COVID-19 Update

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Essential Roles of Government

- Performing the Essential Roles of Government
  - Transportation and construction deemed essential functions during COVID-19 crisis

- Keeping our employees and the public safe
  - Field work ongoing
  - Construction continues
  - Telework
  - Work schedule changes
  - Social distancing
Maintenance

- Caltrans Maintenance Crews are on call 24/7 to ensure the transportation system remains fully operational for the flow of essential goods such as medical supplies and groceries.

- Essential activities by Maintenance Crews:
  - Emergency traffic control for vehicle crashes
  - Potholes, pavement markings, signs and safety devices
  - Emergency repair of traffic signals and lighting
  - Cleaning and repair of drainage facilities
  - Snow removal and emergency convoys
Continuing Construction Activities

- Close coordination with construction industry partners
- Almost all contracts are continuing unabated
- Expanded work windows for the safety of workers and the travelling public
- Social distancing in all daily operations and on worksites
- Face coverings or masks where appropriate to the work
Telework Transformation

- Transforming from infrequent telecommuting to a full mobile workforce
  - Caltrans went from a few hundred teleworkers to 85% to 90% of 13,100 Caltrans office personnel staying away from the office
- Working with CalHR Ensuring that we are providing accurate and timely guidance out to all staff
- Developed a task force in late February to actively address real-time administrative issues and develop responses
Technical Adaptation for Telework

- Increases in hardware and software infrastructure
  - Adding Telework Capacity
  - Scaling up Telework
  - More than doubling VPN capacity
  - Adding Remote Desktop Access
  - Deploying Department-wide web conferencing services
Keep California Supplied

- Special Permits for Overweight Trucks:
  - Caltrans issuing special permits authorizing overweight trucks to deliver emergency COVID-19 Supplies across the state

- Special Permits for Food Trucks in Safety Roadside Rest Areas (SRRAs):
  - Executive Order N-52-20 authorized food trucks to temporarily operate at SRRAs in support of truckers
Helping Others

- "Mission Tasking"
  - Provide support for closure of Public Facilities
    - Cones, delineators, barriers, signs
  - Transport of Trailers for unsheltered
    - In addition to the 99 trailers the department recently transported for the homeless crisis, we have transported an additional 132 for the COVID-19 emergency
    - Potential for deployment of additional trailers, and the department stands ready to assist.

- Public Service Announcements on CMS
Decreased Travel, Increased Speed

Decrease in Average Vehicles per Day Versus 2019

Increase in Average Speed Versus 2019
Workload Challenges

- Transition to Telework
  - Access not in place for all systems
  - Cybersecurity
- In-Person Training postponed
- Certain types of maintenance and construction work must be postponed or reprioritized
- Court closures could impact some R/W and CEQA processes, which may increase risk to project timelines
- Masks, sanitizer, and other PPE in limited availability
Construction Impacts

- Availability of contractor workforce due to COVID-19 illnesses, shelter-in-place orders, and concerns for personal health & safety
  - A very small number of contracts have been suspended at contractor request
- Maintaining social distancing for certain work activities can result in inefficient work-arounds
- Contractor material deliveries may see impacts due to workforce shortages
- Challenges may result in delays to some projects
Intercity Rail

- **Ridership**
  - Unprecedented ridership changes
    - Up to 97-percent drops in ridership across the three state-supported Intercity Rail routes
    - Commensurate farebox reductions

- **Service Changes**
  - Reduced number of trains
  - Limited/reduced stops
  - Waived change/cancellation fees
Financial Challenges

- Transportation revenue is primarily based on fuel consumption and will be affected by observed decline in traffic volumes
  - Process of fuel excise tax collection and distribution is lengthy; impacts not yet felt
- Cash balances healthy and impact to capacity will be long-term, not short-term
- As part of May Revise, Department of Finance will release official estimates of impact from current crisis and the ensuing economic downturn
- Potential for Federal Stimulus
Questions