

Design Standards Letter

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Subject: **General Policy on Programming Procedures - Projects for Oil Aggregate Surfacing of Outer Roads on Interstate System**

Body

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Public Roads

Mr. J. J. Corbett, Chief Engineer
Missouri State Highway Commission
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Corbett:

Recently, several program items have been submitted to this office for approval involving oil aggregate surfacing of outer roads on the Interstate System. Inasmuch as programming work of this kind is without precedent in this office, the matter was discussed with our Region office. The following numbered items have been jointly agreed upon by our Region office and this office and it is requested that these items be considered and complied with in future program submissions:

1. Preliminary engineering for the oil aggregate surface of outer roads when included in a Stage 1 program cannot be made retroactive to the effective date of P.E. for the project on which the outer road was designed and constructed.
2. A statement should be included in the supporting data for the project as to the date the work is expected to be completed. It is our feeling that the oil aggregate surface work should be accomplished within a reasonable time after the underlying construction is completed. This office would not favor programming projects of this type in Stage 1 for which construction would be postponed indefinitely after the outer road has been compacted under traffic.
3. Mileage on the Form PR-1 should be the mileage measured along the centerline of the Interstate main lanes between the termini of the project. Under "remarks" it would be desirable to show the actual number of miles of outer roads to be surfaced.

Wherever feasible and practicable, it is our feeling that the outer roads should be constructed to the full standards required by present traffic volumes in the initial stage.

Very truly yours,

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Division Engineer**