

4580000 BRIDGE DECK JOINTS
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comment: (4-16-11)

1. Suggest rewording as follows:

458-2.1 Poured Joint: *Furnish joint sealer or a Type A, B or C silicone sealant material* ~~meeting~~ the requirements of Section 932 ~~for Joint Sealer or a Type A, B, or C Low Modulus Silicone Sealant material~~ that is *listed* on the Qualified Products List (QPL).

Response: Agree. Change made.

2. 458-2.3 Strip Seal Joint System, 2nd sentence:

Manufacturers seeking ~~approval of Strip Seal Joint Systems for inclusion on the QPL~~ *evaluation of their product for the QPL* shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6.

Response: Agree. Change made.

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Comments: (5-18-11)

I do not know how the changes will affect the price point of these Sidewalk Joint Cover Plates. However, if it does not reduce the cost by a factor of ten, the public is getting a real screwing. There is no way one can contend that the benefit rises to the cost. These plates are ridiculously priced. It is shameful to waste public monies in this fashion. Further, I hesitate to point to the trip hazard a 1/4" thick plate represents for fear that the next proposed improvement will required the plate be recessed to achieve a flush condition.

Response: This change is required. The change will not affect the cost of the sidewalk joint cover plates. ASTM F1677 & 1679 were withdrawn, and FM3-C 1028 is the replacement to ensure the plates have adequate traction. After further communication with Mr. Bowles on this issue, we are researching ideas on ways to reduce costs without incurring any reduction in safety.
