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SUBJECT: Acceptance Procedure for Pavement Smoothness

Delete Subsection 907-401.02.6.5 beginning on page 15 and substitute the following:

907-401.02.6.5--Acceptance Procedure for Pavement Smoothness. When compaction is completed, the lift shall have a uniform surface and be in reasonably close conformity with the line, grade and cross section shown on the plans.

The smoothness of each applicable lift will be determined by using a profilograph to produce a profilogram (profile trace) at each designated location. The surface shall be tested and corrected to a smoothness index as described herein with the exception of those locations or specific projects that are excluded from a smoothness test with the profilograph.

The profilograph, furnished and operated by the Contractor under supervision of the Engineer, shall consist of a frame at least 25 feet in length supported upon multiple wheels having no common axle. The wheels shall be arranged in a staggered pattern so that no two wheels will simultaneously cross the same bump. A profile is to be recorded from the vertical movement of a sensing mechanism. This profile is in reference to the mean elevation of the contact points established by the support wheels. The sensing mechanism, located at the mid-frame, may consist of a single bicycle-type wheel or a dual-wheel assembly consisting of either a bicycle-type (pneumatic tire) or solid rubber tire vertical sensing wheel and a separate bicycle-type (pneumatic tire) longitudinal sensing wheel. The wheel(s) shall be of such circumference(s) to produce a profilogram recorded on a scale of one (1) inch equal to 25 feet longitudinally and one (1) inch equal to one (1) inch (full scale) vertically. Motive power may be provided manually or by the use of a propulsion unit attached to the center assembly. In operation, the profilograph shall be moved longitudinally along the pavement at a speed no greater than 3 MPH so as to reduce bounce as much as possible. The testing equipment and procedure shall comply with the requirements of Department SOP.

The Contractor may elect to use a computerized version of the profilograph in lieu of the standard profilograph. If the computerized version of the profilograph is used, it shall meet the requirements of Subsection 907-401.02.6.6.

The smoothness of each applicable lift will be determined for traffic lanes, auxiliary lanes, climbing lane and two-way turn lanes. Areas excluded from a smoothness test with the profilograph are acceleration and deceleration lanes, tapered sections, transition sections (for width), shoulders, crossovers, ramps, side street returns, etc. The roadway pavement on bridge replacement projects having 1,000 feet or less of pavement on each side of the structure will be excluded from a test with the profilograph. Pavement on horizontal curves having a radius of less than 1,000 feet at the centerline and pavement within the superelevation transition of such curves are excluded from a test with the profilograph. A single lift overlay is excluded unless the existing surface profile has been corrected by milling or other methods as provided by the contract. The profilogram shall terminate 15 feet from

outside wheel path of exterior lanes and either wheel path of interior lanes. The wheel path is designated as being located three feet from the edge of pavement or longitudinal joint. The testing will be limited to a single profilogram for each lift of a lane except that a new profilogram will be made on segments that have been surface corrected. When surface corrections are required and/or made, a new profilogram will be made. The new profilogram shall meet the requirements of Subsection 907-403.03.2.

Each applicable lift will be accepted on a segment to segment basis for pavement smoothness. Where the profile index requirement of the lift is 30.0 inches per mile, no segment of the lift with a profile index greater than 30.0 inches per mile shall be allowed to remain in place without correction. For the purpose of determining pavement smoothness and contract price adjustment for rideability (Subsection 907-403.03.2), each day's production will be sub-divided into sections which terminate at bridges, transverse joints or other interruptions. Each section will be sub-divided into segments of 528 feet. Where a segment less than 528 feet occurs at the end of a section, it will be combined with the preceding 528-foot segment for calculation of the profile index. The last 15 feet of a day's lift may not be obtainable until the lift is continued and for this reason may be included in the subsequent segment.

A profile index will be determined for each segment as inches per mile in excess of the "Zero" blanking band which is simply referred to as the "Profile Index". From the profilogram of each segment, the scallops above and below the "Zero" blanking band are totaled in tenths of an inch. The totaled count of tenths is converted to inches per mile to establish a smoothness profile index for that segment.

Individual bumps and/or dips that are identified on the profilogram by locating vertical deviations that exceed four tenths of an inch when measured from a chord length of 25 feet or less shall be corrected regardless of the profile index value of the segment. Surface correction by grinding shall be in accordance with Subsection 907-401.02.6.7. The Contractor shall also make other necessary surface corrections to ensure that the final profile index of the segment meets the requirements of Subsection 907-403.03.2.

Segment(s) exceeding the accepted profile index value shall be corrected as specified in Subsection 907-403.03.4. All such corrections shall be at the expense of the Contractor.

Scheduling will be the responsibility of the Contractor with approval of the Engineer, and the tests shall be conducted within 72 hours after each day's production unless authorized otherwise by the Engineer. The Contractor will be responsible for traffic control associated with this testing operation.

907-401.03.1.2--Tack Coat. Delete the first sentence of Subsection 907-401.03.1.2 on page 19 and substitute the following:

Tack Coat shall be applied to previously placed HMA and between lifts, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.