



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

24 VAC 30-71– Minimum Standards of Entrances to State Highways
Department of Transportation
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

Pursuant to Chapters 863 and 928 of the 2007 *Acts of Assembly*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) has developed implemented and comprehensive highway access management regulations. The Access Management Regulations: Principal Arterials [24 VAC 30 - 72] took effect on July 1, 2008 and the Access Management Regulations: Minor Arterials, Collectors, and Local Streets [24 VAC 30 - 73] took effect October 14, 2009. The promulgation of these two regulations has consequently made the Minimum Standards of Entrances to State Highways regulation [24 VAC 30-71] obsolete. Accordingly, the Board proposes to repeal this regulation as it is superseded by the other two regulations.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The Minimum Standards of Entrances to State Highways do not contain any significant provisions that are not also in other regulations. Thus there is no cost to repealing these regulations. There may be a small benefit to repealing in that some confusion may be avoided. Individuals who read these regulations may not know to look for additional relevant rules in the new comprehensive highway access regulations. Once these regulations are repealed that potential for confusion will be eliminated.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments potentially affect individuals and firms who apply for entrance permits and construct entrances connecting their businesses, residences, or subdivisions to a highway.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendments do not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposal amendments will not affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments will not affect the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments will not significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments will not significantly affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments will not affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 107 (09). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small

businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.