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To: VDOT Contractor Partners

Subject: 2020 Paving Schedule Season Completion Dates

Recently, the Department informed our industry partners that we planned to modify the paving schedule calendar for 2020. We received extensive feedback regarding our planned modifications. Based on that feedback, we took the opportunity to further engage with our industry partners. We are writing to let you know that, working with our industry partners, we have agreed on a final solution that we believe satisfies all parties' interests regarding completion dates for the 2020 paving schedule season.

The table below shows the agreed fixed completion dates for the 2020 paving season. The table details each project type, including a pilot program that the Department is conducting to evaluate opportunities to improve the timeliness, quality and efficiency of our pavement program. The pilot projects will be limited to a maximum size of 28,000 tons. All pilot projects will be advertised no later than January 2020. Not all districts will have pilots but some may have more than one project.

2020 Schedule Seasons	Fixed Completion Date
Surface Treatment	10/16/2020 (3rd Friday in October)
Slurry Seal/Latex Modified	10/23/2020 (4th Friday in October)
Plant Mix	11/20/2020 (3rd Friday in November)
* Plant Mix Pilot Projects	08/21/2020 (3rd Friday in August)

* 10 Plant Mix Pilot Projects are planned.

Additionally, the Department's responses to some frequently asked questions pertaining to the 2020 Schedule Season are available on the Department's Construction Division website.

We appreciate the hard work that it will take for our 2020 contractors to achieve these dates. While this may pose a challenge in the short term, Virginia is fortunate to have some of the finest contractors in the country, and we are confident that they are fully capable of meeting this challenge. Contractors are reminded that they are expected to comply with the Department's contract specifications, and that time extensions will not be considered based on a claim that the fixed completion date does not provide sufficient time to complete the work. The Department is

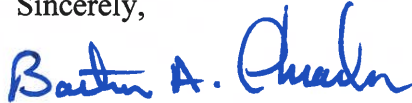
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also committed to a consistent application of these contract specifications and working with VDOT contractors to successfully deliver these important projects.

The successful solution we achieved with our industry partners exemplifies what can be accomplished when we work together towards a common goal. The Department truly values industry's feedback and we look forward to our continued partnership. In that light, we will be scheduling a meeting to discuss lessons learned regarding the pilot projects in the Fall 2020 in order to address this topic in future years.

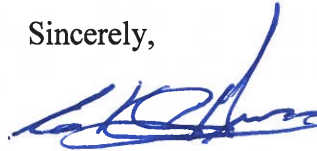
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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