

Everyone,

We have previously discussed that Bentley would stop their support for their Select Series products on January 1, 2022 for some time. This was the primary driver for us to transition to OpenRoads Designer (ORD) and subsequently the dates for converting existing projects to ORD. As expected, we encountered some flaws with the conversion process; however some proved to be impractical to trudge through. Mainly any hydraulics design done in SUDA did not convert correctly. The only way to correct this was to redesign the hydraulics on the project. This was not an acceptable solution.

VDOT reached out to Bentley and asked that they consider extending the support of their Select Series products for an additional amount of time past the January 1, 2022 date. Apparently other DOT's have done the same thing. Just last week we received an email from Bentley's SVP and Chief Revenue Officer stating "We heard you, and the results of these sessions are clear: Bentley can do better. Additionally, [we] will be reaching out to you regarding support of your legacy projects in the weeks to come." This appears, from further discussions, to be a signal that Bentley is considering our request.

On that note, we will be extending the timeframe of converting projects to ORD. As of right now, our recommendation is that all new projects must start in ORD, newer projects should upgrade as soon as resources allow, and older projects should attempt to finish in legacy software as soon as possible. Once we receive official word from Bentley on additional timing we will provide more specific information.

We are confident that Bentley will continue to provide the support needed or correct the issues we have found in a future release of ORD. If the latter happens, we will revisit the schedule for converting legacy projects to the new technology.

If you have any questions or need more clarification, please reach out to myself or CADD Support.

Thanks,  
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