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To: Region Engineers, Area Engineers, Construction and Maintenance Engineer, Director of Planning and Engineering, and Executive Director of SD AGC

From: Greg Fuller, Director of Operations

RE: Adverse Weather and Potential Project Delays

All,

Department of Transportation (DOT) staff met with the AGC of South Dakota and several of its members on July 9, 2019 to discuss concerns regarding impacts to project schedules due to the unseasonably wet and adverse weather we have experienced this spring and early summer. Two disaster declarations in the State of South Dakota have been issued, which include a significant number of counties throughout the state. The AGC expressed concern that delays on currently active projects have the potential to also impact subsequent projects that are yet to be started and intended to be completed yet this construction season.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform DOT field staff of the industry's concerns and to encourage staff to closely work with contractors in assessing and documenting working and adverse weather delays by reviewing schedules and mutually identifying controlling items of work. Please work with contractors to ensure that schedules are updated as needed throughout the project. Timely continual communication may help in reducing future issues.

Staff is encouraged to work with contractors to find viable options for accelerating construction on projects that will maintain the quality of the work. This may facilitate projects being completed on time and minimize delays to subsequent projects. It does take some time to evaluate these options and get the necessary approvals to pursue them, so identifying them early is important.

City and county projects have also been impacted by the adverse weather experienced. We would encourage local government agencies to apply these same considerations to those projects as appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Greg Fuller
Director of Operations