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Existing ODOT A&E and construction contracts are continuing to move forward. We understand there is concern that the COVID-19 pandemic may disrupt supply chains, labor forces, or impact projects. We are working closely with our consultant and contractor partners to assess the state of each project as the impact of COVID-19 unfolds.

We know that COVID-19 could potentially affect existing and future A&E and construction contracts. We also know these impacts are impossible to predict and could vary widely.

Existing A&E contracts will continue to move forward as scheduled. If issues come up, these will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the project’s contract administrator.

ODOT’s Contract Administration Unit is prepared to assist Resident Engineers and contractors on a case-by-case basis with their projects. Interruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic may be considered beyond the control of all parties.

It’s vital that we continue to communicate during this rapidly changing situation. Consultants and contractors should closely monitor projects for potential impacts caused by the pandemic and should immediately notify their contract administrator or Resident Engineer, respectively, if impacts have occurred or are imminent. ODOT will continue to closely monitor developments and keep the contracting community informed as plans evolve.

Our partnership will be immensely important to ensure the delivery of projects and keep Oregon’s economy moving. ODOT is confident that we can successfully rise to overcome this challenge if we continue to communicate and work together.

You can learn more online at Oregon’s Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information and Resources and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sincerely,

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