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**Subject:** Rural (Permanent) and Urban (Permanent & Stabilizing) mixes - seed shortages & substitutions for 2022

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Due to anticipated shortages of specified seed types, Roadside Development and the Construction & Materials Bureau have recommended allowable changes to the DOT's seed mixes as follows for the 2022 construction season.

Permanent Rural mix due to the anticipated shortage of Perennial Ryegrass (Linn):

**2601.03, C, 3, b, Seed Mixture.**

Add note to Table 2601.03-3:

\* For 2022 construction season only, ryegrass rate may be reduced to 30 pounds per acre as long as the fescue rate is increased to 150 pounds per acre.

Permanent & Stabilizing Urban mixes due to the anticipated shortage of Creeping Red Fescue:

**2601.03, C, 2, b, Seed Mixture.**

Add note to Table 2601.03-2:

3. For 2022 construction season only, a partial or full substitution of the required 25 pounds of Creeping Red Fescue is allowed with any of the following varieties: Chewing Fescue, Hard Fescue, Sheep's Fescue or Blue Fescue.

**2601.03, C, 4, b, Seed Mixture.**

Add note to Table 2601.03-4:

3. For 2022 construction season only, a partial or full substitution of the required 25 pounds of Creeping Red Fescue is allowed with any of the following varieties: Chewing Fescue, Hard Fescue, Sheep's Fescue or Blue Fescue.

Contracts will be adding proposal notes beginning with the March 15, 2022 letting through the September 20, 2022 letting.

If these substitutions are needed for projects already let, they should be addressed with a mutual benefit contract modification.

Thanks,  
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