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RE: Flagger Training and Certification

Given concerns over the availability and/or possible shortage of certified flaggers due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the following temporary measures are effective immediately:

1. Use of flaggers with certifications that expire after October 31, 2019
 - ITD will allow flaggers with certifications expiring after October 31, 2019 to continue working on projects through March 31, 2021.
 - Expired certifications must be renewed by March 31, 2021.
2. Use of flaggers with certifications acquired through online (non-instructor led) training.
 - ITD will allow flaggers certified via online training on projects for the next six (6) months from the date of this memo, after which only flaggers certified through in-person training will be allowed.
 - ITD only accepts online flagger certifications obtained through ATSSA and Evergreen Safety Council.
 - The following requirements apply to the use of online certified flaggers:
 - The flagging company agrees to provide on-the-job training for online certified flaggers.
 - Within a year of certification, online certified flaggers are required to complete and pass an in-person flagger recertification class.
 - ITD will make available sessions providing in-person training for online certified flaggers at no expense.
 - Individuals may opt to take a non-ITD in-person training to meet this requirement at their own expense.
3. Contractors (prime and/or sub) utilizing flaggers with expired certifications and/or with certifications gained through an online flagger training program must provide ITD with the following at, or prior to, the project preconstruction meeting:
 - A list of flaggers to be used on the project and the status of their certifications (current, expired, online).
 - The prime's and/or their subcontractors' on-the-job training program for their flaggers.

Six (6) months after the memo date above, ITD will revisit the need to continue allowing online certified flaggers on projects.

The extension of expired flagger certifications also applies to internal ITD staff. It's not anticipated that online flagger training and certification for internal staff will be needed at this time. If a need arises, these instances should be directed to the District Trainer.

cc: DIR, DDIR, CE/HDA, HCOA, Hwys Managers, DEM2s, DDCMs, Dist. Trainers, FHWA, ACHD, LHTAC, ACEC, AGC