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Subject: **FLAGGER AND TRAFFIC CONTROL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges in the implementation of certifications for flaggers and traffic control technicians. COVID-19 restrictions have made it difficult for authorized training providers listed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to conduct training sessions to certify all flaggers and traffic control technicians used on Caltrans projects prior to the July 1, 2021, implementation date. The July 1, 2021 implementation date is required by Section 12-4.02C(9), "Flaggers," of the Revised *Standard Specifications* and modified by construction procedure directive (CPD) 20-13, and Section 12-4.02C(11), "Traffic Control Technician," of the Revised *Standard Specifications*.

This directive allows resident engineers to accept certifications from non-Caltrans authorized training providers for flaggers and traffic control technicians, until December 31, 2021. A transition period from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, will provide contractors time to comply with the training requirement that training certifications from only Caltrans authorized training providers will be accepted for flaggers and traffic control technicians.

Starting July 1, 2021, assistant resident engineers should request to see certification cards for flaggers and traffic control technicians. If the certification is not from a Caltrans-authorized training provider then inform the flagger or traffic control technician and contractor that recertification training by a Caltrans authorized training provider must be completed by January 1, 2022. A list of Caltrans authorized training providers is available at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/construction/safety-traffic>

Accepting certifications from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, for flaggers and traffic control technicians from vendors or entities that are not currently on the Caltrans-

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authorized training provider lists provides for a soft implementation period for this new specification requirement during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have questions or comments regarding this directive, please contact Amjad Obeid Division of Construction, at Amjad.Obeid@dot.ca.gov or (916) 591-2866.