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Subject: Project Delays Due to COVID-19

To: Contracting Industry

At this time, MoDOT expects to proceed with contracts, construction inspection and administration and contractor payments to the planned completion of projects as called for in the contract documents.

MoDOT recognizes material shortages, halted production of materials, availability of subcontractors and illness or shuttering of the work force as all possible issues due to a health crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delays due to pandemics (“epidemics”) are specifically addressed in the Standard Specifications under Section 108.14.1 Excusable or Noncompensable Delay. **Appropriate extensions to contract time will be evaluated should a delay occur.** If this situation occurs, contractors may have multiple contracts impacted which will be evaluated for the overall impacts on an individual contractor’s work season schedule.

If you are asked to accelerate any work to get back on schedule, additional costs surrounding acceleration will be negotiated in advance of any directive.

Should progress on the subject project be delayed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact the Resident Engineer administering your contract as soon as possible so that MoDOT can evaluate the impact and take any necessary actions. You will be asked to describe specific details on the cause of the delay, as well as provide a revised schedule once work is able to resume.

We will continue to monitor developments and let you know of any new information as it develops.

Sincerely,

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