



## State-By-State Compilation | Effects of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on Projects and Agency Operations

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The National Asphalt Pavement Association working in partnership with the State Asphalt Pavement Associations (SAPAs) is monitoring the status of State Departments of Transportation/Highway Agencies and paving projects across the country in light of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Updates on DOT openings and project status from NAPA members and the SAPAs has been compiled, on a state-by-state level, in this report. The information below reflects our knowledge, in a very fluid situation. Updates to the document will be made as additional information becomes available.

Please pass along any market intelligence to Amy Miller at [AMiller@AsphaltRoads.org](mailto:AMiller@AsphaltRoads.org). All new intelligence will be used for the next edition of the report.

### Highlights

- The majority of Departments of Transportation/Highway Agencies are still operating despite sheltering orders and stay-at-home orders.
- PennDOT is restarting critical highway and bridge projects and the PA Turnpike Commission is restarting four projects. [PennDOT Update - Critical Projects Continue](#)
- Safety stand-down planned in California for 4/1/20. [CalAPA Update](#)
- Washington DOT remains shutdown
- Michigan DOT leaders confirmed construction projects will continue unless contractors on a specific job believe there are conditions that will precipitate an unsafe COVID-19 work environment. [Construction Declared "Essential" - MITA](#)
- Contractors continue to put the health and safety of their workers at the forefront, implementing COVID-19 safeguards for paving and plant personnel. Visit NAPA's COVID-19 webpage ([www.asphaltpavement.org/coronavirus](http://www.asphaltpavement.org/coronavirus)) for details. Also,

look at NAPA's webpage for help on [health and safety](#), [legislative updates](#), and [business impacts and continuity](#).

- Many state DOT office employees are teleworking, while the field staff are considered “essential” enabling projects to continue.

## **Alabama**

### **Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/6/20:** [ALDOT Essential work definition](#), [Contactless ticket form](#), [Ticketless procedures](#), [ALDOT Coronavirus Policies](#), [Notifying of COVID-19 exposure](#)

**3/21/20:** ALDOT [ARDOT Safety Plan](#) from Skip Powe indicating additional support to road construction [Email](#).

**3/17/20:** Late yesterday our Governor basically shutdown state agencies and court system until April 6 other than essential functions. Each agency head gets to determine essential functions. ALDOT has met today and determined Construction projects to be essential functions and will continue to staff them as best they can.

## **Arkansas**

### **Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/15/20:** [ARDOT Safety Plan](#)

**3/23/20:** [Letter to Gov recognizing construction as essential](#)

**3/21/20:** [ARDOT letter addressing time charges during COVID-19](#)

**3/20/20:** No major updates from AR. ARDOT is doing everything they can to keep work moving along.

**3/16/20:** As of Friday, the only restriction is no overnight travel for 2 weeks. I met with them on Friday to discuss the possible impact on time and the cancelation of certification classes will have on projects. They said they will be sensitive to stopping time on projects if a company is impacted by the virus. I also asked them to consider extending the current certification of workers for a year or until the classes are rescheduled. I do not have an answer on that at this time. Updates to follow as they come in.

## **California**

## **California Asphalt Pavement Association**

**5/4/20:** [CalAPA Update](#)

**3/25/20:** [Caltrans COVID-19 Guidance](#)

**3/24/20:** [CalAPA Member Update 3 24 20](#)

Industry letter requesting regulatory clarification: [Letter](#).

**3/20/20:** [CalAPA Member Update 3 20 20](#)

## **Colorado**

### **Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/13/20:** The Governor is setting up Economic Stabilization & Recovery Task Forces and one will be for Infrastructure/Transportation. He has also extended the social distancing restrictions until April 26. Contractors continue to implement Covid-19 Safety Plans. Local agencies continue to move forward with paving plans. El Paso County has advertised its 110,000 ton road improvement program.

**4/2/20:** Worker health and safety continues to be a focus as projects and plans for paving move forward throughout the state. Alternatives for material delivery tickets and Covid-19 Safety Plans are two topics we continue to provide information and support. We have developed a [CAPA Covid-19 Web Page](#) as a clearing house of information. The page includes resources available through NAPA, guidance from CDHPE, CDOT, etc., and examples from other states and Covid-19 resources. Included are two example Covid-19 Safety Plans (Thank you Schmidt Construction and United Companies) and truck ticket options developed in Pennsylvania. We held a Covid-19 Safety Webinar on April 1 and have an Asphalt Industry Response to COVID -19 webinar planned for Wednesday, April 8. Agencies throughout Colorado continue to bid work and move forward with projects and paving, see attached update dated 3-31-2020. CDOT had a fairly successful bid opening this morning – 5 bid, with 2 projects pending Award By Review (ABR) and CDOT continues to advertise projects. Implementation of social distancing standards and Covid-19 safety plans will be closely monitored, especially by CDHPE and CDOT, more info below.

**CDHPE Issues New Guidance on Covid-19** The CDHPE has issued new guidance on Covid-19 Construction Safety, [attached](#). The 3 page document includes guidance on social distancing, hygiene protocols, and monitoring employee health and avoiding travel for high risk personnel. The Introduction to the guidance makes it clear that these guidelines are to be followed to allow critical construction activities like construction to

continue. It states, “*construction projects and companies in their supply chain are Not Exempt from social distancing requirements, even if compliance means added cost. Hygiene protocols are strictly required.*”

**Colorado Supreme Court rules legislature may extend its lawmaking term after coronavirus pause; [Colorado General Assembly gavels in, gavels out](#)**

The Colorado General Assembly recessed on March 14 because of COVID-19 and it's not clear when state lawmakers will return click here: [Colorado Supreme Court rules legislature may extend its lawmaking term after coronavirus pause](#)

**3/20/20:** An industry conference call was held with Colorado DOT Director Shoshana Lew and Chief Engineer Steve Harelsen at 3pm, Thursday, March 19. Here are some of the highlights: A work shut down is NOT being considered and normal bidding will return next week (March 26) and continue through the spring. Many CDOT staff are working from home and the process has been “seamless and going well.” They are developing guidance on health precautions and social distancing for field work. They are moving forward with protocols to keep things as normal as possible and developing guidance on traffic control on projects impacted by any slow down due to the virus. The Chief Engineer stated that “we have an opportunity to make lemonade out of lemons.” In other words, make something positive out of the negative situation caused by the COVID-19. They are considering changing some projects planned to be done at night into day jobs because of reduced traffic volumes. The Staff Materials group is considered essential, working full staff, with others available if needed and there should not be any delays in the approval of submittals. Where appropriate, they will consider implementing the floating start date spec. on projects via a special provision for future projects. There is a potential for a federal stimulus and if it happens CDOT has a list of shovel ready projects.

**3/17/20:** We had a conference call yesterday with the Colorado DOT Director and Chief Engineer. Bottom line – normal project advertising, bid openings, and contract awards resumes next week and will continue throughout the spring. They also said they will work with contractors on any projects and schedules impacted by Covid-19.

- We cancelled a training class scheduled for this week and will decide on Thursday what the plan is for a certification class scheduled for next week and April.

## **Connecticut**

### **Connecticut Asphalt & Aggregate Producers Association**

**3/23/20:** Letter received on behalf of Commissioner Joe Guilietti :

Although many of us are working remotely during these challenging times, I want to assure you that the Connecticut Department of Transportation remains open for business. It is not "business as usual," but we are trying to make it as close to that as possible. We believe that, now more than ever, investing in our infrastructure will help our economy recover. To that end, our construction projects are continuing as scheduled. In addition, project development activities including project design work and other support activities are considered "essential" and will continue. Other "essential" activities include project advertising, bidding and award, design support of construction, and bridge inspection.

**3/20/20:** Connecticut DOT has been in contact with CAAPA daily during the week. The Department has indicated that they intend to continue with business and construction projects throughout this time. The Department is instituting health and safety protocols. Jobsite meetings will be limited to very small groups. Large meetings will be held via teleconference. Designer support to construction projects will be conducted by working remotely and using Microsoft teams. There is some concern about the Army Corps of Engineers slowing down permit approvals, but otherwise the bid letting schedule is remaining in place. ConnDOT is also addressing issues regarding expiring and new certifications and is granting exceptions and extensions on a case by case basis for now.

**3/16/20:** No project interruptions or shutdowns in Connecticut at this time.

### **Dakotas**

#### **NAPA State Director**

**3/23/20:** So far, SD is moving forward if you have a plan submitted to monitor workers and practice distancing. We will be minimizing personal contact such as drivers staying in their truck and use of electronic methods for communication as much as possible. As with everywhere, things could change at any time.

### **Delaware**

**3/20/20:** Per Mark S. Buckalew - Asst. Director, Chief of Construction and Materials Delaware Department of Transportation: The Department stance is that we will continue to do business as usual as we deliver our program for the citizens of our great state. While we recognize that there will be additional obstacles to work around, the Department will continue to partner with the contracting community to develop solutions and remain productive.

### **Florida**

## **Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida**

**3/16/20:** Florida has no plans to stop work, in fact the FDOT has allowed its 8 Districts to increase working hours to take advantage of lower traffic levels and has reduced permitting times for additional lanes.

ACAF compiled and sent the FDOT all of our members CV safety plans to solicit guidance and offer reassurance should that be something that they consider.

## **Georgia**

### **Georgia Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/23/20:** GDOT is still supporting roadway work.

## **Hawaii**

### **Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry**

**4/23/20:** [Hawaii Construction Industry Pledge](#)

**4/14/20:** [Hawaiian Construction Industry Collaboration](#)

**3/31/20:** Update from our HDOT Highways deputy director, Ed Sniffen. Note: "We continue to prepare over \$200 million of shovel ready projects in anticipation of stimulus funding that could be available from our State and the Federal government."

He also attached the latest ARTBA report by State: [ARTBA State Update 3 29 2020](#)

On a separate matter, the governor announced 14-day quarantine for interisland travelers in April, except for essential workers. Several of our members travel between islands depending on the work load; I hope they are declared essential.

Link to the article: <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2020/03/30/breaking-news/watch-live-gov-david-ige-discusses-coronavirus/>

**3/26/20:** [Hawaii Update](#)

**3/25/20:** [Hawaii DOT Deputy Director Update](#)

**3/22/20:** Regarding the city and county of Honolulu, “What we (General Contractors Association - Hawaii) know from preliminary discussions with Mayor Caldwell’s administration is that public works construction will continue” (and likely for other three counties).

HDOT is also allowing construction projects to proceed, but their offices are closed to the public:

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/19/hdot-highways-offices-closed-to-the-public-beginning-friday-march-20/>

“HDOT intends to make full use of the lighter than normal traffic volumes to expedite projects by extending road closures times when possible.”

The City and County of Honolulu will be under a stay at home/work from home order (see link below). The County of Maui will be evoking a similar order, as will the County of Kauai.

[http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may\\_docs/Emergency%20Order%20No.%202020-02.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/may/may_docs/Emergency%20Order%20No.%202020-02.pdf)

The state has issued an emergency proclamation as follows:

Gov. David Y. Ige issued a second supplemental emergency proclamation ordering all individuals, both residents and visitors, arriving or returning to the State of Hawai‘i to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. The mandate — the first such action in the nation — applies to all arrivals at state airports from the continental U.S. and international destinations and extends to other private and commercial aircrafts.

For additional information, please visit:

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/21/governor-ige-orders-mandatory-14-day-quarantine-for-all-individuals-arriving-or-returning-to-the-state-of-hawai%ca%bbi/>

**3/16/20:** Nothing official from our DOT, but it’s my understanding that they want construction to continue to stimulate the economy.

For all state workers, the governor has asked that any worker that can do their work from home should be given the opportunity to do so.

## **Illinois**

### **Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association**

**5/1/20:**

The Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association continues to monitor the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on our industry. The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak

remains extremely fluid and any status may change rapidly. Here are updates as of May 1, 2020:

The Governor officially issued [Executive Order \(EO\) 2020-32](#) on April 30, 2020 which extends the "stay-at-home" order until May 30, 2020. According to the EO, a face-covering (a mask or cloth face-covering) shall be required when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. This requirement would apply to job-sites.

IAPA has been notified that there have been some supply disruptions due to COVID-19. Contractors should contact the appropriate agency office to resolve any issues which may potentially delay the project schedule.

The Illinois Tollway will allow for the electronic submittal of material delivery tickets. The Tollway is not requiring but encouraging measures that reduce contact between individuals, which includes e-Ticketing. [Construction Bulletin No. 20-01 Alternate Material Delivery Ticket Procedures](#) provides details.

The IL DOT held its [April 24, 2020 letting](#) as planned. Specifications and plans for the June 12, 2020 letting are expected to be posted May 8, 2020 as scheduled.

**3/25/20:** [Illinois DOT best practices](#)

**3/23/20:** IDOT issued the following statement late on Friday night - <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/covid19>. This confirms its commitment to keeping highway operations open.

**3/21/20:** Governor Pritzker issued a "stay at home" executive order. Highway construction is part of Essential Infrastructure and this should not impact highway projects.

**3/19/20:** [IAPA Letter to Membership](#)

**3/18/2020** Update from Kevin Burke: I spoke with the IL DOT Secretary today. Everything continues to move forward, and no projects are expected to shut down due to COVID-19. Also, he mentioned that he will be on conference calls with all State DOT's CEOs later today. IL DOT may issue this in writing later in the week.

The issue of the number of workers on a paving job was discussed. We agreed that workers generally are already spaced apart and have little close contact for any



prolonged period of time. Any interactions would involve at most 3 – 5 people on the job site.

We also discussed scenario where member of crew is diagnosed with COVID-19. In Illinois, this will likely need to be discussed as part of the labor agreements with trade unions.

**3/17/20:** The Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association continues to monitor the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on our industry. The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak remains extremely fluid and any status may change rapidly. Here are updates as of March 17, 2020:

The Illinois Department of Transportation held a call today at 3:30 PM with industry and labor. Secretary Osman stressed the importance of continuing to build and let construction projects. Therefore, the intent is to keep all projects moving forward. In addition, design work and Professional Transportation Bulletin (PTB) is planned to continue as schedule. The Department has sent home non-essential staff who will work remotely. Department Operations and field staff will remain available to ensure safety of existing infrastructure. The Illinois Comptroller plans to continue to operate payroll processing for agency staff and bill processing to pay Contractors.

The Federal Highway Administration IL-Division has suspended all employee travel. Therefore, employees may only attend meetings virtually. In addition, employees have been given maximum flexibility to telework and all functions of the Division Office will continue.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has suspended certification of large scales including scales at asphalt plants. However, any currently certified scale will remain certified until Department of Agriculture is able to reschedule inspection appointments. In addition, scales that have been repaired or new scales need to be inspected and placed in service by a registered service company prior to being fully certified by the Department of Agriculture. It is recommended to discuss new/repaired scales directly with the Department of Agriculture.

The Illinois Department of Transportation [announced](#), effectively immediately, consultants who currently have a “Documentation of Contract Quantities” certification set to expire between December 1, 2019, and December 1, 2020, will hereby be granted a one (1) year extension in their documentation certification status. For example, if their documentation certification is set to expire March 27, 2020, it is now set to expire March 27, 2021. Consultant personnel who have already taken the doc class or retest and attained certification this training season (between December 4, 2019 and March 12, 2020) for the next 4 years will NOT receive an extension in their certification.

Governor Pritzker has issued an [Illinois Emergency Declaration](#) and the Illinois Department of Transportation has [authorized](#) for overweight trucks up to 88,000 lbs or 10% over legal weight through April 12, 2020.

## Indiana

### **Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana**

**3/23/20:** At noon today, Governor Eric Holcomb asked Hoosiers to hunker down at home to help slow the spread of COVID-19. His [executive order](#) effectively closes nonessential businesses from 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 to 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 6. For Indiana's infrastructure and transportation construction industry, that, for the most part, means business as usual. INDOT is considered an essential function, and we will progress forward with our construction season as planned. INDOT will continue to let projects, and industry should plan to continue ramping up for project delivery. Strong coordination and communication from industry and INDOT will allow us to provide essential services for Hoosiers, protect our APAI/NAPA member companies and limit the impact of COVID-19.

**3/17/20:** Commission Joe McGuinness wrote:

*To our valued industry partners,*

*We have been receiving many questions surrounding INDOT operations, and I want to update you on where we currently stand. Yesterday, Governor Holcomb announced additional steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Indiana. Those actions included teleworking where possible for state employees. As a result of this announcement, INDOT is implementing teleworking where possible, while keeping our operations open. State government is not shutting down, and neither is INDOT.*

*All construction and maintenance activities are moving forward, and we will manage disruptions in material availability as well as personnel as it comes. We are actively encouraging our field employees to use best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including frequent, proper handwashing and social distancing (limiting meetings to no more than ten people and keeping a distance of at least six feet between individuals). We are all in this together. As such, I urge you to follow all state Department of Health (ISDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in your business operations. All INDOT personnel will remain accessible and available as*

*we continue to serve Hoosiers during this unprecedented event. Please reach out to your regular INDOT contacts with questions. Thank you for your partnership!"*

**3/16/20:** As of now, all INDOT operations and projects to continue as planned.

### Iowa

**3/25/20:** [Iowa COVID-19 best practices for contractors](#)

### Kansas

#### **Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/24/20:** As in other states, is very fluid and seems to change daily, hence I was waiting for the dust to settle a bit before responding. As of today, the governor is limiting all gatherings to a maximum of 10 people. 5 counties are in lock down, meaning essential travel only. 105 counties in Kansas, so far the 5 counties are essentially the urban counties. As far as transportation, we too were successful in deeming infrastructure as essential, all projects are moving forward. I have attached a letter sent to the governor in that regard. A task force has been set up of folk involved in construction that has a conference call every Monday, or more often as needed. I am on the task force. Following are some guidelines from KDOT they want followed:

- Please stress the importance of your project superintendents keeping in touch with the lead inspectors on a daily basis
- If because of the emergency situation, projects are delayed we will consider completion date, or working day extensions on a case by case basis
- Our intent is to not have our employees spending any more time than necessary in jobsite offices
- We are requesting that contractors perform a thorough cleaning of all jobsite offices, and continue to do so on a regular basis
- We plan on moving forward with the March 25 letting (DOL has not provided relief on recent wage rate determinations, still working on that)
- We will continue to monitor tests in progress at the lab
- We will not begin new tests
- We will not be sending inspectors to fabrication plants in this next two weeks. Fabrication should continue, but QC/QA should be stepped up

#### [Kansas construction industry letter to Governor](#)

**3/16/20:** I am still waiting to hear officially from KDOT, but I am hearing that projects will continue and the letting scheduled for next week is still on.

## Kentucky

### **Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky**

**3/23/20:** Lettings and construction projects will continue and the engineers, inspectors, etc. will be deemed essential personnel. **Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

**3/18/20:** [COVID-19 Memorandum](#) to contractors.

## Louisiana

### **Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/23/20:** The Governor of Louisiana issues a “Stay at Home” order statewide. This order starts at 5pm Monday, March 23rd. Transportation construction is still considered an essential service.

**3/20/20:** [Letter from DOTD](#)

**3/19/20:** Our DOTD Secretary Dr. Shawn Wilson has tested positive for the coronavirus.

**3/16/20:** As of 11 am this morning, LADOTD is operating - business usual. There will be some “footprint” reduction of staff at headquarters only. Meaning staff will be alternating days in the office and working from home when able. At this time, there are no plans to change the operations of DOTD.

## Maine

### **Maine Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/20/20:** [Maine contract addition addressing COVID-19](#) Maine continues to work full steam ahead.

**3/23/20:** Roadwork continues in Maine. To ensure continued work, the industry wrote this [Letter to Governor](#).

## Maryland

### **Office of Governor Larry Hogan**

**3/19/20:** Maryland has been [designated for SBA economic injury loans](#) during COVID-19 pandemic.

## The Maryland Asphalt Association

**3/23/20:** The Maryland Secretary of Transportation Greg Slater says we are essential. A March 23, Interpretive Guidance: COVID19-4 states that the Order **does not require** these businesses, organizations, and facilities to close.:

Businesses, organizations, and facilities to remain open. The following is a non-exhaustive list of businesses, organizations, and facilities that are included in the federal critical infrastructure sectors. The Order does not require these businesses, organizations, and facilities to close.

The Commercial Facilities Sector includes, but is not limited to:

2, B, iv: Companies that sell supplies and materials for maintenance of commercial and residential buildings, including “big box” home improvement supply stores, plumbing distributors, electrical distributors, and HVAC distributors.

2, B, vi: Commercial and residential construction companies.

The Transportation Systems Sector includes, but is not limited to:

2, M, xii: Companies that supply parts, or provide maintenance and repair services for transportation assets and infrastructure, including aircraft, marine vessels, locomotives, rail cars, trucks, buses, cars, heavy equipment, **roads, bridges, tunnels, airports, air strips, marine terminals**, railroads.

Supporting Firms

2,O, ii: Essential raw materials, products, or services.

### [Guidance for Business COVID-19 MD](#)

**3/16/20:** In MD as of this moment, construction work will continue. That will require a large number of state employees such as inspectors, District staff, and support offices like OOC, OMT, etc. to maintain a state workforce as **essential** employees. We are preparing for that scenario by identifying key staff and other requirements.

They are requesting that our contractor community to take precautions as necessary similar to what Governor Hogan suggests and what MDOT is implementing – namely the 3 items below:

1. Meetings will be held virtually or via teleconference, but we still need partnering to continue
2. If an employee has traveled outside the country or in an area with the virus – self-quarantine for 14 days to ensure there are no symptoms
3. If an employee comes to work ill or is feeling ill – go home/stay home

They are working on maintaining the number of jobs being bid, but since that number is so small, each bid has a high priority to our industry.

Here is an update I just received from [MDOT-SHA](#).

Construction: Active construction will continue. While we are minimizing staffing and social interactions, we are ensuring we have the appropriate staffing to continue to work with you all to deliver MD's construction program. Please let me know if your members indicate they are having any issues with SHA being able to provide the necessary testing, inspection, etc. If your members run into supply chain or other issues, please share that information also.

Bid Opening: SHA will continue to open bids on Thursdays at 1200 as usual. We have a couple this week. Many of our staff are following mandatory telework requirements. We are quickly adjusting to this as many of our processes are still somewhat hardcopy paper oriented and we are implementing IT resources to enhance the functionality of our office workforce. Because of these early inefficiencies associated with teleworking, some future advertisements and/or bid opening may slip a couple weeks. SHA is working to prioritize jobs on our Advertisement Schedule, so look for some minor adjustments there. We still plan to continue with the program and appreciate your cooperation and partnership!

## **Massachusetts**

### **Massachusetts Aggregate & Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/19/20:** [MassDOT Updated Sampling](#)

**3/27/20:** Massachusetts is implementing a safety stand down - to discuss with all people on projects the COVID-19 rules. Right now 3 cities in MA have stopped all construction - we are working hard to get this lifted by early April .

[MASS COVID-19 Guidelines](#)

[MASS COVID-19 Checklist](#)

**3/23/20:** A letter from Administrator Gulliver endorsing infrastructure work as "essential"  
[MassDOT 3 23 20.](#)

**3/21/20:** MassDOT has confirmed that they will continue with all projects. The only change is no MassDOT inspectors will be allowed at our plant sites. All acceptance will be based on core analysis as the job progresses.

**3/17/20:** MassDOT has postponed this week's bid openings for at least 1 week. MassDOT is closing their headquarters tomorrow and everyone will be working

remotely. Bids are postponed one week; all construction projects are still on going with contact with contractors limited to phone or webinar.

The mayor of Boston just cancelled all construction projects in the city for the near future.

## **Michigan**

### **Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan**

**4/1/20:** [Construction Declared "Essential" - MITA](#)

**3/23/20:** Governor ordered shelter in place but still no change to construction work allowances on the road.

**3/16/20:** As of this morning, MDOT is moving forward with construction and lettings, although it is a fluid situation. They have had discussions regarding certifications but have not made a decision at this point.

## **Minnesota**

### **Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/19/20:** So far, our projects in Minnesota are on schedule. Our DOT did cancel all certification classes and are extending renewals certification by 1 year.

## **Mississippi**

### **Mississippi Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/16/20:** We are in regular contact with MDOT leadership. MDOT sent a letter endorsing business as usual but with care due to COVID-10 and special provisions allowable should contractors need assistance caused by COVID-19-related business interruptions.

### **Mississippi Department of Transportation**

**3/16/20:** Memo titled "[Mississippi Operations Due to COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)"

## **Missouri**

## **Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/3/20:** Our Governor just issued a statewide stay at home order starting Monday, April 6. The order is following DHS guidelines for essential services. Our DOT is in agreement that transportation is considered an essential service and plans to continue highway projects. Our DOT is very concerned about the downturn in revenue due to decreased travel.

**3/19/2020:** [Guidance](#) from our DOT.

**3/17/2020:** MAPA At this point our DOT plans to continue with the lettings as scheduled, projects will continue as scheduled and pre-construction meetings will be held by phone. As with everyone else, it is a fluid situation and things can change rapidly.

In addition, Technician Certification has been extended for 6 months for those that expire this spring. They have also extended the certification of IRI Equipment until classes can be scheduled.

## **New Jersey**

### **New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/9/20:** **NJ Gov Order stopping non-essential construction work**

**4/7/20:** NJ has issued an Executive Order specifically prohibiting local government entities from passing ordinances or otherwise stopping work that has been deemed essential at the State level. (NJ has 566 towns and 21 counties) so this is a big deal for us. We are getting more pushback on commercial/private construction and Governor is in process of developing a new Executive Order to limit those operations, similar to NY. Much of the pushback is coming from the Building side unions.

The other issue we are starting to face is workforce availability, with the enhanced unemployment benefits some of our employees will actually earn more by not working.

**3/21/20:** On March 21, Governor Phil Murphy announced additional restrictions on business activities and public gathering relative to COVID-19. These restrictions primarily apply to non-essential retail businesses. Asphalt production, quarrying operations and construction activities including NJDOT projects will be allowed to proceed. The Governor also issued an executive order clarifying that Counties and Municipalities may not implement their own restrictions beyond what the state has set forth. We have seen some local governments attempt to halt construction projects. We are in process of working with NJDOT to expedite additional work and lift certain work



restrictions on paving operations to provide continued economic stimulus. NJAPA members are also implementing a variety of safe work practices.

**3/16/20:** NJAPA representatives have been in contact with Senior Leadership at NJDOT as recently as this morning. At this time, NJDOT plans to continue operations at all active construction projects and plans to continue accepting bids for new work.

NJDOT is implementing certain operational changes internally, similar to what most private sector firms are doing. NJDOT has advised NJAPA that they are structured and prepared to process necessary administrative tasks, including processing of payments, remotely if necessary.

This is an extremely fluid situation and is subject to change at any time. NJAPA will continue to provide updates as necessary.

2nd email: While NJDOT is continuing operations, our members are beginning to get concerned about supply chain issues and workforce availability due to school closings and other issues.

## **New Mexico**

### **Asphalt Pavement Association of New Mexico**

**3/19/20:** NMDOT is starting to implement “work from home” measures for Department staff. The Governor is asking that 75-80% of DOT staff should be transitioning to work remotely within the next 24-48 hours. This will be in place for at least the next three weeks. Other items include:

- NMDOT facilities are closed to the general public for the foreseeable future, and at least for the next three weeks
- NMDOT communication will be done electronically and via conference calls as much as is practicable
- Limit the number of people gathered together to no more than five and maintain social distancing of 6 feet between individuals
- Exceptions to the above will include patrol yards, materials lab, sign shop, who will be working in a scaled-down manner
- Necessary Department staff will continue to work in a reduced way to ensure essential services continue without interruption – this will include Bid Lettings; contract construction and maintenance operations; processing payments to contractors, consultants, and vendors; Ports of Entry; Commercial vehicle permitting; Rest Areas; Road maintenance (clearing crashes, stranded vehicles, animal carcasses, etc.)

- NMDOT is continuing field operations (construction and maintenance), bid lettings, and payments as scheduled for the immediate future.

**3/16/20:** Still open, but most public meetings canceled or video conference. Some offices are minimizing travel.

## **New York**

### **New York Construction Materials Association**

**4/1/20:** Commercial and Residential work is now deemed “Non-essential”.

[NYMA letter to Gov Cuomo](#)

**3/20/20:** Our governor just issued an executive order that 100% of Non-Essential workers to stay home. Our DOT has made accommodations for staff to work from home. Our industry is still considered essential as of right now and work continues per this document: [NYS DOT](#).

**3/19/20:** New York’s Governor signed an executive order to limit non-essential businesses to 25% staffing. But in the order, he did list infrastructure as essential and construction will continue as normal as possible. [executive order](#)

**3/16/20:** As of right now, we see no interruption of work or shutdown of DOT. As with all companies/agencies, they are evaluating remote working and other means. But work is still on as scheduled. This can change of course.

As far as our certification program, we are in talks with DOT. Most likely will offer a 1-year extension for anyone in need of recertification. New certifications, we are talking about remote test taking and a certification of capability from a contractor/agency for 1 year. Work in progress but working on a plan.

## **North Carolina**

### **Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/24/20:** Mecklenburg County in Charlotte NC just issued this a stay-at-home order a short time ago. We are essential work. County by County could get messy. Will pass on more updates as I receive them.

**3/23/20:** NC Governor Cooper has issued several executive orders but currently none impact our ability to work. Here is a link to the NC orders:

<https://governor.nc.gov/news/executive-orders>

**3/19/20:** Nothing to update regarding COVID changing our current work.

**3/16/20:** Currently NCDOT has no plans to stop construction projects but they do intend to allow a day for daytime extension if a contractor has to stop due to crew issues. They are saying that stopping jobs is a Governor or President decision not DOT. They are meeting today to provide guidance to all their employees.

## Ohio

### **Flexible Pavements of Ohio**

**3/23/20:** Communication sent to the asphalt industry: “This is the latest information at this time as it is related to the “Stay at Home” order issued yesterday. The direction has not changed. Transportation is considered critical. Our expectation is that contractors and suppliers will follow the social distancing guidelines and continue to perform this critical work on our infrastructure.”

**3/16/20:** As of Friday, the OHIO dot stated projects will move forward as usual. However, our Governor has taken an aggressive position on stemming the advance of the virus.

## Oklahoma

### **Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/24/20:** Our Governor (Stitt) and Mayor of OKC (David Holt) both issued stay at home orders, but both have confirmed that our industry is “essential” and should take care, caution and keep on building.

**3/21/20:** All projects continue. In a press conference yesterday evening, Governor Stitt was asked a stay-in place or state shutdown policy and he said absolutely not unless the situation changes. The Governor's Office is following the situations Nationally and following the guidelines or the CDC. A document for April bid guidance and public meeting policy is here: [OKDOT](#).

**3/18/20:** Just got off the phone with ODOT's Director of Operations, he said business as usual with modifications. Projects and lettings continue but preconstruction meetings and pre-bid meetings will probably be conducted using remote measures. They are precautions in place as to inspectors and field personnel.

**3/17/20:** OAPA - As of right now, ODOT is not shutting down any projects and no travel restrictions as of yet but I expect this to possibly change. I know ODOT upper management is assessing the situation and is staying in contact with all of ODOT's Field Divisions.

## Oregon

### **Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon**

**3/23/20:** The Governor issued a social distancing order that directed certain businesses to close. Manufacturing and construction are not included in the order and may remain operational but must ensure that their employees are maintaining strict social distancing measures. The DOT scheduled a conference call for this afternoon to clarify its position.

**3/21/20:** The associations representing materials suppliers (e.g., APAO and the Oregon Concrete & Aggregate Suppliers Association) notified the Governor's Office that construction materials businesses must be included as an essential business.

**3/20/20:** There is mounting pressure within Oregon for the Governor to issue a Shelter-In-Place Order. AGC and other businesses with regular connections to the Governor's Office have pushed for a construction exemption. ODOT issued a memo in support of continuing work on existing contracts (<http://www.apao.org/documents/COVID-19ODOTconsultantandcontractormessageKeepOregonseconomymoving.pdf>).

**3/17/20:** APAO sent a summary of the national statistics on continuing DOT work to ODOT leadership and confirmed that we believe transportation infrastructure work should continue because of the importance of a safe and reliable transportation system in times of crisis. ODOT asked about delays due to material supply and subcontractors, and we confirmed that we generally believe there will be no major delays and that there may be opportunity for acceleration.

**3/16/20:** ODOT cancelled all of its own training classes (e.g., inspector training), and asked us to consider cancelling certification training. Because of Oregon Spring Break, we already have a gap in our training schedule that will cover two weeks. We plan to reevaluate next week and will likely limit class size to the extent we are allowed to continue.

## Pennsylvania

### **Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/1/20:** [PENNDOT Update - Critical Projects Continue](#)

### [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines](#)

**3/23/20:** Legislators in Pennsylvania petitioned Governor Wolf to reclassify construction in PA as "essential." [Letter](#)

**3/21/20:** The Transportation Industry Associations have been working over the past few days to partner with PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission to restart highway projects. When the Governor issued his Order to close all non-life sustaining businesses on Thursday evening, that effort was slowed down but not stopped. We have been conference calling every few hours and decided collectively, the best course of action was to draft and send the Governor a formal request to restart the highway construction program. The letter below “Letter to Gov Wolf Requesting Restarting” was just sent to the Governor directly by Bob Latham from APC. Both Turnpike CEO Compton and Acting Secretary Gramian received a copy of the letter. We would also mention that we are notifying PA House and Senate Leadership and Transportation Chairs of our intentions. We believe that most are in favor of getting our industry back to work.

Additionally, after receiving an email response with instructions from Eric Hagarty, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor, and at the recommendation of Vince Tutino, we made a formal request to DCED to classify our industry as an essential business. We will keep you posted on any information regarding our request.

Also, attached for your information, find a Restarting Construction Projects Executive Summary prepared by our Development Team (Scott Grannas was our representative). Our team partnered with PennDOT to develop this document.

[Restarting PA Construction Projects;](#)  
[Letter to Gov Wolf Requesting Restarting](#)

**3/19/20:** All construction projects are currently shut down. PAPA and industry partner associations have a con call at 11 am EST 3/20/20 to collaboratively get projects started back. The link above contains a document describing which businesses are allowed to continue.

[Governor Wolf Announcement 3 19 20](#)  
[Pennsylvania Closure Order](#)

**3/16/20:** Attached find memo from PennDOT District 6 Executive (See Map). Memo is notice of indefinitely shutting down construction projects in two counties. We are hearing that this may occur in other Districts depending on the severity of the outbreak in an area.

This is the latest update regarding PennDOT. Please review the [news release](#), but here is the news that impacts our industry: “All PennDOT District and County maintenance offices are closed. Additionally, construction projects have been suspended in all counties until further notice, however PennDOT crews are available to perform critical functions and emergency maintenance as needed.”

Every PennDOT District Executive issued this [memo](#). I was on a call with our Transportation Industry Partners (APC, ACPA PA, PACA, ACEC, etc.) this morning, and it seems like we are the only State that has shut down DOT and PA Turnpike Commission Highway Construction Projects.

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-updates-businesses-on-guidance-for-covid-19-mitigation-efforts/>

## **South Carolina**

### **South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association**

**3/26/20:** [SCDOT Update](#)

**3/23/20:** I just got off a call with SCDOT today regarding the development of a Joint Workforce Safety Plan for DOT, CEIs, and Contractors.

SCDOT is focused on mission critical options. Construction = mission critical.

They are operating in Op Con 2:

- Reduced Services to facilitate social distancing.
- All Offices are open and main telephone line in units are to be answered.
- Operational model strongly encourages greater social distancing through staggered shifts and greater use of telecommuting or leave. Therefore, any employee may request leave or telecommuting privileges for consideration. Mission-Critical functions as determined by the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries are to receive priority for staffing and therefore requests for leave or telecommuting may be denied or revoked. Employees granted telecommuting privileges are expected to remain productive and contributing to the agency's overall mission
- Approvals to do additional lane closures to take advantage of reduced traffic are to be approved at the district level
- The goal is to continue work as long as they can

Currently, SCDOT is not advocating for a work stoppage, and the Governor has not mentioned a shelter in place order. Having said that, they are watching other states and looking ahead proactively to put some plans in place in the event this occurs.

**3/19/20:** Governor's press briefing just ended and he has mandated that all "non-essential" government workers stay home and work remotely effective tomorrow. Agency heads will make the determination who is "non-essential."

SCDOT's current plan is to continue road and bridge work if and until a shelter in place mandate is ordered. We are having a call tomorrow with the Secretary of Transportation

to discuss the possibility of an exemption for the industry should such mandate go into effect and will report back.

Effective, Monday March 16, 2020 and until further notice:

- All out of state travel is suspended.
- All in-state, non-mission critical travel and training is suspended. Web-based or teleconference meetings should be used as much as possible for mission critical functions. IT has provided each division with several conference call lines to support this effort.
- All agency special events and external conferences (Engineer's Conference, RoadEO, Spring Spruce Up, etc.) are cancelled.
- All public hearings, information meetings and stakeholder meetings should be postponed.
- Certification program is suspended with exceptions to extensions being granted on a case-by-case basis.

The DOT is following CDC Guidance and Protocols for Hygiene and Social Distancing etc. Members have developed guidance to their employees following the CDC protocols.

**3/16/20:** We do not have any closures yet but I'm still waiting to hear back from our DOT. Our in-person meetings with DOT have been cancelled (on our behalf) but still waiting to hear about project closures etc. We are waiting for DOT to send us their policies re: travel bans, group meetings, etc, but have not received anything to date.

As of this afternoon (3/16), SCDOT has cancelled trainings, events, and limited in person meetings etc.

With regard to construction, SCDOT has identified ongoing construction projects as a mission critical function and plan on the continuation of construction projects as long as it can safely do so.

SCDOT intends to move forward with the letting schedule, but it could be impacted if their workforce is reduced.

## Tennessee

## Tennessee Road Builders Association

**4/3/20:** This afternoon Gov. Lee issued [Executive Order 23](#) that mandates “stay at home” to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Order does not change anything as it relates to construction and its supply chain. They are still considered essential.

**3/27/20:** [Letter to Governor from TN Construction Industry](#)

**3/23/20:** We have been in daily contact with TDOT about COVID-19 as it relates to their projects and operations. Nothing has changed since the information we sent earlier this week. We are also in contact with the Governor’s office about maintaining highway and bridge construction and supply chain operations as essential infrastructure.

Today (Sunday), Nashville Mayor John Cooper and the Metro Public Health Department has issued a Safer at Home Order — directing all residents of Nashville and Davidson County to stay inside their homes, and immediately limit all movement outside of their homes beyond what is absolutely necessary to take care of essential needs. The order goes into effect at midnight and is expected to remain in effect for at least the next 14 days.

The order states that “essential businesses” may remain open and specifies that individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or goods or perform any work necessary to the operations, maintenance and manufacturing of “essential infrastructure”. More information regarding essential business and infrastructure exemptions may be found [HERE](#).

As it relates to construction activities the order says as follows:

Also, individuals may leave their residences to provide any services or goods or perform any work necessary to the operations, maintenance and manufacturing of essential infrastructure, including without limitation:

- **Construction of commercial and institutional buildings, and residential buildings and housing**
- **Roads, highways, public transportation and rail**
- **And manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the above industries**

**3/19/20:** The following is from TDOT concerning the impact of COVID-19 on TDOT operations and projects.



The safety of state and industry personnel is a top priority of the Department as the impact of COVID-19 is addressed. During this time, work on all projects is expected to proceed as scheduled. All Department offices will be performing their normal functions and projects will continue to be staffed by Department personnel for inspection duties. Some business practices may be modified as the Department reacts to COVID-19 response measures, but business will continue as normal as possible. It is requested that meetings of 10 or more individuals be avoided until further notice. Alternative means such as web-based meeting solutions or conference calls will be considered for conducting business. The Department is working on guidance for pre-construction conferences and other larger scale meetings. This will be distributed once it is finalized.

The construction letting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> will be held as planned, so please let your members know that they should proceed accordingly. Please have your members check the Construction Division web site for any future letting schedule changes. At this time, all work should proceed according to contract plans and specifications until further guidance is provided by the Department.

The Department recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is an ever-evolving situation and will continue to react as directives are provided. We will continue to provide services to the public while keeping the safety and wellbeing of our internal and external partners paramount in the process.

**3/17/20:** I am still waiting to hear officially from TDOT, but I am hearing that projects will continue and the letting scheduled for next week is still on.

## Texas

### **Texas Asphalt Pavement Association**

3/23/20: Last week, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced a series of Executive Orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. The orders serve to limit public gatherings and help reduce exposure for people across the state. These orders are in accordance with the federal guidelines issued by the President and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will aid in the state's efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

- **Order No. 1:** Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- **Order No. 2:** People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

- **Order No. 3:** People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- **Order No. 4:** Schools shall temporarily close

These orders were effective statewide beginning at 11:59 PM March 20, 2020, and will end at 11:59 April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC.

On Sunday evening March 22, Dallas County became the first local government to issue a “shelter in place” ordinance in Texas. The ordinance exempts businesses involved in the delivery of critical infrastructure, including but not limited to, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways. This business supplying products to these projects.

TxDOT has enacted the following actions:

- Projects and Lettings are proceeding as scheduled.
- Will allow extending work times and areas to accelerate projects. Discretion is given to districts to approve contractor requests for work period and work area extensions to take advantage of the low traffic volumes.
- Preconstruction Conferences are still required but are being held as teleconferences.
- Requiring all office-based employees to telework.
- Employees cannot travel out of their district.
- Classes for the TxDOT/HMAC Certification Program (including hot mix asphalt, soils and base and aggregates) have been postponed until April 3, 2020.
- Has closed the lobbies of the 12 Travel Information Centers.
- Safety Rest Areas on highways remain open.
- Safety messages are being shared on the digital highway signs throughout the state.

## Utah

### **Utah Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/17/20:**

#### **Utah Leads Together V2.0 & General State Information**

The Governor released the next iteration of the Utah Leads Together plan. This is good information (attached) please take the time to read and share. [Utah Leads](#)

**For Home repair, construction and manufacturing:** Strict hygiene and reduced group interactions are suggested. Employers should monitor symptoms of staff.

Attached is also an addendum from the Department of Health for Health Guidelines for specific industries. [Guidelines](#)

### **Salt Lake County**

Salt Lake County has just lifted its Stay at Home Order this evening! They have also put together this [site](#) as a good resource on the economy, public safety, and health.

### **Utah Legislature**

The Utah Legislature continues to be active during their special session. This particular development (a created Health & Economic Commission) has the potential firepower and desire to reopen the economy sooner rather than later. Again though, the catchwords continue to use the analogy of a dimmer switch v. a standard light switch turning off and on. Recommendations from this new commission may come as soon as the middle of next week.

### **UDOT**

UDOT has also sent updated guidance for its Transportation Technician Qualification Program (TTQP). [UDOT](#)

### **3/28/20: Gov Herbert Letter Stay at Home Directive**

#### **Utah Letter to Contractors**

#### **UAPA Industry Best Practices**

Work for UDOT will continue. Enhanced measures according to the Governor's directive, however, will be followed. Bottomline - if you can stay at home, stay. Otherwise, projects will move forward. Should certain areas become a 'hot-spot' for COVID-19 and need to shut everything down, the Governor's Directive, gives cities and counties that kind of flexibility. For those that do have to report to work/jobsites, UAPA has taken some best practices and compiled them in the second Word document.

### **3/23/20: UDOT Instructions to Contractors**

**3/16/20:** As of this morning, no news or plans to shut down projects in Utah. UDOT is taking necessary steps to cancel meetings and limit interaction among staff and others, including working from home, etc.

## **Virginia**

### **Virginia Asphalt Association**

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**4/3/20:** VDOT and other agencies are now in a hiring freeze and cutting budgets.

**3/24/20:** [VDOT state construction engineer guidance to contractors](#)

**3/20/20:** Just got off the phone with our Commissioner. He and the Governor are encouraging our industry to hire laid off workers to fill the workforce needs. Also, he wanted to make sure no contractor was being prevented from working by VDOT staff.

**3/19/20:** I had a conference call with VDOT's Commissioner and other Senior Leadership yesterday afternoon. They asked if industry had any concerns with starting and even accelerating work. They also wanted to know if we had seen any virus impacts to companies or the supply chain. As it stands, they want our members paving and keeping people employed.

For now, the revenue is available for public work, but the private market is a different matter. Time will tell, but for now we are paving or starting to pave at full steam. Companies and VDOT have put various safety measures in place. As the Commissioner stated, infrastructure is a critical part of our economy and VDOT wants us working. Needless to say, when I relayed that to members, they were excited.

**3/18/20:** I just had a conference call with VDOT's Commissioner and Senior Leadership. Their question was simple – is the asphalt industry ready to work? I said absolutely and other than adjustments to paving crews and plant operations to keep people safe, they want to work. VDOT sees maintenance and construction paving to be business as usual. They are taking pre-cautions with inspectors and field staff; they are ready to go.

I am not sure if VDOT plans to put it in writing, but contracts are being executed and preconstruction meetings are being held. Most of this will be done electronically and virtually. While this is a sad and concerning situation globally, we will see major changes in the ways business is done.

**3/16/20:** At 9:15 am EDT, nothing has been shut down with VDOT other than meetings. I suspect VDOT will be making adjustments also. When this changes, I will let everyone know.

## **Washington**

### **Washington Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/24/20:** [Letter to Governor](#) [AASHTO Funding Letter](#)

You undoubtedly heard the Governor saying over the last few days that we have a path forward for restarting construction. [Here](#) is an article from this morning's DJC. As you can read, there are not many

details regarding who is in charge of the starting pistol. We are waiting for the Governor's team and WSDOT (and others) to define when we can get back to work.

To try to add to the Governor's comfort level for allowing us to restart work, we sent the attached letter to him yesterday. The WAPA Board also authorized a letter of support for AASHTO's proposal asking for \$49B+ of backstop funding to the states for surface transportation and a doubling of federal surface transportation funding for the next 6-years. The WAPA letter was sent to our U.S. Representatives and Senators today.

We are beginning to see a glimmer of hope that we can start back to work soon. To do so, ***we are committed to the Construction Advisory Group COVID-19 guidelines/ rules*** for working safely to stop the spread of the virus. Please review those guidelines/ rules for your own operations and ESPECIALLY when your employees start to interface with paving contractors when we restart. Non-compliance can mean that a job will be shut down. No one wants to be the cause of shutting down a job when we've fought so hard to get restarted.

#### **4/6/20: [Sound Transit stops construction work](#)**

**3/26/20:** Governor Insley is directing WSDOT to shut down all state highway construction jobs effective tomorrow (3/26/2020) afternoon. The only exceptions are for mandated fish passage work and projects that cannot be idled safely. The shutdown is anticipated to last for the two week time period announced in the Governor's Executive Order issued on Monday.

**3/24/20:** We have held two tele-conference meetings with WSDOT (yesterday and today). This update is provided to bring you up-to-date with what WSDOT has told us to relay to our membership:

- WSDOT is "***open for business***" as they understand the Governor's Executive Order (EO) issued last night (attached). They are operating with the understanding that state highway construction is an "Essential Critical" sector and is allowed to proceed under the Governor's EO. At this point in time, they feel strongly that WSDOT can proceed with contract work on state highways.
- WSDOT has received multiple site specific COVID-19 work plans (see the original message below) and most have been judged adequate if they were based on the original AGC-provided COVID-19 Recommended Practices for Construction Jobsites (attached) that I originally provided for your use. Some plans might need to be refined if specific concerns were not addressed. Of highest concern is how crews that cannot maintain 6-feet of separation are

addressed. This may require supplying higher levels of PPE to these workers. It is critical that WSDOT gains confidence that our site-specific COVID-19 response plans are seriously considered and diligently followed. If our work force is not taking COVID-19 precautions seriously, jobsites could be shutdown.

- Six feet MEANS six feet! The public is generally unhappy with a government edict to stay home. Many folks will lose wages and suffer other hardships. WSDOT is already receiving videos from citizens showing work crews not maintaining 6 feet of separation (and in general being casual about the separation rules). All contractors, subcontractors and suppliers at work sites need to be serious about the 6-foot separation rule. My humble suggestion is to provide face mask PPE to crews that cannot maintain 6-feet of separation 90+% of the time and continuously reiterate to all crews to NOT congregate together during work/ meal breaks or when waiting for deliveries. Stay apart as much as possible.
- WSDOT has already lost the service of two large crews (30 people total) due to one crew member on each crew testing positive for COVID-19. As a result, 28 WSDOT employees are in self-quarantine and cannot return to work for 14-days. The message: Be diligent in screening crews every morning and send folks who may have been exposed or who are showing symptoms back to their homes (see the attached Best Practices document above, addressing pre-shift screening).

**3/19/20:** WSDOT is calling for COVID-19 project specific response plans, to be submitted by next Monday and to be presented to active contract teams (contractor, WSDOT, subs., workers) during a statewide safety stand down next Monday morning. The Contract Bulletin is being sent out any minute now. WSDOT is trying to illustrate to the Governor that the industry is reacting and adjusting procedures, as needed, to address COVID-19 concerns on the job site.

The plan template is an AGC document that WSDOT likes (attached). I also informed our members about the newly launched NAPA webpages that can be used as source material for response plans.

<http://www.asphaltpavement.org/coronavirus>

[http://www.asphaltpavement.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1319:covid19-keeping-employees-healthy-and-trained&catid=196:uncategorised](http://www.asphaltpavement.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1319:covid19-keeping-employees-healthy-and-trained&catid=196:uncategorised)

The Building and Trades Council (labor) has since asked for Tyvek and face masks if 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained and supplied coveralls to be left at the jobsite if

Tyvek is not appropriate. Their most compelling point was that the response plans should specially state that there will be not retaliation for workers who do not want to report to work due to COVID-19 concerns.

**3/16/20:** At this point, WSDOT has not shut down construction projects but the situation is fluid. We will follow up with the items and encourage a commitment from WSDOT that they be flexible in awarding “non-working” days if a company is impacted by the virus and certainly consider extending certifications for workers who would otherwise need to attend rescheduled training events. Indeed, any “arbitrary” time constraints that necessitate attending physical training sessions should be considered for waivers or extensions

### **West Virginia**

**3/23/20:** West Virginia Governor Jim Justice just finished a press conference this afternoon where he announced a “Stay at Home” order effective 8P, March 24, 2020 [EO 8P](#). The good news is that essential infrastructure, including Construction, is exempt and will not impact ongoing construction projects.

State employees in the central office are primarily teleworking but lettings will continue as planned. All department conferences and certification training and exams have been postponed but committee meetings, including Specifications, Materials Procedures (MP), Technical Publications, etc. will continue thru online meetings.

### **Wisconsin**

#### **Wisconsin Asphalt Pavement Association**

**4/13/20:** No changes in Wisconsin just confirmation from WisDOT that the construction of 371 roadway infrastructure projects throughout the state are currently scheduled to proceed this season.

<https://twitter.com/WisconsinDOT/status/1249744381344485376>

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/news-rel/041020-construction.aspx>

**3/23/20:** WAPA was successful in advocating for road construction to be declared as an essential service in Wisconsin, according to our "Safer-At-Home" order that goes into effect today, closing all non-essential businesses in the state.

The construction industry was granted an exception under "essential infrastructure" which includes roads and highways, as well as oil refining. The order also states that "essential infrastructure shall be construed broadly to avoid impacts to essential infrastructure, broadly defined."

[Press Release](#)  
[Order](#)

**3/20/20:** Construction was exempted from the mass gatherings ban, listing industry as critical infrastructure workforce. Consistent with WisDOT policy, the construction program and lettings are proceeding without delay.

**3/19/20:** The Wisconsin construction industry, including WAPA, issued a statement on job site safety and workplace recommendations in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**3/18/20:** We had a conference call this afternoon with WisDOT administrative staff reassuring construction industry associations that they will maintain project design and construction operations proceeding without delay.

We reiterated that we believe road construction is an essential service and ongoing communication will be very important, but this is where our department currently stands.

**Note:** For more information, please visit [wispave.org](http://wispave.org)