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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Surveyors, Engineers*, & File

FROM: Anne Ducey-Ortiz, Interim Planning Director

DATE: June 30, 2008

SUBJECT: Implementation of Chapter 527 Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Regulations

As you may be aware, there have been several recent changes in legislation regarding transportation. These include the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Regulations that were the result of legislation initiated by Governor Timothy M. Kaine and unanimously approved by the 2006 General Assembly. These regulations establish procedures by which localities submit projects that will affect the state-controlled transportation network to VDOT for review and comment.

Beginning January 1, 2008, VDOT's Fredericksburg Residency began implementation of Chapter 527 regulations. For the first six months of implementation, only sites generating a large number of peak hour trips (500 VPH) met the thresholds for a submittal of the required TIA. Beginning July 1, 2008 all submittals meeting thresholds outlined in the regulations will be required to submit a completed TIA in accordance with Chapter 527 guidelines.

In order for our office to adequately review applications and facilitate the required review by VDOT, be advised of the following:

Effective July 1, 2008 all applications for Major Subdivisions and Rezonings will require a completed Chapter 527 Compliance Form indicating the proposed project does or does not meet the thresholds for a Traffic Impact Analysis as outlined in the Chapter 527 guidelines and a VDOT Landtrack Information Sheet with application details.

If indicated by the Compliance Form that an application **does** warrant a Chapter 527 analysis, the application will need to include all of the items listed on the

“Package Checklist” appropriate to the application type- either rezoning or subdivision. **This includes the fee, to be made payable to VDOT.**

For your reference, the required forms are attached to this letter. In addition, they can be downloaded at any time from the Planning Department website at www.gloucester.va.info/planning or the VDOT Chapter 527 webpage at www.virginiadot.org/projects/chapter527. Hard copies of the forms are available in our office as well. In addition to forms, the VDOT website contains a great deal of information regarding Chapter 527 including the TIA regulations from the State Code as well as the administrative guidelines.

Please contact VDOT if you have any questions regarding the Chapter 527 TIA regulations. If you have questions regarding the information required by our office for submittal, please contact us at 804-693-1224.

Enclosures: Chapter 527 Compliance Form
VDOT Landtrack Information Sheet
Subdivision Plan/Plat Package Checklist
Rezoning Package Checklist

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(*This policy was mailed in letter format to all surveyors and engineers in the Planning Department’s database on June 30, 2008.)