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Guidance for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on PTC Construction Projects -Statewide

Date: March 22, 2020

To: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Contractors Working on Turnpike Projects Statewide

From: Bradley J. Heigel, Chief Engineer

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Re: Guidance for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on PTC Construction Projects -
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On March 12, 2020, Governor Wolf announced certain measures for specific counties intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In accordance with Governor Wolf's announcement, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission ("PTC") temporarily suspended operations on all highway construction projects located within the following counties with the associated effective dates/times:

- Montgomery County – 12:01 a.m. on Friday, March 13th
- Chester County – 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th
- Bucks County – 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th

Governor Wolf has expanded the temporary suspension of work on all highway construction projects to include all counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania effective 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17th.

Governor Wolf's latest order on March 19, 2020 included a Business Guidance document that established Heavy and Civil Engineering Highway Construction as a "No" in the category of "May Continue Physical Operations." On March 20, 2020, the Department of Community and Economic Development issued updated Business Guidance for Heavy and Civil Engineering Highway Construction which permits physical operations for emergency repairs to continue.

This memo is to provide direction for both contractor and inspector activities related to physical operations for emergency repairs on transportation construction projects. See the following two attachments for guidance on life sustaining activities needed for continued support on PTC construction projects:

- Guidelines for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on PTC Construction
Projects Due to COVID-19
- Self-Monitoring and Social Distancing Guidelines for Construction Projects
dated March 15, 2020 by PennDOT.

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You will be contacted by your PTC Construction Engineering Project Manager for your project to discuss needed life sustaining activities, and to review the previously determined project shutdown punchlist and collectively revise it to only include Life Sustaining activities. If new stabilization activities become necessary, contact your PTC Construction Engineering Project Manager.

You will also be notified by the Commission if you are requested to perform any emergency/critical bridge and roadway repairs.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Michael D. Shaak, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer - Construction at mshaak@paturndpike.com or to the PTC Construction Project Manager assigned to the Project at their respective email addresses concerning specific activities or questions relating to your projects.