Durable Pavement Marking Striping

This construction advisory is to notify field staff of the preferred timing for the installation of recessed durable pavement marking materials.

Durable pavement markings can last 3-5 years or more when properly installed. When durable pavement markings are installed, the ideal method is to mill the recess and place the material after all restoration work has been completed. This includes any work that may result in heavy vehicles or construction equipment turning on the line or tracking dirt over a recess.

It is important that the recess be kept clean until the durable marking is applied. Recessing and striping in stages increases the potential of damaging the newly placed line and may affect the long term performance of the material.

If required, Type NR paint or Type R tape can be used to open lanes up to traffic during stage construction until final restoration is complete. If final restoration is completed too late in the season for durable markings to be applied, the contract should be left open for the durable markings to be striped the following spring.