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**Subject:** Urban permanent and stabilizing - Creeping Red Fescue seed shortage & substitution for 2021

Please forward to the appropriate construction staff in your office for their information and use.

Due to the current and anticipated continued seed shortages of Creeping Red Fescue, Roadside Development has recommended we allow changes to the DOT's permanent and stabilizing urban seed mix until the end of 2021. Proposed change is to allow a partial or full substitution of the required 25 lbs. per acre of Creeping Red Fescue with any of the following varieties:

- Chewing Fescue
- Hard Fescue
- Sheep's Fescue
- Blue Fescue

If this substitution is needed for projects, it should be addressed with a mutual benefit contract modification.

Potential recommendations or specification changes for next year will be reviewed this fall.

This email will be posted for reference at [https://iowadot.gov/construction\\_materials/Earthwork-and-erosion-control](https://iowadot.gov/construction_materials/Earthwork-and-erosion-control).

Thanks,  
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