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**DCE MEMORANDUM 13-14**  
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**This Memo has Expired**

**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

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

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**SUBJECT: PAINTING STENCIL REINFORCING**

Specifications Section 710-4 addresses application of painted pavement markings. When painting symbols and messages, stencils are typically used. This Subarticle does not address painting the small areas covered by the stencil reinforcing.

Effective with the January 2015 lettings, the following language will be added to Subarticle 710-4.1:

When stencils are used to apply symbols and messages, the small areas covered by the stencil reinforcing will not be required to be painted.

Reason for this change is that the unpainted areas due to the stencil are considered de minimis and will be covered with application of thermoplastic.

For projects let prior to January 2015, do not require painting the areas covered by the stencil reinforcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Maxwell at 850-414-4314 or [Stefanie.Maxwell@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Stefanie.Maxwell@dot.state.fl.us)

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