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MORNING ROADS REMAIN DANGEROUS IN SHENANDOAH VALLEY

STAUNTON – (6:30 a.m.) Congestion has backed up traffic at least 10-miles on Interstate 81 northbound at mile marker 184 in Rockbridge County in the Lexington area. Both northbound lanes are closed from an earlier disabled vehicle. A detour has been set up at exit 180 (Natural Bridge) to Route 11 northbound with motorists re-entering I-81 at mile marker 191 at the I-64 interchange. It may take several hours for traffic to clear.

Most roads in the Shenandoah Valley remain in severe condition on Sunday morning after heavy snowfall in area. Motorists should not attempt to travel unless it is absolutely necessary.

Motorists are reminded that ice and freezing rain conditions can still produce hazardous driving conditions, even when roads are treated. People should not drive unless absolutely necessary. People who are driving in winter road conditions should use extra caution particularly on bridges, overpasses, curves, hills and ramps.

Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. In areas where 511 is unavailable, dial 1-866-MY511VA (866-695-1182). Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at 511Virginia.org.

For a chart of winter weather road conditions go the www.511Virginia.org site, look to the left side of the page and click on the “Road Conditions” bar. A map will appear with color coded roads. Right above the map is a link reading: “Click here for a list of road conditions, including secondary roads”. Click on this link, then in the drop-down box click on the desired county or Virginia statewide. A text box of road conditions will appear.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

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Closed – Roadway is closed; impassable

Severe – Significant accumulations of snow or ice blocking the roadway; conditions are hazardous

Moderate – Snow or ice covering a major portion of the roadway; passable with caution

Minor – Advisory, potential for icy patches or snow on roadway; passable with caution

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