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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Kerry A. Bates, P.E, State Construction Engineer *KAB*
TO: District Engineers
District Construction Engineers
District Maintenance Engineers
District Traffic Engineers
Area Construction Engineers
Regional Operations Directors
DATE: 1/10/2020
CC: State Maintenance Engineer
State Traffic Engineer
RE: Response to Questions Regarding Removal of Raised Pavement Markers on Existing VDOT Construction Contracts

Further to the December 12, 2019 memo regarding removal of Raised Pavement Markers (RPMs) on existing VDOT construction contracts, the following are responses to questions that have been presented by District personnel:

If the RPMs are removed with nothing put back in their place, will maintenance still be responsible for replacing these with PIMs during the next paving season?

Yes.

In the case of an on call RPM lens removal and replacement contract, does this new policy strictly state that all RPMs are to be removed and not just maintained with a new lens?

Contracts solely for existing RPM lens removal and replacement will go forward as planned, without removing the existing RPMs.

Does this guidance affect locally administered contracts, P3 Projects and Residency Permit Projects?

This guidance is applicable to all VDOT administered projects.

Is there an estimated time frame for when a new standard and approved product will be available to replace the RPMs?

There are currently two approved PIMs on the VDOT approved products list.

If the project has not passed its fixed completion date, but the removal of markers would require a time extension, are we required to execute a change order?

If the installation of PIM's would push the project schedule beyond the original fixed completion date, the District should use their judgment in determining whether to execute a change order. The general expectation is that a time extension should be granted if the work can be accomplished within the paving season.

Do we need to go back and remove markers on a phase of work that has already been completed or would that be considered a different geographical location?

Contractors are not required to go back and remove and replace previously installed RPMs on multi-phase construction projects, unless it is practical to do so.

Any additional questions regarding this matter may be directed to Patrick O'Leary, P.E., Assistant State Construction Engineer at (804) 371-2531.