SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT JOINT ADHESIVES

Purposes: The purpose of this EI is to issue special specifications for Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesives.

Technical Information:
- **Design Guidance:** The Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesive item may be used on all surface courses. This item may also be used when either the Base or Binder course will be left open to traffic over the winter or longer. In either case, the Designer must clearly indicate the use of this item in the contract documents.

When joint adhesive item is used for surface course, the Designer may elect to use this item for layers below the surface course.

- **Cost Impact:** The anticipated cost for this item, including labor costs, is less than $0.50 per linear foot of a construction joint.

Implementation: For projects submitted for the letting of 05/07/2015 or later - when this product is deemed appropriate, the designers will submit (with the PS&E) the special specifications issued with this EI.

The following Metric and USC special specification is approved:
- Item 402.76030018 - Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesives

The following USC special specification is disapproved:
- Item 402.76030009 - Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesives
TRANSMITTED MATERIALS: This EI transmits the following Metric and USC special specifications for Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesives:

- Item 402.76030018 - Asphalt Pavement Joint Adhesives

BACKGROUND: Cracking frequently develops along the construction joints formed when adjacent Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) lanes are paved. Once cracking develops along this joint, water and foreign matter is able to infiltrate the joint and with freeze/thaw cycles and the effects of traffic, the crack widens and lengthens causing eventual loss of asphalt mixture. The use of joint adhesives could potentially prevent or delay the formation of these cracks along the construction joints, and if cracks do develop, the joint adhesive could potentially limit the depth which water infiltrates into the joint thus delaying damage to the joints caused by freeze/thaw cycles and traffic.

There are a number of states who have adopted the use of joint adhesive to reduce the joint deterioration. Based on the limited study performed by the Department, the joint adhesive has shown some promise in delaying the deterioration of the pavement joints.

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DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of furnishing and installing joint adhesive in accordance with the contract documents and as directed by the Engineer.

MATERIALS

Use one of the following joint adhesives manufactured by:

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Equivalent product may be used with the approval of the Materials Bureau.

Deliver the joint adhesive in the manufacturer's original sealed container legibly marked with the following information:

- Manufacturer’s name.
- Trade name of adhesive.
- Manufacturer’s batch or lot number.
- Minimum application temperature.
- Maximum (or Safe) heating temperature.

Provide the Engineer with a copy of the manufacturer's recommendations pertaining to heating and application of the adhesive prior to commencing work.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

General. Furnish all equipment that is necessary to clean the construction joint and to apply the joint adhesive. Use equipment meeting the description and/or performance requirements described herein and approved by the Engineer. Apply the joint adhesive to the final construction joints.

Joint Preparation. Prepare longitudinal and transverse construction joints as discussed below and place adjacent asphalt pavement on the same day that the joint adhesive is applied.

Use a high pressure air lance to thoroughly clean the joint surface of dust, dirt, foreign material, sand and any other extraneous materials immediately prior to applying the joint adhesive. Install suitable traps or devices on the compressed air equipment to prevent moisture and oil from contaminating the joint surfaces. Maintain these devices and see that they are functioning properly. Protect the public from potentially objectionable and/or hazardous airborne debris.

Joint Adhesive. Heat and melt the joint adhesive in a melter constructed either as a double boiler filled with a heat-transfer medium between the inner and outer shells, or with internal tubes or coils carrying joint adhesive through a heated oil bath and into a heated double wall hopper. The melter will be equipped with separate thermometers to indicate the temperature of the heat.
transfer medium and the joint adhesive material, positive temperature controls, and with a mechanical agitator or a recirculation pump to assure a homogeneous blend of the joint adhesive.

Check the discharge temperature of the joint adhesive with a non-contact infrared thermometer or other suitable thermometer. Discharge the joint adhesive at the manufacturer's recommended application temperature and maintain the joint adhesive at ± 10°F of the application temperature indicated on the material packaging.

Applying joint adhesive is not permitted if the melter and discharge temperatures do not meet with the requirements described above.
Equip the discharge hose with a thermostatically controlled heating apparatus or insulate it to maintain the proper joint adhesive application temperature. Holster the discharge hose to the melter if it is not thermostatically heat controlled. Circulate the joint adhesive from the discharge hose and the melter to maintain the proper joint adhesive application temperature.

Do not use joint adhesive material that has been heated beyond the safe heating temperature. If the manufacturer's recommendations allow the joint adhesive to be reheated or heated in excess of six hours, recharge the melter with fresh material amounting to at least 20 percent of the volume of the material remaining in the melter.

**Application.** Apply the joint adhesive when ambient air temperature is 40°F and rising. Use an applicator wand fitted with a sealing shoe to strike-off the adhesive. Strike-off the joint adhesive to provide a 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch thick band. The finished bands are to be approved by the Engineer.

- **Wedge Joints.** Apply the joint adhesive to the entire vertical face and the upper 2 inches of the wedge joint.

- **Butt Joints.** Apply the joint adhesive to the entire vertical face of the butt joint.

After application, the joint adhesive shall be cured to prevent construction and/or vehicular traffic from tracking or picking up the material. Reapply joint adhesive to any areas damaged by construction and/or vehicular traffic prior to paving the adjacent asphalt pavement.

**METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**

This work will be measured as the number of linear feet of joint adhesive satisfactorily furnished and installed.

**BASIS OF PAYMENT**

The unit price bid shall include the cost of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to satisfactorily complete the work.

Payment will be made under:

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transfer medium and the joint adhesive material, positive temperature controls, and with a mechanical agitator or a recirculation pump to assure a homogeneous blend of the joint adhesive.

Check the discharge temperature of the joint adhesive with a non-contact infrared thermometer or other suitable thermometer. Discharge the joint adhesive at the manufacturer's recommended application temperature and maintain the joint adhesive at ± 5°C of the application temperature indicated on the material packaging.

Applying joint adhesive is not permitted if the melter and discharge temperatures do not meet with the requirements described above.
Equip the discharge hose with a thermostatically controlled heating apparatus or insulate it to maintain the proper joint adhesive application temperature. Holster the discharge hose to the melter if it is not thermostatically heat controlled. Circulate the joint adhesive from the discharge hose and the melter to maintain the proper joint adhesive application temperature.

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**Application.** Apply the joint adhesive when ambient air temperature is 5°C and rising. Use an applicator wand fitted with a sealing shoe to strike-off the adhesive. Strike-off the joint adhesive to provide a 6 mm to 10 mm thick band. The finished bands are to be approved by the Engineer.

**Wedge Joints.** Apply the joint adhesive to the entire vertical face and the upper 50 mm of the wedge joint.

**Butt Joints.** Apply the joint adhesive to the entire vertical face of the butt joint.

After application, the joint adhesive shall be cured to prevent construction and/or vehicular traffic from tracking or picking up the material. Reapply joint adhesive to any areas damaged by construction and/or vehicular traffic prior to paving the adjacent asphalt pavement.

**METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**

This work will be measured as the number of linear meter of joint adhesive satisfactorily furnished and installed.

**BASIS OF PAYMENT**

The unit price bid shall include the cost of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to satisfactorily complete the work.

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