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SUBJECT: Inlaid Pavement Markers

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) continues to look for ways to improve our pavement marking system. For the past several years, KYTC has considered inlaid pavement markers and Type V (steel castings) raised pavement markers to be comparable alternatives when it comes to delineation along our highway system. However, over time, it has become evident that inlaid markers generally perform better than Type V markers. As a result, KYTC will no longer consider Type V raised pavement markers as a standard delineation option.

This change should have minimal impact on your operations as the use of inlaid pavement markers has increased significantly over the years. Other than one highway district, Type V markers were only recommended for a handful of locations in next year's pavement marker contracts, and most of these locations involved sections of highway where Type V markers had already been utilized.

This change shall be effective with the April 24, 2020 letting but may be implemented on projects let prior to this date, if reasonable based on the project development or construction schedule. After this date, if a district wants to use Type V pavement markers on a project for a particular reason, they shall obtain approval from the Division of Traffic Operations.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Division of Traffic Operations.

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