



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget **Economic Impact Analysis**

24 VAC 30-41 Rules and Regulations Governing Relocation Assistance
Department of Transportation
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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order 19. The analysis presented below represents DPB’s best estimate of the potential economic impacts as of the date of this analysis.¹

Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) proposes to remove the Document Incorporated by Reference (DIBR) "Guidance Document for Determination of Certain Financial Benefits to Displacees, effective October 1, 2014" and all references to the DIBR within the regulatory text. Per the regulations of the Virginia Code Commission, the material in a DIBR “becomes the text of the regulation and an enforceable part of the regulation” (1VAC7-10-140).

Background

In order for (VDOT) to receive federal financial assistance for highway projects, the *Rules and Regulations Governing Relocation Assistance* (24 VAC 30-41) is required to implement the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 USC § 4601 et seq.). The regulation provides for relocation of displaced persons and personal property in a timely manner to meet the needs of those persons and to achieve project schedules.

¹ Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the analysis should include but not be limited to: (1) the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulatory action would apply, (2) the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, (3) the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, (4) the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and (5) the impact on the use and value of private property.

The current regulation incorporates by reference “Guidance Document for Determination of Certain Financial Benefits for Displacees, eff. October 1, 2014,” and includes several references to it within the regulatory text. According to VDOT, the document is no longer used by the agency and does not provide relevant information to the public about available relocation benefits. Thus, the Board proposes to remove the DIBR and all references to the DIBR within the regulatory text.

Estimated Benefits and Costs

Since the DIBR is no longer used by the agency and does not provide relevant information to the public about available relocation benefits, removing the DIBR and references to it would have no impact beyond perhaps saving readers of the regulation time spent on irrelevant information.

Businesses and Other Entities Affected

The proposed amendments potentially affect readers of regulations.

The Code requires DPB to assess whether an adverse impact may result from the proposed regulation.² An adverse impact is indicated if there is any increase in net cost or reduction in net benefit for any entity, even if the benefits exceed the costs for all entities combined.³ As the proposal neither increases cost nor reduces benefit, no adverse impact is indicated.

Small Businesses⁴ Affected:⁵

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect small businesses.

² Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.04(D): In the event this economic impact analysis reveals that the proposed regulation would have an adverse economic impact on businesses or would impose a significant adverse economic impact on a locality, business, or entity particularly affected, the Department of Planning and Budget shall advise the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance.

³ Statute does not define “adverse impact,” state whether only Virginia entities should be considered, nor indicate whether an adverse impact results from regulatory requirements mandated by legislation. As a result, DPB has adopted a definition of adverse impact that assesses changes in net costs and benefits for each affected Virginia entity that directly results from discretionary changes to the regulation.

⁴ Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as “a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.”

⁵ If the proposed regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include: (1) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation, (2) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents, (3) a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on

Localities⁶ Affected⁷

The proposal neither disproportionately affects particular localities nor affects costs for local governments.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments do not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments do not affect either the use and value of private property or costs related to the development of real estate.

affected small businesses, and (4) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation. Additionally, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules shall be notified.

⁶ “Locality” can refer to either local governments or the locations in the Commonwealth where the activities relevant to the regulatory change are most likely to occur.

⁷ § 2.2-4007.04 defines “particularly affected” as bearing disproportionate material impact.