law or regulation. The regulation does not impact small businesses, other than by promoting the efficient movement of people and commercial goods on urban highways.