Tab 8



# COVID-19 Update Toks Omishakin



#### **Essential Roles of Government**

- Performing the Essential Roles of Government
  - Transportation and construction deemed essential functions during COVID-19 crisis
- Keeping our employees and the public safe
  - Field work ongoing
  - Construction continues
  - Telework
  - Work schedule changes
  - Social distancing





#### Maintenance

- Caltrans Maintenance Crews are on call 24/7 to ensure the transportation system remains fully operational for the flow of essential goods such as medical supplies and groceries
- Essential activities by Maintenance Crews:
  - Emergency traffic control for vehicle crashes
  - Potholes, pavement markings, signs and safety devices
  - Emergency repair of traffic signals and lighting
  - Cleaning and repair of drainage facilities
  - Snow removal and emergency convoys







# **Continuing Construction Activities**

- Close coordination with construction industry partners
- Almost all contracts are continuing unabated
- Expanded work windows for the safety of workers and the travelling public
- Social distancing in all daily operations and on worksites
- Face coverings or masks where appropriate to the work





# **Telework Transformation**

- Transforming from infrequent telecommuting to a full mobile workforce
  - Caltrans went from a few hundred teleworkers to 85% to 90% of 13,100 Caltrans office personnel staying away from the office
- Working with CalHR Ensuring that we are providing accurate and timely guidance out to all staff
- Developed a task force in late February to actively address real-time administrative issues and develop responses



# **Technical Adaptation for Telework**

- Increases in hardware and software infrastructure
  - Adding Telework Capacity
  - Scaling up Telework
  - More than doubling VPN capacity
  - Adding Remote Desktop Access
  - Deploying Department-wide web conferencing services







Webex Meetings



# Keep California Supplied

- Special Permits for Overweight Trucks:
  - Caltrans issuing special permits authorizing overweight trucks to deliver emergency COVID-19 Supplies across the state
- Special Permits for Food Trucks in Safety Roadside Rest Areas (SRRAs):
  - Executive Order N-52-20 authorized food trucks to temporarily operate at SRRAs in support of truckers

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER N-52-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS despite sustained efforts. COVID-19 continues to spread and is impacting nearly all sectors of California; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessary physical distancing measures implemented have affected governmental agencies, workers, private businesses, and California residents alike, with associated impacts on adherence to cartain statutary and regulatory deadlines; and

WHEREAS a shortage of fingerprinting services has arisen in Colifornia despite those services being included among the essential attical inhostructure sectors identified pursuant to Executive Order N-33-2, and this shortage is impacting other essential critical infrastructure sectors, including the healthcare sector and other programs that provide care and support to vulnerable Californians; and

WHEREAS to prevent potential impairment of delivery of critical healthcare services and of care and support for vulnerable populations, the California Department of Justice, waiting in concert with the California Health and Human Services Agency and other agencies and departments, is developing procedures to perform name-based criminal background checks, consistent with Penal Cade sections 1106.7 and 11105.75, and subject to certain conditions, including a requirement that each applicant's identify and criminal history be verified by fingerprints as soon as practicable after an initial check based on other identifying information has been performed; and

WHEREAS included who are tested for COVID-19 should have occess to test results, and important information on test interpretation, isolation, and care guidance, in an expeditious and deliberate manner; and

WHERAS lines due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirements imposed to limit spread of the virus impade the ability of the California Coastal Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, members of the public, and others to meet certain time limits set forth in the Permit Streamlining Act and the Public Resources Code: and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures has disrupted the lives and educational progress of K-12 students, impacting their ability to meet existing admissions prerequisites for the California State University system; and

WHEREAS It is important that the trucking industry have access to food at highway rest areas while maintaining the critical supply chain throughout this state; and

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### **Helping Others**

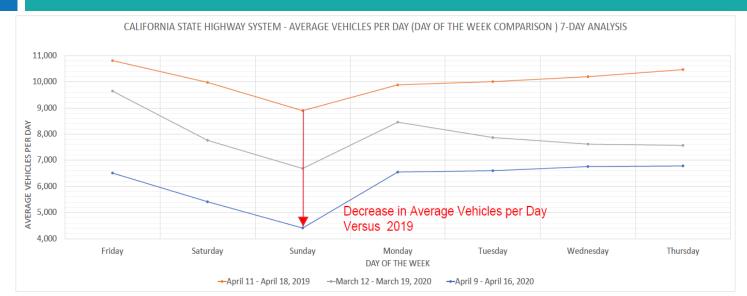
#### "Mission Tasking"

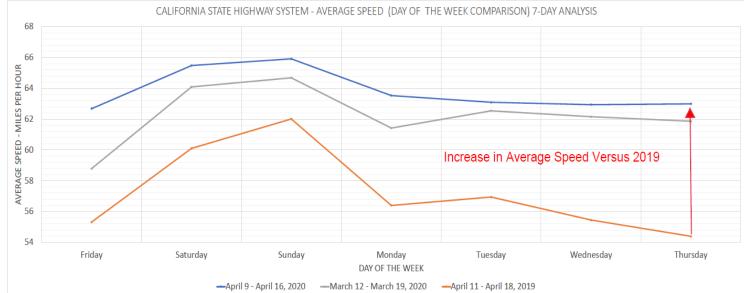
- Provide support for closure of Public Facilities
  - Cones, delineators, barriers, signs
- Transport of Trailers for unsheltered
  - In addition to the 99 trailers the department recently transported for the homeless crisis, we have transported an additional 132 for the COVID-19 emergency
  - Potential for deployment of additional trailers, and the department stands ready to assist.
- Public Service Announcements on CMS





#### Decreased Travel, Increased Speed







# Workload Challenges

- Transition to Telework
  - Access not in place for all systems
  - Cybersecurity
- In-Person Training postponed
- Certain types of maintenance and construction work must be postponed or reprioritized
- Court closures could impact some R/W and CEQA processes, which may increase risk to project timelines
- Masks, sanitizer, and other PPE in limited availability



#### **Construction Impacts**

- Availability of contractor workforce due to COVID-19 illnesses, shelter-in-place orders, and concerns for personal health & safety
  - A very small number of contracts have been suspended at contractor request
- Maintaining social distancing for certain work activities can result in inefficient work-arounds
- Contractor material deliveries may see impacts due to workforce shortages
- Challenges may result in delays to some projects

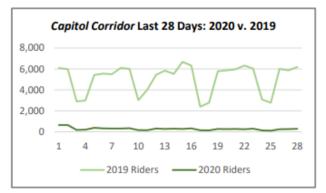


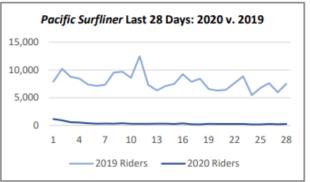
#### **Intercity Rail**

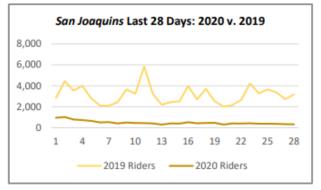
#### Ridership

Unprecedented ridership changes

- Up to 97-percent drops in ridership across the three state-supported Intercity Rail routes
- Commensurate farebox reductions
- Service Changes
  - Reduced number of trains
  - Limited/reduced stops
  - Waived change/cancellation fees









#### **Financial Challenges**

- Transportation revenue is primarily based on fuel consumption and will be affected by observed decline in traffic volumes
  - Process of fuel excise tax collection and distribution is lengthy; impacts not yet felt
- Cash balances healthy and impact to capacity will be longterm, not short-term
- As part of May Revise, Department of Finance will release official estimates of impact from current crisis and the ensuing economic downturn
- Potential for Federal Stimulus



#### Questions

