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August 20, 2019

Mr. Paul Stam, Esq. Stam Law Firm, PLLC 510 W. Williams Street Post Office Box 1600 Apex, North Carolina 27502-1600

RE: Certified Copies

- American Traffic Solutions, Inc. Notice Letter
- Robert F. Rennebaum, PE Decision and Order

Dear Mr. Stam:

Enclosed, at your request, are copies of the above referenced items. I have certified these items as true and correct copies the official records as custodian of the public records for the Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aritter@ncbels.org or (919) 791-2000, extension 101.

Andrew L. Ritter

For the Board

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November 29, 2018

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I. Andrew L. Ritter, Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors, certify as custodian of the records of the Board that this document is a true and correct copy of the official record kept in the regular course of business, this the

day of august

American Traffic Solutions, Inc. Attn: Elizabeth Caraccialo 1150 N. Alma School Road Mesa, AZ 85201

RE: Case

Case No. V2018-026

American Traffic Solutions, Inc.

Dear Ms. Caraccialo:

You were previously notified that the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors had initiated an investigation concerning charges that American Traffic Solutions, Inc. is practicing or offering to practice engineering without a license as required by G.S. 89C. You were given the full opportunity to respond and we received a response from the Deputy General Counsel of American Traffic Solutions, Inc.

After a thorough consideration of the investigative materials, the Board's Review Committee has determined that there is sufficient evidence to support the charges that American Traffic Solutions, Inc. is practicing, or offering to practice, engineering and surveying in North Carolina, as defined in G.S. 89C-3(6) & (7), without being licensed with this Board and to place the company on notice that practicing, or offering to practice, engineering or surveying in North Carolina without being licensed with the Board, is a violation of G.S. 89C-24 and 55B.

At its regular meeting on November 28, 2018 the Board concurred with the recommendation of the Review Committee, which was to place American Traffic Solutions, Inc. on notice that practicing, or offering to practice, engineering in North Carolina without being properly licensed with the Board, is a violation of G.S. 89C-23 and that practicing, or offering to practice, engineering and surveying in North Carolina, as defined in G.S. 89C-3(6) & (7), without being licensed with this Board is a violation of G.S. 89C-24 and 55B. If the company fails to come into compliance, further action may be pursued by the Board as authorized in G.S. 89C-10(c) and 89C-23 to apply to the court for an injunction. The activities include, but are not limited to, producing engineering plans for the installation of red light camera installations and producing survey data for an authoritative purpose (to be relied upon) or to a stated accuracy must be done by a licensed professional land surveyor (PLS).

America Traffic Solutions, Inc. Ms. Elizabeth Caraccialo November 29, 2018 Page 2

You are hereby notified that the opinion expressed herein is not a final legal determination. An occupational licensing board does not have the authority to order discontinuance of current practices. Only a court may determine that the law has been violated or is being violated and, if appropriate, impose a remedy or penalty for the violation. Further, pursuant to G.S. 150B-4, and per Board Rule 21 NCAC 56.1205, you may have the right, prior to initiation of any court action by the occupational licensing board, to request a declaratory ruling regarding whether your particular conduct is lawful. You are further notified that any right to a declaratory ruling supplements any other legal rights that you may already have to establish the legality of your conduct with respect to the engineering services that are offered or provided.

We are available to answer questions and assist you in complying with the statutes. You may contact David S. Tuttle, Board Counsel, at <a href="mailto:dstuttle@ncbels.org">dstuttle@ncbels.org</a> or (919) 791-2000, extension 111.

For the Board,

Andrew L. Ritter Executive Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

I. Andrew L. Ritter, Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors, certify as custodian of the records of the Board that this document is a true and correct copy of the official record kept in the regular course of business, this the 20 day of Quarks

NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

WAKE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:

Robert F. Rennebaum, PE License No. 034779

DECISION AND ORDER Case No. V2018-092

Pursuant to the provisions of G. S. 150B and Chapter 89C-21 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and sections .1402 and .1403, Title 21, Chapter 56 of the North Carolina Administrative Code by NOTICE OF CONTEMPLATED BOARD ACTION dated April 17, 2019, you were notified that the Board had sufficient evidence which supports a charge of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct. You were further advised that unless a request for hearing or settlement conference to rebut the charges was made by Certified Mail within twenty (20) days of receipt of notice, the Board would be justified in taking disciplinary action.

The general nature of the evidence on which the Board based its action was as follows:

That on Novemer 28, 2018, the Board authorized an investigative case and the resulting investigation determined that Robert F. Rennebaum, PE:

affixed seal to work not done under direct supervisory control (responsible charge) [.0701(c)(3)]; aided or abetted another to evade or attempt to evade the provisions of G. S. 89C [G. S. 89C-16]; and failed to comply with the Standard Certification Requirements [.1103] by not including date of signing [.1103(a)(4)], failing to include address on documents [.1103(a)(6)], and failing to include firm license number on documents [.1103(a)(6)].

Since twenty (20) days have elapsed since receipt of the Board Notice by you on April 22, 2019 the Board by its Decision and Order, hereby issues Robert F.Rennebaum, PE, a Reprimand, Levy a Civil Penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid

within thirty (30) days of this Decision and Order, and Require Proof, within six months of date of Decision and Order, of passing the Engineering Ethics Intermediate Course offered by the Murdough Center of Texas Tech University.

Failure to comply with the Decision and Order will result in suspension of the Certificate of Licensure, immediately as of the date of the failure to comply and violation of the Decision and Order, and continuing until compliance is shown. Course hours do not count toward annual mandatory CPC requirements.

The Board's decision is now final and not subject to appeal.

This  $28^{\mu}$  day of May, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS



By: 

Andrew L. Ritter

**Executive Director**