

# TxDOT Directive

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**Subject: Seal Coating Shoulders**

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**Purpose:** To promote cost savings by limiting seal coating shoulders 4' and greater to every other seal coat cycle.

**Work Item:** Item 316

**Policy:**

Paved shoulders are to be resurfaced no more than every other seal coat cycle unless otherwise approved by the District Engineer.

**General Comments:**

Seal coating shoulders 4' and greater every other cycle could potentially save as much as \$50,000,000 per year.

Shoulders typically do not carry traffic.

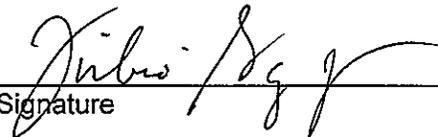
Due to the minimal traffic using the shoulders, surface irregularities such as flushing do not create safety problems.

Crack sealing should be encouraged as part of the overall maintenance plan and is a less expensive means of keeping water out of the substructure.

The DE may consider exceptions to the policy based on the following criteria:

- Shoulder width is less than 4'.
- Shoulders were not sealed on previous seal coat project.
- Surface deteriorating features such as raveling.
- Other factors documented and approved by the District Engineer.

2/26/2010  
Effective Date

  
Signature