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September 3, 2004

In Reply Refer To
Application 2072

Ms. Barbara Wagoner
Supervisor
Roadway Express
804 Abtco Road
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659

Dear Ms. Wagoner:

Our investigation of your two STAA reasonable access route requests for Roadway Express is complete.

Route Number 2072-1 was previously approved on August 6, 1989. Once a route is approved, it remains in effect unless we subsequently determine it is an unsafe route. Therefore, this route is still approved and will not need to be investigated again. Therefore, the following route is approved.

Reasonable Access Request 2072-1: SR 2325 from US 421 (NTN) in Wilkes County northward to SR 2324, then northward on SR 2324 to SR 2318, then westward on SR 2318 to SR 2327, then northward on SR 2327 to NC 268, then westward on NC 268 to SR 2353, then westward on SR 2353 to the Roadway Express terminal located at 804 Abtco Road.

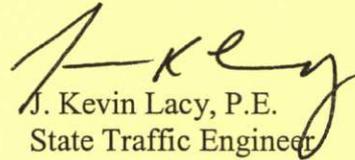
Route number 2072-2 is not approved due to the strict time restriction on consideration of reasonable access requests and the need to complete investigation and analysis of a pattern of truck involved failed brake crashes on US 421. Applicant is advised that resubmission of this request in approximately 90 days would allow the Department to complete a more exhaustive safety review of both the crash history and the escape ramp issues for trucks encountering the severe grade in the vicinity of Deep Gap. Until this additional safety analysis can be completed, the following route is **not approved**.

Reasonable Access Request No. 2072-2: US 421 from NC 16/18 in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County northward to Industrial Park Drive in Boone, Watauga County, then northward on Industrial Park Drive to the Carroll Leather Goods terminal at 278 Industrial Park Drive.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

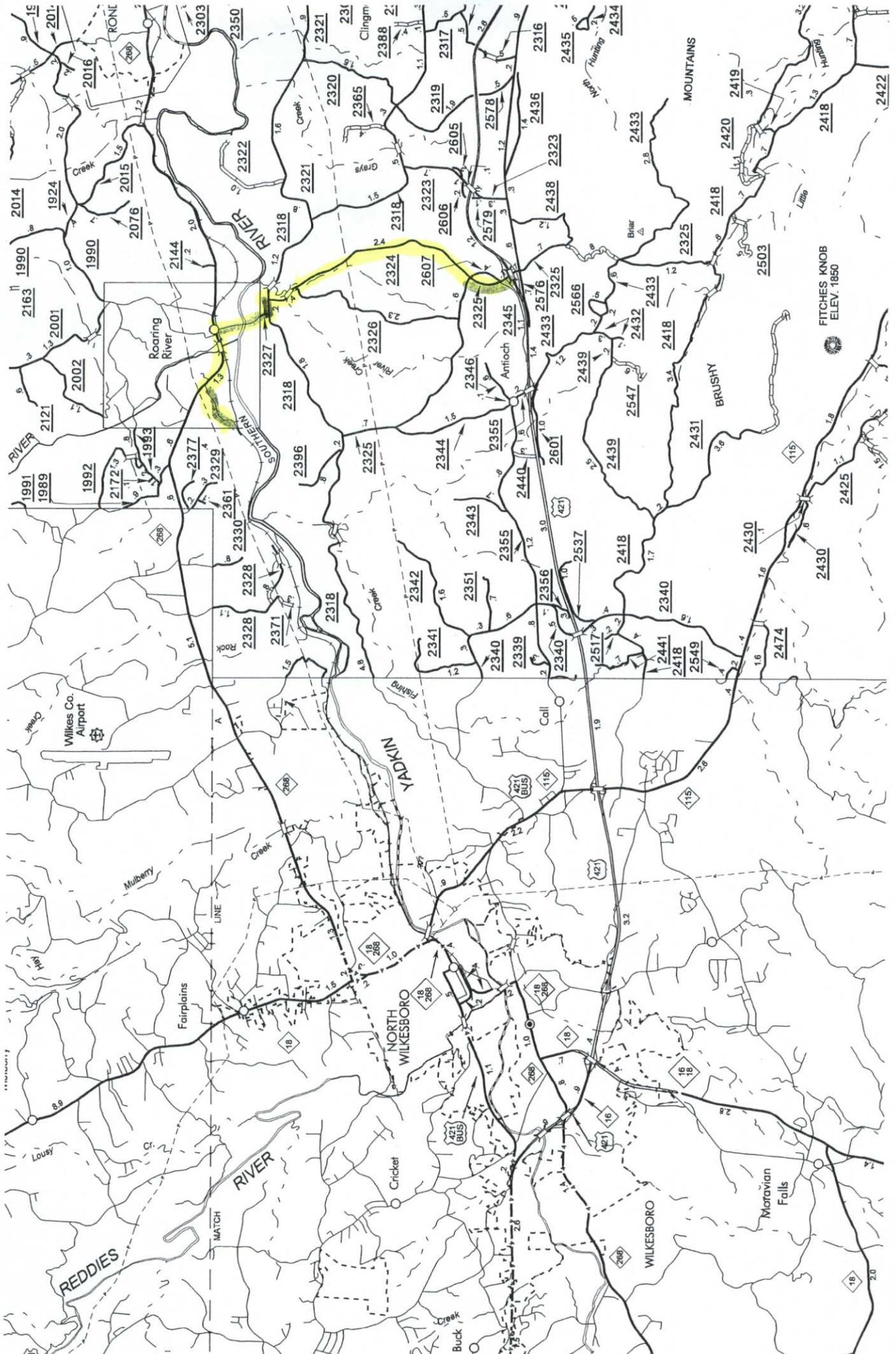


J. Kevin Lacy, P.E.
State Traffic Engineer

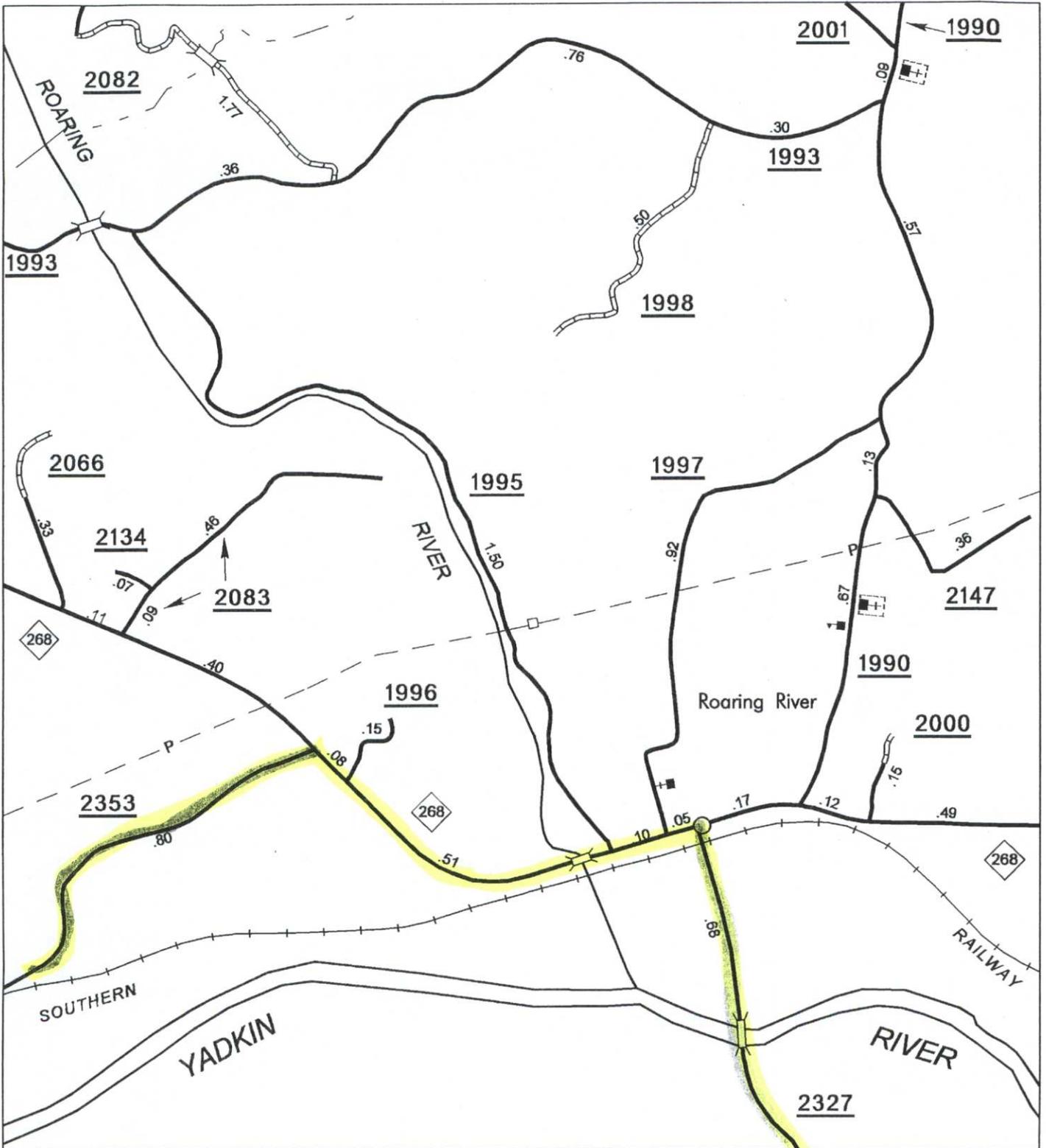
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cc: Samuel L. Erby, Board of Transportation Member
Major C. J. Carden, State Highway Patrol – Zone Operations
J. A. Hamrick, P.E., High Country Regional Traffic Engineer

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