

This communication is being sent to all pre-qualified contractors. If you have an active construction contract with WSDOT, this communication is intended to inform you of my direction under the contract as follows.

As we are all aware, the impacts related to COVID-19 continue to evolve and worsen every day in Washington. While transportation is an essential function during a National Emergency, WSDOT's priority at this time is to ensure the safety of its employees, partners, and the public while continuing to deliver an essential service to the public. We have worked very closely with our contractor, labor, and industry partners to ensure safety measures are met and maintain them as best possible, though despite these efforts, COVID-19 continues to impact construction throughout the state.

Consistent with the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy proclamation, WSDOT is temporarily suspending all construction projects, effective immediately. This suspension broadly covers all of our projects with a small number of exceptions that will be clarified on project specific basis.

Therefore, I am directing a suspension of Work on all contracts in accordance with Section 1-08.6 of the Standard Specifications or Technical Requirements.

This order must be followed immediately, and I need all of you to initiate efforts to close projects down, leaving them in a safe, and maintainable condition. You will be contacted by your Project Engineer tomorrow to discuss the details of this order. In particular, the Project Engineer will discuss with you the current condition of the site. The Project Engineers will inform you of our final determination of what must be done to leave the site in an acceptable condition. We will consider allowing certain administrative or design related activities so long as they conform to the requirements of the Governor's order.

Thank you for your attention and efforts,

Stay Safe

Chris Christopher

Washington State Construction Engineer