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15. Abstract

Objective

The objective of this study is to determine if joint sealants are necessary for the performance and longevity of the pavement structure.

Scope

NDDOT will evaluate the unsealed joint test sections every other year for approximately 10 years. Items that will be monitored and evaluated are:

- Distress at the joints.
- Ride.
- The amount of non-compressible material in the joints.
- If the incompressible material is being filtered through the joint into the drainage system.

Summary

From the results of the test sections we would not recommend unsealed longitudinal and transverse joints. Visual observations showed a higher percentage of spalling in the sealed test section with some spall repair conducted to address the worst areas. The department has recently decided to install fewer drainable base sections which would increase the value of the sealed joints. The sealed joints would reduce the amount of water intrusion into the pavement and base section.

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