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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGION TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORS, PROGRAM ENGINEERS AND RESIDENT ENGINEERS
FROM: STEPHEN HARELSON, CHIEF ENGINEER
DATE: MAY 20, 2020
SUBJECT: BENTLEY SS2 USAGE SUNSET DATE

The use of Bentley software version V8i SELECTseries 2 (SS2) will sunset on June 30, 2021. The use of Bentley version SS2 will discontinue at the end of FY '21 given the many technological advancements in OpenRoads Designer CONNECT Edition (ORD) combined with other factors. One such factor is that formal Bentley support for SS2 expired in October of 2018. At this time, it appears version SS2 will continue to function until the sunset date. However, it is currently unclear whether future operating system updates etc. may impact SS2 functionality. Should a future update impact SS2 operation, it is unclear whether it will be possible to restore SS2 functionality.

The use of OpenRoads technology is highly encouraged prior to June 30, 2021. This is both given the uncertainty of continued SS2 functionality and to progress toward aligning the skills of Colorado practitioners with the latest technology. Practitioners currently have access to OpenRoads technology via Bentley version SS4 and CDOT is continuing to progress through its migration to ORD. Representatives from each region are presently piloting ORD on advanced hardware with the statewide rollout of ORD on this new hardware scheduled to begin this July. In addition to ORD, the new hardware image will also contain SS4 for legacy projects. The detailed ORD migration schedule will remain at:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1q1H5jW2Ez-_uZVeY17zuoNzO98wN-WhS

While project migration to ORD is highly encouraged whenever possible, this may not be practical for all projects. Fortunately, only a small number of projects have requested access to legacy SS2 hardware post-statewide ORD rollout. This hardware will be collected once Colorado SS2 usage sunsets. Similarly, a small number of projects are anticipated to continue in SS4 post-ORD rollout. In addition to migration to ORD, there is another recommendation specific to shelf projects. It is highly recommended that a full PDF plan set be produced for all shelf projects. This is a best practice and can provide some level of data retention insurance during this unique transition period.

Project Support is here for your project migration needs. Initiate any CADD support related help ticket by emailing CADD_support@cdot.mojohelpdesk.com. Place a brief description of your issue in the subject line and provide the issue details. Your ticket will be distributed to the most appropriate CADD support team member and a screen-share enabled session can be scheduled as needed.

Jerome Estes can answer relevant questions at Jerome.Estes@state.co.us or (303)757.9326.

