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May 3, 2017

Mary Ridgeway, P.E.  
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Dear Ms. Ridgeway,

DelDOT is pleased to submit our second annual report related to our SEP-14 approval of our non-traditional contracting technique, which was approved by FHWA on April 1, 2015. For reference, some previous correspondence and approvals are attached. As previously discussed and approved, our primary measure of effectiveness is the amount of time between the completion of design and the start of construction. Our reporting period includes projects that had a design completion date between April 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017. Two projects that had a design completion date just prior to April 1, 2016 and started construction after April 1, 2016 were also included for data continuity between this report and last year's report.

For all projects during the reporting period that were under our section's direct control, a summary of several critical dates is included in the attached table. The "hand off" date represents the official completion of design and the official transfer of a project from our Design to our Construction Section. The other dates noted in the attachment are self-explanatory.

The average time between the completion of design and beginning of construction was 34 calendar days, which is very similar to last year's average (32 days). The shortest time was within 3 days, and the maximum was just over 5 months. In comparison, the fastest that a regular design-bid-build project can advance from the completion of the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) to construction start, under non-emergency DelDOT, Delaware, and Federal rules, is approximately 4 months. Most projects take 6 or more months between PS&E and construction start. Note that only 2 of the 33 projects were over 3 months in this measure.

Our results after two years of implementation clearly show the benefits of this innovative project delivery method. We believe this method epitomizes FHWA's Everyday Counts initiative. We look forward to continuing with this method and plan to continue to send FHWA annual reports on our progress.

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Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, bold letter 'S' with a diagonal slash through it, enclosed in a blue outline.

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Enclosure

cc: Patrick Kennedy, Federal Highway Administration  
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