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Memorandum

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Subject: Aggregate Treatment

In a memo dated January 15, 2010 we noted that bituminous prime would replace all other types of aggregate treatment in the surfacing section. Since the inception of this directive, a number of concerns have been encountered that have called into question this practice. Through our evaluation, we have determined that going back to the use of Aggregate Treatment will best address these concerns.

As we did in the past, Aggregate Treatment will be measured and paid by the square yard (square meter) for both Grade S Plant Mix and Commercial Mix. The quantities for Aggregate Treatment will be shown in the surfacing summary.

A new special provision is being prepared to describe the use of aggregate treatment options. Note that bituminous prime will be an acceptable option, but the quantities associated with its use will be the responsibility of the contractor and included in the unit price bid for Aggregate Treatment.

Incorporate these changes into all projects beginning with the May 10, 2012 letting. If you have questions concerning this, please contact me at 444-6244.

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