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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Kerry A. Bates, P.E, State Construction Engineer

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TO: District Engineers
District Construction Engineers
District Maintenance Engineers
District Traffic Engineers
Area Construction Engineers
Regional Operations Directors

DATE: 12/12/2019

CC: State Maintenance Engineer
State Traffic Engineer

RE: Removal of Raised Pavement Markers on Open, On-Schedule VDOT Construction Contracts

This memo is to provide direction on the removal of Raised Pavement Markers (RPMs) on all open VDOT Construction Contracts throughout the Commonwealth. As of the date of this memo, all existing RPMs within the contract limits on roadways for which work is in progress under an open VDOT construction contract are to be removed.

This removal work shall be accomplished by executed, mutual work order with the contractor and shall include a price for removal and disposal of existing RPMs as well as backfilling the voids left in the pavement with suitable material where new surface mix is not to be applied. Removal, disposal and backfill of RPMs will be paid for as a lump sum item on a per contract basis to include any additional maintenance of traffic items.

Please note the following exclusions from this initiative:

1. If a contractor has completed all work and is awaiting final payment, it will not be required to remobilize to remove RPMs.
 - a. This includes projects with multiple, geographically separated work locations (c.g. pavement maintenance schedules), where the contractor has substantially completed contracted work activities at an individual location.

2. Work orders for removal of RPMs shall not be issued on contracts that have exceeded the fixed completion dates.
3. Contracts where this RPM removal work is not aligned with the contract scope (e.g. landscape project, signing project, etc.).

All proposed work orders for removal of RPMs pursuant to this memorandum will be reviewed by Central Office Construction Division prior to execution.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Patrick O. O'Leary, P.E., Assistant State Construction Engineer, at (804) 371-2531.

This memo is limited to removal of RPMs. Further direction regarding the nature, timing and location of new marker installations will be forthcoming in separate memoranda.