

Seal / No Seal

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It has been only 20? short months since the development of the Industry's Seal No-Seal Committee and the group's accomplishments are beginning to make a difference. For the first time ever the pavement sealant industry has a voice and representation, committed to defend the industry and once and for all quantify the long-term effectiveness of joint sealants in concrete pavement. Some of the group's notable achievements include:

- Development of a committed and active membership base willing to work together to defend and advance the industry;
- Engagement with key industry associations including the International Grooving and Grinding Association and the American concrete Pavement Association;
- Establishment of a website, www.sealnoseal.org that acts as a vehicle to communicate industry news, committee research findings and other important information in support of the industry;
- Enlisting a consultant to reevaluate 58 of the 93 original FHWA Seal/No-Seal Test Sections, extending the initial performance period by approximately 40% over the original FHWA "*Effectiveness of Sealing Transverse Contraction Joints in Concrete Pavements*";
- Encouraging four state DOTs to conduct evaluations of their existing Seal/No-Seal test sections
- Partnering with roadway owners to construct 10 new sealant test sections;
- Hiring Texas Transportation Institute to conduct research on the "*Effect of Joint Sealant Condition on Moisture Infiltration and Erosion Potential*".
- Partnering with American Concrete Pavement Association's South West Chapter to address the SNS issue initiated by CALTRANS;
- Working with the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center to rescind austere measures directed at the sealing industry as a possible yet unproven cause for premature joint deterioration;
- Engaging with Purdue University to support their research efforts in search of the cause for premature joint deterioration;
- Make presentations at key industry workshops and seminars reporting on the activities and findings of the Seal No Seal committee;
- Evaluation and development of best practices related to sealing and collectively working together to develop specifications that will ensure high quality workmanship in the field;
- Enlisting a consultant to develop testing procedures to determine cleanliness, dryness and adhesion when sealing joints;
- Investigation of the effects of incompressibles in joints and their impacts on roadway structures;

- Investigation of the impacts of no seal jointing systems on environmental issues such as fuel and hazardous materials spills on pavement;
- Representation on key Transportation Research Board committees and panels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Eilken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Eilken" clearly distinguishable.

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