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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Deputy Commissioners
District Construction Directors
District Technical Services Directors
District Area Engineers
District Project Management Director
Project Management Director
District LPA Coordinators
Project Engineers/Supervisors
Field Engineers
Technical Service Directors
Maintenance Personnel

FROM: John Leckie, Director
Division of Construction Management and District Support

SUBJECT: Reflective Sheeting on Channelizing Devices

In an ongoing effort to improve work zone safety, the Department will begin a “phase-in” of certain channelizing devices utilizing white and fluorescent orange sheeting, Type IV or higher. This phase-in will aid in allowing industry to complete the service life of existing devices with Type III sheeting. The two step phase-in will be as follows:

1) For contracts let on or after September 1, 2019:
   White and fluorescent orange sheeting, both Type IV or higher, will be required for drums utilized for Maintenance of Traffic on Interstate Routes and Ramps.

2) For contracts let on or after September 1, 2020:
   White and fluorescent orange sheeting, both Type IV or higher, will be required for the following channelizing devices utilized for Maintenance of Traffic on all contracts: all drums, tubular markers, vertical panels, and 42 in. cones.

Until the above requirements become effective, contractors may substitute channelizing devices that include Type IV or higher reflective sheeting at no additional cost to the Department; however, in addition to meeting the requirements above, until the phase-in period ends, any individual run of devices shall contain the same type of sheeting. Material shall also meet the requirements of ASTM D 4956 and shall be on the Department’s Approved List.

Questions should be directed to the Office of Construction Management.

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