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To: VDOT Contractor Partners

Subject: 2021 Paving Schedule Season Completion Dates

Thank you very much for meeting with us on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, in regards to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) long-term goals for our paving program. We appreciate the industry's commitment to helping VDOT reach our paving goals of improving quality, extending pavement life and increasing the efficiencies of our overall program. VDOT values the communication, input and thoughts provided by our industry partners.

Tuesday's meeting provided both parties the opportunity to bring closure to one important item while providing direction and clarity for future paving seasons. We were able to collaboratively work together to arrive at agreed upon fixed completion dates for the 2021 paving season. Also, we were able to agree upon our approach to setting future paving seasons contract completion dates utilizing data analytics to provide the most up to date information regarding weather, previous paving seasons and the impacts these may have on future work. Based upon our mutual agreement, VDOT will be moving forward with the following fixed completion dates for the 2021 paving season:

2021 Schedule Seasons	Fixed Completion Date
<b>Treatment Type</b>	2021
<b>Surface Treatment</b>	15-Oct
<b>Slurry Seal/Latex Modified</b>	15-Oct
<b>Plant Mix</b>	15-Nov
<b>Plant Mix Pilot Projects</b>	20-Aug

To address concerns raised by industry regarding further changes, VDOT agreed to maintain the dates listed above for the 2021 and 2022 paving seasons. During this time, VDOT will continue its efforts to gather further paving and weather related data and information that could be utilized to improve upon our paving program efficiency. We will share this information with our industry partners and utilize it to determine if further changes are warranted for the 2023 paving season.

VDOT also agreed to review our policies and procedures in regards to the following:

- VDOT will review the fixed completion dates for extra work (new paving contracts and/or work orders onto existing paving contracts) that are developed within a normal paving season.
  - Specifically, a review of the fixed completion dates and whether or not they should match the normal paving season dates outlined above or whether we should allow flexibility in the contract completion.
- Industry asked that we understand that projects that incorporate Balanced Mix Design (BMD) within normal paving contracts may see increased costs and longer to complete due to additional testing required by VDOT.
  - VDOT understands the concerns raised by industry and appreciates your bringing this to our attention. As BMD is a relatively new approach within VDOT's paving program, the added amount of testing is needed to assist VDOT research efforts in making future decisions for its potential use.

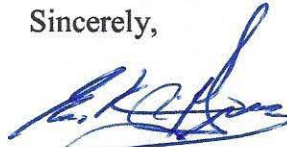
Again, thank you all for meeting with us and we appreciate your commitment to helping VDOT meet our paving program goals now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,



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