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TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS

FROM: David A. Sadler, P.E., Director, Office of Construction

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SUBJECT: THERMOPLASTIC OBSERVATION PERIOD

Currently, thermoplastic pavement markings are required to meet a 180 day observation period according to Subarticle 711-7 Observation Period of the Specifications. This Subarticle applies to longitudinal pavement markings only; not transverse markings, preformed markings, symbols, messages, etc. To clarify this, the following specification revision will be processed in the near future:

711-7 Observation Period.

Longitudinal pavement markings are subject to a 180 day observation period under normal traffic. The observation period shall begin with the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the work.

The **longitudinal** pavement markings shall show no signs of failure due to blistering, excessive cracking, chipping, discoloration, poor adhesion to the pavement, loss of reflectivity or vehicular damage. The retroreflectivity shall meet the initial requirements of 711-4.3. The Department reserves the right to check the color and retroreflectivity any time prior to the end of the observation period.

Replace, at no additional expense to the Department, any **longitudinal** pavement markings that do not perform satisfactorily under traffic during the 180 day observation period.

This memorandum serves as a blanket approval to process a \$0.00 specification change and should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement used to document the change.

If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Maxwell at 850-414-4314.

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