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CONSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM
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TO: District Deputy Commissioners
    District Construction Directors
    District Technical Services Directors
    District Area Engineers
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    Project Management Director
    District Traffic Engineers
    District Testing Engineers
    District LPA Coordinators
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    Office of Materials Management

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SUBJECT: Alternate to Concrete Sealers Unique Special Provision

Specification section 709.05(e) allows the use of an alternate concrete mix design in lieu of surface sealing for barrier rail and bridge railing. The benefits include reduced permeability and increased durability. The alternate mix design must include one of two supplemental cementitious materials (SCMs), either 3% silica fume by weight of cementitious material added to the mix design, or 30% ground granulated blast furnace slag substitution based on the required cement content.

The attached Unique Special Provision “Alternate to Concrete Sealers” expands this provision to bridge decks, bridge approaches, pier and bent caps, and mudwalls.

This USP can be incorporated into all contracts as a zero cost change order at the request of the Contractor.

ATTACHMENT: Unique Special Provision "Alternate to Concrete Sealers"

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The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 709, BEGIN LINE 124, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

(e) Alternate To Concrete Sealers
In lieu of concrete surface sealing for concrete barrier wall, bridge decks, bridge approaches, pier and bent caps, mudwalls, and concrete bridge railing, an alternate concrete mix design may be used.

DISCONTINUED ON 02/01/2018.