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Director Ajegba:

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Michigan has been notified that MITA is requesting a shutdown of non-essential field activities on construction projects due to concerns with the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

ACEC Michigan has not received any requests from our members to halt projects. ACEC Michigan would like to emphasize that the engineering industry is able to continue to work on the development of projects (planning, design plans, surveys, geotechnical, bidding documents, etc.) while practicing safe distancing methods. In most cases, our professionals have been successful working from home to complete engineering designs and have used virtual meeting technology to coordinate with owner agencies. We believe it is critical to continue to work on the project development of transportation projects to stay on schedule and be prepared to let projects for construction. The staff completing necessary field work such as surveys, geotechnical investigations, site inspections, etc. are being diligent in following CDC suggested practices to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 517-256-1257.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director