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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM 10-08

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Office of Materials Management

FROM: Mark A. Miller, Director 
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SUBJECT: Traffic Marking Material Shortages

In response to the current shortage of traffic marking materials, the Department will make adjustments to the contract requirements when the materials are not available to place permanent markings. The following general guidelines will be followed:

1. The contract requirements apply until they are modified for each contract. This includes intermediate and contract completion dates as well as the requirement to place permanent pavement markings within 14 days of completion of the pavement.
2. Centerline markings must be in place to delineate no passing zones within 14 days of completion of the pavement. If the specified material is not available, an alternate material or temporary tape must be used.
3. The Department will consider requests for time extensions from the prime contractor, except as noted above for no passing zones. The contractor must make a proposal that explains how traffic will be maintained safely until such time as the permanent markings are placed. The Department will not incur additional costs to maintain traffic. All other work must be completed. Construction signs must stay in place until permanent markings are in place.

4. A time extension for the final placement of edgelines will be considered when traffic can be maintained safely. In some cases some type of edge delineation may be required. In those cases cones, drums, tubular markers, etc. could be used.
5. For multi-lane roadways, if the centerline markings have been placed we will consider the use of 4 ft dashed lines in lieu of 10 ft lines on a temporary basis until more material is available. We will also allow the use of temporary raised pavement markers or temporary tape until paint is available to paint the dashed lines. If temporary raised pavement markers are proposed, 3 markers would be required for each 10 foot stripe.
6. The Department will consider requests to use paint made to specifications of other states as long as the quality and durability of the paint meets or exceeds that provided by INDOT specifications. The paint source, specification and laboratory test results must be provided. The Office of Materials Management will determine if the paint meets the Department specifications.
7. The Department may consider eliminating edgelines on local projects if the edgelines are not required for the roadway configuration and MUTCD standards. The LPA must be in agreement with this proposed change to the contract.
8. Paint or alternate durable markings may be substituted for thermoplastic when agreed to by the Department.

The Department will consider other proposals offered by the contractor when the specified marking materials are not available. The placement of permanent markings and close out of the contract cannot be delayed indefinitely. No other work on the contract can be delayed because traffic marking materials are not available. Please consult the Construction Management Division field engineer for clarifications and assistance.

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