



VDOT

Status of Chapter 527 Implementation Plan

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- Summary of Chapter 527 requirements
- Technical Committee Membership
- Policy Advisory Committee Membership
- Features of Traffic Impact Analysis Regulation (24 VAC 30-155)
- Timeline for Completion

- Legislation Proposed by Governor Kaine
- Unanimously approved by General Assembly
- Foundation for Continuing Effort to Improve Transportation and Land-Use Coordination

Added § 15.2-2222.1 and amended § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia

- 15.2-2222.1 covers VDOT review of local development proposals
- 15.2-2223 covers required elements of local comprehensive plans
- Requires VDOT to develop regulations to implement 15.2-2222.1
- Requires submission of cost/fee report to General Assembly in December

- § 15.2-2222.1 provisions – Submittal required if item will substantially affect transportation on a state-controlled highway
- Require localities to submit comprehensive plans, parts of plans, or amendments to VDOT for review and comment before they are approved
 - Require localities to submit the proposed rezonings to VDOT; the proposal application shall include a traffic impact statement if required
 - Require localities to submit subdivision plats, site plans or plans of development to VDOT; submittal shall include supplemental traffic analysis if required

- Review requirements are supplemental to, and shall not affect, any requirement for review by VDOT or the locality under any other provision of law
- VDOT to impose fees and charges for the review of submissions pursuant to the statute, not to exceed the actual cost to VDOT, or \$ 1,000, whichever is less

§15.2-2223 provisions:

- Change existing requirement for transportation “elements” of comprehensive plan to transportation “plan”
- The transportation plan should recognize and differentiate among a hierarchy of roads such as expressways, arterials, and collectors
- VDOT required to provide assistance if requested

Membership representing:

- Virginia Association of Counties (VACO)
- City of Chesapeake
- Goochland County
- Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
- VDOT District and Central Office Staff
- Virginia Transportation Research Council

Met in June and July to develop initial draft

Membership representing:

- Virginia Association for Commercial Real Estate
- Piedmont Environmental Council
- Home Builders Association of Virginia
- Coalition of High Growth Communities
- Virginia Association of Counties (VACO)
- City of Roanoke
- Goochland County
- Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Ongoing meetings to provide input as regulation is finalized

Set out

- What constitutes “substantial impact to transportation on a state controlled highway”
- Required elements of a traffic impact statement and supplemental analysis
- Standard assumptions for use in preparation of traffic analysis
- Proposed outline for fee structure

Draft Definition of "substantial impact" on state controlled highway:

- Comprehensive Plan or amendment that may generate at least 2,000 VPD (approximately 200 new homes) more than current plan
- Rezoning and Site Plans:
 - In locality where VDOT maintains local roads, 100 VPH in peak hour at connection to state highway
 - In locality where locality maintains local roads, 1,000 VPD and within 3,000 ft of state highway
 - Generates more than 200 VPD and more than doubles current traffic on state highway (this is intended to cover narrow or unpaved rural highways)

Required elements of a traffic impact statement or supplemental analysis

- Describe proposal, its impact, and possible remediation
- Vary based upon traffic generated
- Include analysis of:
 - Current traffic
 - Future traffic without proposed development
 - Future traffic with proposed development

Cover standard assumptions and methodology for traffic study, but can be modified by agreement of VDOT and locality

- Data collection
- Trip generation methodology
- Internal capture and pass-by trip rates
- Level of service calculation
- Traffic signal warrant analysis

Fee structure based upon type of submission and traffic generated, but will be adjusted based upon results of Research Council's study

- No charge for locality-initiated actions
- VDOT to provide refund if collected amount exceeds actual cost
- Charges limited to no more than \$1,000

- September 25 – Hold public hearing on draft regulation
- September 30 – Finish cost study interviews
- October 13 – Complete collection of cost study survey information
- November 10 – Complete cost study summary
- November 15 – Present final regulation to CTB
- December 11 – Publish final regulation in *The Virginia Register*
- July 1, 2007 – Regulation effective

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