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MEMORANDUM 99 – 06

TO: District Directors

District Construction Engineers

District Materials and Tests Engineers

District Area Engineers

Project Engineers Toll Road Manager

FROM: Timothy D. Bertram, Chief

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Operations Support Division

SUBJECT: Use of Maturity Meter for PCC Pavement

The maturity meter was evaluated during the 1998 construction season relative to its potential for determining in-place concrete flexural strength in the field for opening PCCP to traffic. The maturity method of determining in-place concrete flexural strength is considered a viable alternative to casting numerous concrete flexural beams in order to determine the opening to traffic strength.

At this time, the contract may elect to use the Maturity Method in accordance with Indiana Test Method 402, in lieu of casting concrete flexural beams to determine the pavement's opening to traffic strength. This memorandum is your authority to make this change if the contractor requests to do so and uses the Maturity Method in accordance with ITM 402.

Any questions on this issue should be directed to Dennis Kuchler, Operations Support Division, 317-232-5082 or Joe Gundersen, Materials and Tests Division, 317-232-5280 ext. 217.

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