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RE: **REVISED:** ALDOT Transition to OpenRoads Designer (ORD)

Due to unforeseen software issues we now anticipate an April 1, 2020 rollout date for all new projects to utilize only ORD for survey and plan production. All current projects that have not held a Plan-In-Hand Inspection by August 1, 2020 will be expected to be brought forward to ORD format. Those projects that have reached the PIH stage by August 1, 2020 but have not let by March 31, 2021 will also be expected to be brought forward to ORD.

Please understand that once a project is brought forward out of MicroStation / InRoads platforms into ORD, there is not a way to reverse them back to older platforms.

We are actively working to bring all ALDOT resources forward to the ORD platform and will make those available through the CADD Support Group webpage as follows:

<https://www.dot.state.al.us/dsweb/divFdd/DesignServicesSection/CADDSupport.html>

I would like to remind you that most Consultant Engineering and Architectural Agreements with the State have language to the effect for final deliverables "the CADD files are required to be completely compatible with the Department's current production versions of CADD software...." To that end, after the transition period all CADD submitted to the Department must be in ORD formats.

The Design Bureau is committed to providing support to the ORD platform as we have for MicroStation and InRoads in the past. As always, if you have any questions, issues, etc. please contact the Design Services Section and CADD Support Group of this Bureau.

Sincerely,

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