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### Comment

My recommendation is to incorporate a clause into this rule that promotes the support of small businesses across the nation, within each state and county, so as to encourage the economic growth within each region that will already be given a boost if this rule is passed due to the increase in demand for civil contractors as well as the new positions the DOT will be required to hire in support of the inspection and construction accounting associated with each new project. I believe it is imperative that this new rule doesnt end up catering to the Oligopoly or even Monopoly that the exists with the big general contractors such as Las Vegas Asphalt Paving in Las Vegas, NV who currently consumes the majority of asphalt paving in Clark County. Furthermore, some level of marketing for the availability of this type of work to current small business general contractors should be included for this feat.

I fully support this new proposed rule as it takes a major step in the right direction to correcting the overload of renovations and new roads and bridges that this growing nation requires. I support the initiative to enable the DOT as the enforcer and authority to issue fines to those regions who are in violation of this new rule. I also support the given target time periods for renovations as reasonable. The 2-4 year period is more than sufficient, as long as the language is explicit in that reasonable time be allotted for weather delays or other uncontrollable circumstances so that no fines be levied for such delays. I do feel that the cost benefits might be a bit understated. Certainly places that are experiencing high traffic volumes that are given funding for the widening of the roads or where new bridges provide access quicker to areas will benefit the local economies as well the social mentality from lessening their daily commute. Not to mention the superordinate goal of keeping cars on the road less to bring down CO2 emissions.

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