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Subject: HLT Decision RE: Use of FACS-STIP Tool

Asset Management Steering Committee members:

I promised to let you know the results of the discussion at the Highway Leadership Team meeting (HLT) regarding the position of the Highway Division on use of the FACS-STIP Tool. I have attached the memorandum provided to HLT members on this topic for your convenience. They approved the recommendation as stated in the memo during their meeting last Wednesday, May 12 . To summarize, use of the FACS-STIP Tool is required in relation to 1R projects and their required Roadside Inventories. That is the only requirement. The rest of the recommendation was simply encouragement to use the tool in any other circumstances when the type of data provided by the tool can be useful (i.e., identifying connections, checking potential impacts at hazmat spills, etc.). There will be information coming out soon in relation to 1R projects from Technical Services (Steve Lindland) that will include this decision by HLT. We also plan to include the memorandum and the decision on the FACS-STIP Tool website and will be communicating as appropriate in the normal course of our work.

One lingering concern in discussions about Asset Management and the FACS-STIP Tool is that region staff will routinely be expected to collect asset data. This may sometimes happen because there is interest and it makes sense, but it will be based on a decision that has all key stakeholders at the table. The 1R Roadside Inventories are not a requirement imposed by Asset Management Integration, but one imposed by FHWA. The inventories built through Asset Management initiatives helped gain approval for a 1R program and we have sought to support that by providing these inventories along with other integrated data to help with compliance with this FHWA requirement. We have worked very hard to collaborate with region staff to make this a beneficial effort and will continue to do so. Please help us via your membership on this committee. Misperceptions need to be clarified, issues need to be solved and successes should be celebrated. I have often said that we are all in this together and we will be most efficient and effective if we continue to work together.

We have already received a few 1R Roadside Inventories uploaded via the map tool. This continues to be exciting and we have been impressed with the use of the reports and quality of the effort to verify and update them. We think it is very important to follow up on this feedback loop and ultimately get the source data updated. We will be working with asset owners to develop our future systematic processes over the coming months. We will be training asset owners this week about use of the comment feature and follow up. An intern will work this summer for AMI (Asset Management Integration) to help asset owners develop and refine their processes. As we go about all of this, we hope to determine preliminary data update cycles. This will all be under construction for now so please keep your eyes and ears open and let me know anything you think I need to know as we work to adjust to these new opportunities.

Thank you for your input and support

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