



# MEMORANDUM

TO: District Engineers

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SUBJECT: Seal Coat Material Selection Table Changes

A new version of the Seal Coat Material Selection Table is now available. This new version is required for use on all seal coat projects. The table is available as a standard TxDOT form, Form 2388, which is available through e-Forms, and as a standard plan sheet. The standard plan sheet includes a note identifying the latest start work date for the contract.

Some of the key modifications included in this new version are as follows:

- The traffic levels for the tiers have been revised.
  - Tier I, > 5,000
  - Tier II, 550 – 5,000 ADT
  - Tier III, < 500 ADT
- The types of asphalt in the tiers have been adjusted. Tier I contains highly modified asphalts; and Tier II contains moderately modified asphalts, and Tier III contains only unmodified asphalts.
- Each tier is divided between two types of material, with the option to allow only one of the types.
- A block for selection of seasonal alternates has been added.
- Seal coats seasons have been identified for all of the Districts.

A guidance document for use of the table has also been developed to clarify the table's use and to assist in plan preparation. The table instructions are available through e-Forms as Form 2388-A.

As noted above, the new standard sheet and supporting documentation are available through the e-Forms link on TxDOT's intranet site. These documents are also available at <http://www.txdot.gov/insdtdot/orgchart/cmd/cserve/standard/rdwylse.htm>.

Please feel free to contact Jeffrey Seiders, P.E., or myself if you have any questions.

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