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MEMORANDUM TO: Steve Varndoe, P.E., Chief Engineer of Operations
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Lacy Love, P.E., Director of Asset Management
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FROM: Sandy Nance, Assistant to the State Highway Administrator *Sandy Nance*

SUBJECT: Blue Star Highway Signage

At their May meeting, the Road & Bridge Naming Committee approved the installation of additional signage at certain locations on the Blue Star Highway System.

The Department receives numerous requests for honorary designations for military personnel, branches, war veterans, etc. Deputy Secretary Susan Coward also handles legislative inquiries on this issue. The extensive network (~1038 miles total) of Blue Star Highways honors all military personnel and Armed Forces. Some signs are in place, others are missing or in poor repair. The committee is not requesting any action on existing signs. The new sign locations are similar to the Korean War Anniversary signs that were installed at the entrance points to the state on the various interstate routes. The locations indicated on the map are interstate entrances into the state, near military installations, or major US routes.

Kevin Lacy and Ron King with the Traffic Engineering Branch have been involved with this request, both for design and location identification. The committee selected the sign design and wording for the new signs.

Kevin is working with Susan to identify funding for the design and installation of the signs. If additional signs were requested at a later date, the division would be responsible for the costs of those signs. The intent is not to install signs in every county or all BSH routes. We hope to have the signs in place this summer.

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Traffic Engineering will be in touch with each division regarding these signs. I just wanted you to know in case you see a letter from this office to a citizen/group referencing new Blue Star Highway signs.

Please let me know if you have any questions. As always, I appreciate your assistance with honorary road and bridge designations.

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Attachment

cc: Kevin Lacy, P.E., State Traffic Engineer
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