Date: March 17, 2020

To: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Contractors Working on Turnpike Projects Statewide

From: Bradley J. Heigel, Chief Engineer

Re: Notice of Temporary Suspension of Work on Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Construction Projects Statewide Due to COVID-19

On March 12, 2020, Governor Wolf announced certain measures for specific counties intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In accordance with Governor Wolf’s announcement, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (“PTC”) temporarily suspended operations on all highway construction projects located within the following counties with the associated effective dates/times:

- Montgomery County – 12:01 a.m. on Friday, March 13th
- Chester County – 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th
- Bucks County – 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th

Governor Wolf has expanded the temporary suspension of work on all highway construction projects to include all counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania effective 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th.

All contractors conducting work on the Pennsylvania turnpike have previously been notified, however, this Memo is intended to memorialize the prior notice given. The temporary suspensions will continue in effect until further written notice from the PTC. This notice is being sent to you since you have at least one active construction contract with the Commission. You will not be getting a notice for every contract. You may also have received a similar notice on March 16, 2020 if you were conducting work in Montgomery, Bucks or Chester Counties.

PTC is taking this action in accordance with sections 105.01(b) and 107.16(c) of the Commission Specifications (CS).

During the suspensions, PTC contractors are advised to consult with the following sections of the Commission Specifications and Publication 408 with respect to their maintenance obligations during the temporary suspension: CS §105.13(b), which addresses maintenance obligations of performed work; and section 902 of Publication 408, with respect to maintenance and protection of traffic during the temporary suspensions.

PTC contractors working on PTC projects will be contacted to handle any emergencies and mission critical functions such as maintaining temporary traffic control, maintaining E&S control, E&S Site inspections, monitoring concrete under cure, concrete cylinder breaks and any other items that are deemed emergencies or mission critical during the suspension.
PTC Project Managers will contact contractors on an as needed basis to discuss the need for any specific emergency and mission critical work.

Contractor requests for adjustments due to adverse impacts, including requests for additional costs and/or extensions of time, if any, due to the temporary suspension of work must be timely submitted in writing in accordance with CS 110.02(c) following PTC’s notice to resume work. Requests will be evaluated by the Representative in accordance with CS 110.02(c).

Please direct all questions during the temporary suspension of work to Michael D. Shaak, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer - Construction at mshaak@paturnpike.com or to the Construction Management staff assigned to the Project at their respective email addresses.