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To our WSDOT Contracting Partners

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of life in Washington. I want to thank you for your patience and efforts during this difficult time as we worked together through a number of challenging issues.

Based on these efforts, and consistent with the Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements, WSDOT intends to begin lifting the suspensions that were issued on March 26, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lifting of suspension will be for work activities that meet the social distancing requirement of 6 feet of separation, provided the following conditions are met:

1. A site specific COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan (CHSP) based on the most current State and Federal requirements including the Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements, has been submitted for WSDOT’s review and all comments have been addressed to WSDOT’s satisfaction.
2. The Contractor can demonstrate to WSDOT’s satisfaction that all elements of the site specific CHSP noted above are in place and all training has taken place. This includes but is not limited to identifying a COVID site supervisor empowered to shut work down if the plan is not being followed, posting of signs, all required PPE has been acquired, cleaning (disinfecting) facilities are in place and cleaning (disinfecting) supplies have been obtained.

WSDOT’s Project Engineers will contact Contractors to discuss how best to move forward and work together towards lifting the suspension for projects that can meet these conditions. Until suspensions are lifted, please continue to ensure projects remain in a safe condition in accordance with WSDOT Standard Specification 1-08.7.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Christopher III, P.E.

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WSDOT Director of Construction Division

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