## MAINTENANCE PLANNING GUIDELINES

2006

**ACTIVITY:** Bridge Preventative

Maintenance (R322)

**MAJOR & MINOR** 

**ACTION:** Bridge Seal Coats (SY)

**DEFINITION:** The time and expenses incurred for the application of preventative maintenance treatments to bridges. Examples include bridge seal coats and linseed oil and indeck seals.

**PURPOSE:** To seal bridge decks with excessive cracking to prevent intrusion of water and chlorides into the bridge deck.

**SCHEDULING:** Seals should be scheduled after surface repairs are completed. Work should be performed in July and August

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## **RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:**

- Dump Trucks
- Truck Distributor
- Power Roller/Pneumatic Roller
- Aggregate Spreader
- Broom
- Traffic Control Equipment; (See EPG 616.23 Traffic Control for Field Operations)

## **RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:**

- Liquid Asphalt (EA90P, CRS-2P)
- Cover Aggregate (Iron Mountain trap rock, Joplin chat, or other approved material)

## RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

- 1. Deck should be cleaned, flushed, and allowed to dry prior to sealing.
- 2. Place traffic control devices as needed.
- 3. Cover expansion devices and other features that are not to be sealed over with felt paper.
- 4. Chip seals are to extend a minimum of 30 feet beyond each bridge end.
- 5. Apply liquid asphalt at a rate of 0.3 to 0.5 gal./SY, depending on size of cover aggregate and slope of bridge deck.
- 6. Spread cover aggregate, at a rate of 25 to 30 lbs./SY, immediately following application of liquid asphalt. Adequate cover aggregate must be applied to prevent tracking. Do not place cover aggregate within 2 ft. of curb.
- 7. Roll immediately after placing cover aggregate.
- 8. Lightly broom excess chips after seal is properly cured (when chips are securely held).
- 9. Repeat for adjacent lanes.
- 10. Remove traffic control devices. Leave "Loose Gravel" signs in place as needed.
- 11. Return the next day or two to again thoroughly sweep bridge deck to remove loose aggregate. Remove aggregate on lower chords and substructure caps.

**SAFETY:** Watch for flying rocks and traffic in adjacent lanes. Wear all appropriate PPE. Refer to the Safety Policies, Rules & Regulations – Employee Handbook.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:** May install "Loose Gravel" signs until the loose aggregate is removed from the bridge deck.

**REFERENCES: EPG** 771.15 Chip Seal to Entire Deck.