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This went out on Friday from AASHTO. Are your members seeing these delays as well?
Regards, Tony

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Cc: SCOH; McDonnell, Jim; Platte, Keith; Kobetsky, Ken
Subject: Pavement Marking Materials Supply

Dear Members of the Subcommittees on Construction, Materials, and Maintenance

Within the last month there has been a great deal of discussion and concern regarding the reported shortages of pavement marking materials due to interruption in supply of critical feed stocks to the manufacturers for production. According to the industry the materials affected by these shortages include waterborne traffic paints, extruded and spray thermoplastics as well as epoxy materials.

This morning, representatives from AASHTO, FHWA and ATSSA met to discuss the potential impact of these supply disruptions on the 2010 striping season. The industry indicates that it is currently 6 to 8 weeks behind in orders. Some orders may be delayed up to 2 months as one supplier indicated that they are not taking any new customers at this time.

As a result of our meeting, **AASHTO is asking for feedback** from our member departments to help determine a clear picture of the current status within each state. **Please take a moment to respond to the following questions for your state.**

Has your department been made aware of the materials shortage?

Has the contracting community met with the Department to discuss possible impact on projects?

Is there a concern about project completion due to the shortage? If so has there been any discussion regarding possible alternatives to the materials that are in short supply?

If there are alternatives being considered for addressing current or potential material shortages, please share them in your response. Some of the potential solutions that have been discussed include extending contract completion dates, allowing the contractor to apply temporary lane markings at a reduced rate for opening to traffic and permanent markings at a later date when materials are available. Have these or other alternatives been considered by your state?

By sharing this information, we will not only be able to better determine the actual scope of the issue but also share any options that are being explored to maintain clear lane markings for public safety and timely project completion.

Please respond by Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

Regards,

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