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## CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM 24-13

TO: District Deputy Commissioners  
Division of Materials and Tests  
District Construction Directors  
District Area Engineers, Project Engineers/Managers/Supervisors  
District Technical Services Directors, Testing Engineers, Traffic Engineers  
District Capital Program Management Directors, Project Managers  
District LPA Coordinators

FROM: Gregory G. Pankow, P.E., Chief Engineer of Construction  
Division of Construction Management and District Support

SUBJECT: Liquid Asphalt Sealant

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify field personnel effective immediately to delete the pay item Liquid Asphalt Sealant, for HMA joints (SS 401) and pavement corrugations in HMA (SS 606). This item should be deleted from all active and future contracts through the June 2025 letting. This work should not be performed. Joint Adhesive should remain part of the contract.

LPA projects may continue to use the Liquid Asphalt Sealant if already included in the contract subject to the determination of the LPA ERC.

The Department has made the decision to discontinue the use of Liquid Asphalt Sealant and move toward full implementation of Void Reducing Asphalt Membrane (VRAM). VRAM is already included in some contracts and will increasingly be part of future contracts. If VRAM is not already part of your contract then please don't add it.

A complimentary memo for Designers will be forthcoming through their usual process.

Any questions should be directed to your assigned Construction Management Field Engineer.

GGP/jjn