

## **Guidelines for Maintaining Life Sustaining Operations on Construction Projects**

As the Commonwealth responds to the unprecedented disruptions being caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the Governor's latest order directing all "Non-Life Sustaining" businesses to close by 8 P.M. on March 19, 2020, the following guidance is being offered on how to handle continuing support on transportation projects.

- ❖ Coverage of life-sustaining functions at the project site during the shutdown can include both inspection activities and contractor resources to respond to any deficiencies that are identified as life-sustaining or emergency response. The Department employees will follow the guidelines attached for "*Self-Monitoring and Social Distancing Guidelines for Construction Projects*" dated March 15, 2020. Contractors and consultants should develop and follow their own COVID-19 specific Health and Safety Plan.

The following operations are deemed life-sustaining activities:

- Maintenance & Protection of Traffic (MPT) Operations (Contractor)
  - According to Publication 408, Section 901 and as follows:
    - Contractor to perform an AM MPT inspection and maintain a log\*\* of their inspections. \*\* See below for log information
    - Perform these inspections for the same days of the week as the contractor's normal work schedule prior to the shutdown.
    - Maintain and repair all traffic control devices.
    - Maintain service patrol/towing, as applicable and as directed by the Department
- MPT Inspections (Department)
  - For projects with lane restrictions, lane shifts or channelizing devices throughout the project limits:
    - Department to perform a PM MPT inspection and document the inspection as usual using the CS-901 mobile app.
      - Perform these inspections every weekday and also on weekends when the contractor is performing work
  - Reduce to once per week for projects not impacting traffic.
  - For projects with detours, if possible remove detour, otherwise follow direction provided in the POM.
- Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control (Contractor)
  - Visually inspect all E&S best management practices (BMPs)
    - Repair and maintain E&S BMPs to minimize impacts to life sustaining activities
    - Perform these reviews after a precipitation event over ½".

- Environmental Visual Site Inspections (Department)
  - After a precipitation event of over ½” for projects with an NPDES Permit.
  - Causeway monitoring for overtopping.
- Emergency/Critical Bridge and Roadway Repairs (Contractor)
  - Notify Department of critical issue.
  - Mobilize to site and establish traffic control
  - Perform scope of work as directed by the Department, including but not limited to guide rail/end treatment repairs
- Emergency/Critical Bridge and Roadway Repairs Inspection (Department)
  - Upon notification, mobilize to site and establish scope of work
  - Provide the scope of work to the contractor
  - Inspect and document work being performed by contractor
- Stabilization of project sites (Contractor)
  - Review stabilization punch list previously provided by the Department
    - In conjunction with the Department, revise the stabilization punch list to address life sustaining activities
  - Mobilize and perform punch list items, including traffic control as required.
- Stabilization of project sites (Department)
  - Inspect and document work being performed by contractor

\*\* Contractor’s MPT inspection log will contain the following:

- Date
- Time
- Who performed the inspection. Their name printed along with a signature.
- Simple remarks of what the inspection revealed, and corrective actions taken for any deficiencies documented.
- Contractor must submit this log to the Department on a weekly basis through PPCC.