

Seal // No Seal

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If your business is dependent on the sale and/or installation of joint sealants in concrete pavements, Kansas State Department of Transportation's recent announcement that they will be adopting an unsealed transverse jointing design on top of cement treated bases likely struck a nerve. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident as we have seen cost-cutting pressures drive other states including but not limited to Minnesota and Illinois to abandon their long-held practices of sealing joints in lieu of no seal joint designs.

In an effort to put to rest the debate of whether or not joints in PCCP should be sealed, a coalition of concerned industry partners has banded together and combined their resources to conduct educational and research initiatives to substantiate if and where there are benefits to sealing or not sealing joints. The group, the Seal No Seal (SNS) Committee, is tasked with determining what conditions will determine what is the most effective, both in terms of performance and pavement life-cycle cost. This effort includes the evaluation and development of best practices related to sealing with the intent of extending the life of concrete pavement.

Although this diverse group has only been in existence for a little over a year, it has already made a positive impact on the industry. I have attached a copy of the SNS Committee's progress report as well as the key objectives of the committee for your review.

It should be noted that 100% of the funds raised were used in the evaluation of test sections and promotion of the SNS effort.

I am writing today because we need your help. The momentum against our industry is growing at a rapid pace and this collective effort is the industry's best chance to evaluate the effectiveness in a comprehensive way. We desperately need your financial support and participation. Your contribution will be used to conduct vital research in support of the industry. Your companies name will also be listed on the SNS website as a contributing member. Further, your knowledge of current and proper sealing practices as well as examples of jobs that show the benefits of sealing are needed. To this end, we are asking for a contribution of \$2,500 annually to keep this successful effort moving forward. If you would like to join us in this effort please contact me at 800-528-8242 or send your check made out to the IGGA/Seal No Seal addressed to IGGA, 12573 Route 9W, West Coxsackie, NY 12192.

If I can answer any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Jones
Chairman Membership Committee