

# **Guidelines for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on PTC Construction Projects Due to COVID-19**

As the Commonwealth responds to the unprecedented disruptions being caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the Governor's latest order directing all "Non-Life Sustaining" businesses to close by 8 P.M. on March 19, 2020, the following guidance is being offered on how to handle continuing support on transportation projects.

- ❖ Coverage of essential, mission critical, life sustaining functions at the project site during the shutdown can include both inspection activities and contractor resources to respond to any deficiencies that are identified as life sustaining or emergency response. Follow the attached guidelines issued in the “*Self-Monitoring and Social Distancing Guidelines for Construction Projects*” dated March 15, 2020 by PennDOT.
- ❖ The following operations are deemed life sustaining activities:
  - Maintenance & Protection of Traffic (MPT) Operations (Contractor)
    - According to Publication 408, 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. and as follows:
      - Contractor may perform a daily MPT inspection and should maintain a log\*\* of these inspections. \*\* See below for log information
      - Maintain and repair all traffic control devices.
  - Maintenance & Protection of Traffic Inspections (PTC)
    - Reduce to once per day and only perform these inspections for the same days of the week as the contractor's normal work schedule prior to the shutdown.
  - Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control (Contractor)
    - Visually inspect all E&S best management practices (BMPs)
      - Repair and maintain E&S BMPs to minimize impacts to life sustaining activities. Maintain a log\*\* of these inspections. \*\* See below for log information.
      - Perform these reviews after a precipitation event over ½”.
  - Environmental Visual Site Inspections (PTC)
    - After a precipitation event of over ½” for projects with NPDES permits. Follow requirements in the COM
    - Causeway monitoring for overtopping.
  - Emergency/Critical Bridge and Roadway Repairs (Contractor)
    - Notify PTC of any critical issue.
    - Mobilize to site and establish traffic control when directed by the PTC.

- Perform scope of work as directed by the PTC, including but not limited to guide rail/end treatment repairs
- Emergency/Critical Bridge and Roadway Repairs Inspection (PTC)
  - Notify contractor of a required critical issue repair.
  - Establish scope of work and direct work to be performed.
  - Inspect and document work being performed by contractor.
- Stabilization of project sites (Contractor)
  - Review project stabilization punch list previously developed at the project shutdown meeting.
    - In conjunction with the PTC, revise the project stabilization punch list to address only life sustaining activities.
  - Mobilize and perform punch list items, including traffic control as required.
- Stabilization of project sites (PTC)
  - Inspect and document work being performed by contractor

\*\* Contractor's inspection log will contain the following:

- Date
- Time
- Who performed the inspection. Their name printed along with a signature.
- Simple remarks of what the inspection revealed, and corrective actions taken for any deficiencies documented.
- Contractor must submit both the MPT & E&S inspection log to the PTC on a weekly basis through Kahua.