

## SECTION 711 THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPES AND MARKINGS

### **711-1 Description.**

Apply new thermoplastic traffic stripes and markings, or refurbish existing thermoplastic traffic stripes and markings, in accordance with the Contract Documents.

### **711-2 Materials.**

**711-2.1 Thermoplastic:** Use only thermoplastic materials listed on the QPL. The Engineer will take random samples of all material in accordance with the Department's Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide schedule.

**711-2.1.1 Initial or Recapped Stripes and Markings:** Use materials meeting the requirements of 971-1 and 971-5.

**711-2.1.2 Refurbishing Existing Stripes and Markings:** Use materials meeting the requirements of 971-1 and 971-5.

**711-2.1.3 Preformed Stripes and Markings:** Use Materials meeting the requirements of 971-1 and 971-6.

**711-2.2 Glass Spheres:** Use only glass spheres listed on the QPL, meeting the requirements of 971-1 and 971-2. The Engineer will take random samples of all glass spheres in accordance with ASTM D1214 and the Department's Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide schedule.

**711-2.3 Sand:** Use materials meeting the requirements of 971-5.4.

### **711-3 Equipment.**

Use equipment capable of providing continuous uniform heating of striping materials to temperatures exceeding 390°F, mixing and agitation of the material reservoir to provide a homogeneous mixture without segregation. Use equipment that will maintain the striping material in a plastic state, in all mixing and conveying parts, including the line dispensing device until applied. Use equipment which can produce varying width traffic stripes and which meets the following requirements:

(a) capable of traveling at a uniform, predetermined rate of speed, both uphill and downhill, in order to produce a uniform application of striping material and capable of following straight lines and making normal curves in a true arc.

(b) is capable of applying glass spheres to the surface of the completed stripe by a double drop application for initial traffic striping and marking and a single drop application for recapping and refurbishing. The bead dispenser for the first bead drop shall be attached to the striping machine in such a manner that the beads are dispensed closely behind with the thermoplastic material. The second bead dispenser bead shall be attached to the striping machine in such a manner that the beads are dispensed immediately after the first bead drop application. Glass spheres dispensers shall be equipped with an automatic cut-off control that is synchronized with the cut-off of the thermoplastic material and applies the glass spheres in a manner such that the spheres appear uniform on the entire traffic stripes and markings surface with, 50 to 60% embedment.

(c) equipped with a special kettle for uniformly heating and melting the striping material. The kettle must be equipped with an automatic temperature control device and material

thermometer for positive temperature control and to prevent overheating or scorching of the thermoplastic material.

(d) meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, state, and local authorities.

#### **711-4 Application.**

**711-4.1 General:** Remove existing pavement markings such that scars or traces of removed markings will not conflict with new stripes and markings by a method approved by the Engineer. Cost for removing conflicting pavement markings during maintenance of traffic operations to be included in Maintenance of Traffic, Lump Sum.

Before applying traffic stripes and markings, remove any material by a method approved by the Engineer that would adversely affect the bond of the traffic stripes. Before applying traffic stripes to any portland cement concrete surface, apply a primer, sealer or surface preparation adhesive of the type recommended by the manufacturer. Offset longitudinal lines at least 2 inches from any longitudinal joints of portland cement concrete pavement.

Apply traffic stripes or markings only to dry surfaces, and when the ambient air and surface temperature is at least 50°F and rising for asphalt surfaces and 60°F and rising for concrete surfaces.

Apply striping to the same tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5. When applying traffic stripes and markings over existing markings, ensure that no more than 2 inches on either end and not more than 1 inch on either side of the existing line is visible.

Apply thermoplastic material to the pavement either by spray, extrusion or other means approved by the Engineer.

Conduct field tests in accordance with FM 5-541. Take test readings representative of the striping performance. Remove and replace traffic stripes and markings not meeting the requirements of this Section at no additional cost to the Department.

Apply all final pavement markings prior to opening the road to traffic.

**711-4.1.1 Preformed Thermoplastic:** Apply markings only to dry surfaces and when ambient air temperature is at least 32°F. Prior to installation, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for pre-heating.

#### **711-4.2 Thickness:**

**711-4.2.1 Initial or Recapped Stripes and Markings:** Apply or recap traffic stripes or markings such that all lane lines, center lines, transverse markings and traffic stripes and markings within traffic wearing areas, will have a thickness of 0.10 to 0.15 inch when measured above the pavement surface.

Also, all gore, island, and diagonal stripe markings, bike lane symbols and messages, wherever located, will have a thickness of 0.09 to 0.12 inch when measured above the pavement surface.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541.

[The Engineer will verify the thickness of the pavement markings within 30 days of receipt of the Contractor's certification. Verification thickness measurements shall be taken in accordance with FM 5-541.](#)

**711-4.2.2 Refurbishing Existing Traffic Stripes and Markings:** Apply a minimum of 0.06 inch of thermoplastic material. Ensure that the combination of the existing

stripe and the overlay after application of glass spheres does not exceed the maximum thickness of 0.150 inch for all lines.

**711-4.3 Retroreflectivity:** Apply white and yellow traffic stripes and markings that will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 450 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup> and not less than 350 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup>, respectively for all longitudinal lines. All transverse lines, messages and arrows will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 300 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup> and 250 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup> for white and yellow respectively. All pedestrian crosswalks, bike lane symbols or messages in a proposed bike lane shall attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 275 mcd/lx·m<sup>2</sup>.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the retroreflectivity of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541.

#### **711-4.4 Glass Spheres:**

**711-4.4.1 Longitudinal Lines:** For initial traffic striping and marking, apply the first drop of Type 4 or larger glass spheres immediately followed by the second drop of Type 1 glass spheres. For refurbishing, apply a single drop of Type 3 glass spheres. Apply reflective glass spheres to all markings at the rates determined by the manufacturer's recommendations.

**711-4.4.2 Transverse Stripes and Markings:** Apply a single drop of Type 1 glass spheres. Apply reflective glass spheres to all markings at the rates determined by the manufacturer's recommendations.

Apply a mixture consisting of 50% glass spheres and 50% sharp silica sand to all thermoplastic pedestrian crosswalk lines and bike lane symbols at the rates determined by the manufacturer's recommendations.

**711-4.4.3 Preformed Markings:** These markings are factory supplied with glass spheres and skid resistant material. No additional glass spheres or skid resistant material should be applied during installation.

#### **711-5 Contractor's Responsibility for Notification.**

Notify the Engineer prior to the placement of the thermoplastic materials. Furnish the Engineer with the manufacturer's name and batch numbers of the thermoplastic materials and glass spheres to be used. Ensure that the approved batch numbers appear on the thermoplastic materials and glass spheres packages.

#### **711-6 Protection of Newly Applied Traffic Stripes and Markings.**

Do not allow traffic onto or permit vehicles to cross newly applied pavement markings until they are sufficiently dry. Remove and replace any portion of the pavement markings damaged by passing traffic or from any other cause, at no additional cost to the Department

#### **711-7 Observation Period.**

Longitudinal pavement markings are subject to a 180 day observation period under normal traffic. The observation period shall begin with the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the work.

The longitudinal pavement markings shall show no signs of failure due to blistering, excessive cracking, chipping, discoloration, poor adhesion to the pavement, loss of reflectivity or vehicular damage. The retroreflectivity shall meet the initial requirements of 711-4.3. The Department reserves the right to check the color and retroreflectivity any time prior to the end of the observation period.

Replace, at no additional expense to the Department, any longitudinal pavement markings that do not perform satisfactorily under traffic during the 180 day observation period.

#### **711-8 Corrections for Deficiencies.**

Recapping applies to conditions where additional striping material is applied to new or refurbished traffic stripes or markings to correct a deficiency. Recap a 1.0 mile section centered around the deficiency with additional striping material or by complete removal and reapplication at no additional cost to the Department.

If recapping will result in a thickness exceeding the maximum allowed, the traffic stripes or markings will be removed and reapplied.

#### **711-9 Submittals.**

**711-9.1 Submittal Instructions:** Prepare a certification of quantities, using the Department's current approved form, for each project in the Contract. Submit the certification of quantities and daily worksheets to the Engineer. The Department will not pay for any disputed items until the Engineer approves the certification of quantities.

**711-9.2 Contractor's Certification of Quantities:** Request payment by submitting a certification of quantities no later than Twelve O clock noon Monday after the estimate cut-off date or as directed by the Engineer, based on the amount of work done or completed. Ensure the certification of quantities consists of the following:

(a) Contract Number, FPID Number, Certification Number, Certification Date and the period that the certification represents.

(b) The basis for arriving at the amount of the progress certification, less payments previously made and less any amount previously retained or withheld. The basis will include a detailed breakdown provided on the certification of items of payment.

#### **711-10 Method of Measurement.**

The quantities to be paid for under this Section will be as follows:

(a) The length, in net miles, of 6 inch solid traffic stripe, authorized and acceptably applied.

(b) The total traversed distance in gross miles of 10-30 or 3-9 skip line. The actual applied line is 25% of the traverse distance, for a 1:3 ratio. This equates to 1,320 feet of marking per mile of single line.

(c) The net length, in feet, of all other types of lines and stripes, authorized and acceptably applied.

(d) The area, in square feet, of removal of existing pavement markings, acceptably removed.

(e) The number of pavement messages, symbols and directional arrows, authorized and acceptably applied.

#### **711-11 Basis of Payment.**

Prices and payments will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including, all cleaning and preparing of surfaces, furnishing of all materials, application, curing and protection of all items, protection of traffic, furnishing of all tools, machines and equipment, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work. Final payment will be withheld until all deficiencies are corrected.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 711-

Thermoplastic

Traffic Stripes, Solid - per net mile.

Traffic Stripes, Solid - per foot.

Traffic Stripes, Skip - per gross mile.

Dotted/Guideline - per foot.

Messages - each.

Arrows - each.

Yield Markings - per foot.

Thermoplastic, Remove - per square foot.