DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of District 10-0 Construction Projects Due to COVID-19

TO: PennDOT Highway Construction Contractors on Projects Situated in District 10-0

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On March 16, 2020, Governor Wolf announced measures intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. In furtherance of that goal, PennDOT is temporarily suspending operations on all highway construction projects situated in certain geographic boundaries in Engineering District 10-0. The following is a summary of those boundaries and associated timelines:

- Armstrong County – 12:01am on Tuesday, March 17
- Butler County – 12:01am on Tuesday, March 17
- Clarion County – 12:01am on Tuesday, March 17
- Indiana County – 12:01am on Tuesday, March 17
- Jefferson County – 12:01am on Tuesday, March 17th

These suspensions will continue until further written notice from the Department.

PennDOT is taking this action pursuant to §105.01(b) of Publication 408. Contractors are advised to consult the following sections of Publication 408 with respect to their maintenance obligations during the temporary suspension: §105.13(b), with respect to maintenance of performed work; and §902 with respect to maintenance and protection of traffic during the temporary suspension. These services have been deemed necessary for public safety. Certain emergency contracts, or portions of those contracts, may be exempt from this suspension. Work site environmental stabilization tasks on certain construction projects may also be exempt from the suspension. Exemptions will be granted by the Department in writing to those specific contractors.

Requests for contract adjustments because of adverse impacts, if any, of the temporary suspension upon the cost and/or time of performing the respective contracts will be evaluated pursuant to Publication 408 §110.02(c). Please note that all such requests should be submitted after the resumption of work in accordance with all requirements of the specifications.

Questions during the temporary suspension should be directed to Paul Koza, P.E., Assistant District Executive for Construction, at pkoza@pa.gov or to the members of his staff assigned to the various projects at their respective email addresses.