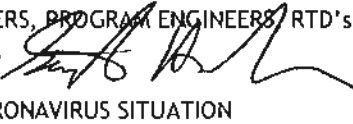




**MEMORANDUM**

TO: PROJECT ENGINEERS, RESIDENT ENGINEERS, PROGRAM ENGINEERS, RTD's  
FROM: STEPHEN HARELSON, CHIEF ENGINEER   
DATE: MARCH 17, 2020  
RE: CONSTRUCTION ISSUES DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

**Staff Safety**

CDOT, Consultant and Contractor staff should practice social distancing while working on projects-i.e. Keeping equipment clean and sanitized, not working while sick, and using virtual meeting techniques to minimize physical interaction between people. Contractors should update their safety plans to include CoronaVirus protocols. Stay out of the construction trailer—work by yourself in a vehicle. If a project is impacted by worker shortages-Contractor, CDOT or consultant staff-the project team shall work together to ensure that the work is completed safely and in accordance with the contract. If this is not possible with the resources available, and after consultation with the RTD and Chief Engineer, the scope of work underway shall be reduced or the project temporarily shut down.

**Public Safety**

As the pandemic proceeds, there could possibly be times when contractors are unable to prosecute their work as effectively as in non-crisis times. The top priority of all projects is to ensure that construction traffic control devices are in place, and maintained. If a project is shut down, the traffic control shall be maintained during the shut down. While recognizing that this is a rapidly evolving situation, and shut downs could occur quickly, it would be desirable to shut down projects in a manner that minimizes traffic control maintenance during the shut down-i.e. try to button up lane closure work, etc before leaving.

**Contract Issues**

In accordance with 108.08 (c), delays as a result of the Corona Virus situation are Non Compensable. Contractors may be entitled to contract time extension, but not monetary compensation. Project Engineers should keep track of both work slowing and stopping due to the situation. Projects under winter shutdown, and those that have been awarded but not commenced work should have frank conversations between the engineer and contractor to evaluate an appropriate restart or start date. Be fair. This is when Project First really means something and will pay dividends for all of the industry. Materials Testing certifications that have recently expired or will soon expire, are being accepted as valid



until June 1, so staff won't have to sit in classrooms during this crisis. The waiver will be extended as necessary.

Opportunities, Silver Linings, Lemonade out of Lemons.....

In the positive vein, with the limited traffic we are experiencing, there might be opportunities to take advantage and advance project work. Daytime paving and other work that would impact normal traffic flows might be able to occur in the coming weeks, when most of our customers are hunkering down and not driving. Look for such opportunities and partnerships with your contractors.

