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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jo Anne P. Maxwell
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FROM: Julie M. Whitlock
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DATE: December 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Considering Requests for Restricting Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways

At your request, I have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Guidelines for Considering Requests for Restricting Through Trucks on Primary and Secondary Highways (24VAC30-580), made after a periodic review pursuant to § 2.2-4007.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and Executive Order 14 (2018). This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.

Virginia Code § 33.2-210 provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the power and duty to make regulations that are not in conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth for the protection of and covering traffic on and for the use of systems of state highways and shall have the authority to add to, amend, or repeal such regulations.

In my capacity as legal counsel for the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, it is my legal opinion that the suggested changes to the Guidelines are within the authority granted to the Board.

Further, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4002(B)(11), this regulatory action is exempt from the Administrative Process Act.