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Memorandum

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TO: District Deputy Commissioners
Technical Services Directors
District Construction Engineers
District Testing Engineers
District Area Engineers
Project Engineers/Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Gaps in Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Edge Lines for Drainage

Be advised that the Department has decided to discontinue the practice of placing gaps for drainage in longitudinal thermoplastic edge lines. Effective immediately, drainage gaps should not be placed in thermoplastic edge lines on any contract; however, gaps in lines placed prior to receipt of this memorandum should not be filled. No additional compensation will be made to the contractor for this change.

Gaps were originally directed to be 1 ft for each 25 ft of edge line in order to permit drainage. This gap has resulted in increased susceptibility of thermoplastic pavement marking to damage from snow plow operations and it has been determined that drainage across the edge lines is not an issue.

Previous guidance regarding this matter provided in the Indiana Design Manual Chapter 76 and Operations Support Memo 95-24 dated November 20, 1995 will be revised to reflect this decision.

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