DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Allegheny County Projects

TO: PennDOT Highway Construction Contractors on Projects Situated in Allegheny County

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On March 16, 2020, Governor Wolf announced measures for Allegheny County 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 within Allegheny County, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. This suspension will continue until further notice.

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. If a tow truck service is provided as part of the construction contract, those services are to remain active on the project throughout this temporary suspension. These services have been deemed necessary for public safety.

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 Jason Zang, P.E., Assistant District Executive for Construction, at jzang@pa.gov, or to the members of his staff assigned to the various projects at their respective email addresses.