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SUBJECT: Reasonable Access for Truck Tractors with 53-foot Trailers

Effective immediately, we will no longer formalize reasonable access (RA) for truck tractors with 53-foot trailers in accordance with section 19A:02E.0426 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) unless a truck restriction exists on the requested or affected route.

It is my interpretation that the intent of the General Assembly through their legislative change in Section 5 of Session Law 2008-221 (effective September 1, 2008) changing General Statute §20-116 (e) was to allow truck tractors with 53-foot trailers on all public roads within North Carolina.

Therefore, please have appropriate Regional Traffic Engineering staff review existing type 41 ordinances (STAA Reasonable Access – 53' only) in their regions to see if there are also truck restrictions on those roadway segments. If restrictions exist then leave the ordinances in place but, if no restrictions exist, repeal the ordinance(s).

With regards to new requests for reasonable access, we will still review the requested route for truck restrictions. If no restrictions exist then formalized reasonable access is not necessary (unless the Regional Traffic Engineer recommends a restriction). If restrictions exist, or a restriction is recommended, then the reasonable access process will be followed.

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