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Participants of AASHTO's NTPEP 2020 Pavement Marking Materials Evaluation Program:

AASHTO's National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) has made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Pavement Marking Materials (PMM) test deck which was scheduled to be installed in Utah later this summer. Due to the ongoing health and safety concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the CDC guidelines and restrictions, the Technical Committee Leadership and NTPEP Management have decided it would be in the best interest of all parties to delay the installation of this test deck to a future date.

A large amount of interstate travel by the manufacturers and contractors/subcontractors of PMM products is required in order to install these products for evaluation, and the installation activities themselves can make it difficult to adhere to social distancing recommendations. Additionally, this is a rapidly evolving situation where some states are already implementing travel restrictions as well as mandatory self-quarantining procedures. With these risks in mind, NTPEP wishes to act with an abundance of caution to protect our state and industry members.

Currently the PMM Technical Committee Leadership, NTPEP staff, and Utah Department of Transportation staff are anticipating late Spring 2021 as the new installation window for this test deck. However, we will need to wait until closer to that time before any final decisions are made. In the interim, we will be keeping a close eye on the situation and will provide updates as often as necessary.

We urge anyone with concerns about this postponement to contact the NTPEP Liaison for PMM, Jonathan Sirianni, at jsirianni@aaashto.org. Thank you for your understanding through this challenging time.



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