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RE: Recommendation to Alleviate Material Supply/Supply Chain Issues

Gentlemen:

The manufacturing and construction industries throughout the United States are currently experiencing material supply disruptions. These challenges appear to be with us for the foreseeable future. To date, these have not significantly affected PennDOT or PTC projects. In response to the discussion of these issues at our recent TQI meeting, the PACA Board of Directors met this week and recommends that the following policy be enacted promptly. We believe that this will be a critical aid in avoiding disruptions to our ongoing important transportation construction projects.

We recommend that concrete mix design ingredients, and source of supply for aggregates and cement deliveries to projects, be allowed to be exchanged, on an equivalent basis immediately, in response to supply chain challenges for any of these materials; without the criteria for a redesign or submittal approval.

As examples;

Type I Cement Source X (Bulletin 15) = Type I Cement Source Y (Bulletin 15)

Air Entraining Admix. Source A (Bulletin 15) = Air Entraining Admix. Source B (Bulletin 15)

Type S Subbase Aggregate Source 1 (Bulletin 14) = Type S Subbase Aggregate Source 2 (Bulletin 14)

It is imperative that this statewide policy be put into place prior to it being needed, that it be widely communicated, and promptly implemented to prevent further delays in the delivery of our critical materials. It is our understanding that a similar policy for liquid asphalt used in Bituminous pavements has been in place for a long time.

The immediate implementation of this policy will significantly help to reduce the effect of the current supply chain challenges to all PennDOT and PTC projects across Pennsylvania.

Please contact us with any questions.

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Chairman of the Board of Directors

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