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DATE: March 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Clarification for use of Publication 408/2016, Change No. 7, for projects with original advertised let dates prior to April 10, 2020

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The effective date for PennDOT Publication 408/2020, Initial Edition, Specifications, is April 10, 2020.

Projects let after April 10, 2020, are intended to use Pub 408/2020-IE as the governing specifications. Projects to conform to all specifications and standards set forth in the publication.

The effective date of Pub 408/2020-IE will remain April 10, 2020. However, in response to the Department's mitigation guidance for COVID-19, including the Department's decision to move the let dates of multiple advertised projects, the following clarification is being issued:

Projects that were initially advertised to be let prior to April 10, 2020, may continue to use Pub 408/2016, Change No. 7, effective October 4, 2019.

For projects let after April 10, 2020, that will use Pub 408/2016, Change No. 7, as the governing specifications, pay items and special provisions must be populated on projects prior to April 10, 2020.

On April 10, 2020, ECMS will automatically activate new pay items and special provisions, delete no longer used pay items and special provisions, and replace pay items and special provisions with new pay items and special provisions.

Replaced and deleted pay items and special provisions will no longer be accessible to place on a project.

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Waivers for the use of Pub 408/2016, Change No. 7, that were granted for specific projects being let after April 10, 2020 remain in effect.

Projects that are scheduled to be let after April 10, 2020 that have already started to incorporate Pub 408/2020 specifications and standards are to continue with that effort.

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