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**Sloped Edge Longitudinal Shoulder Joints**

**Add the following to Subsection 401.4.23 of the Standard Specifications:**

All surface mixtures placed at 150 lbs. per square yard or greater will require the sloped edge joint device. The device contacts the surface of the shoulder of the road and creates an improved transition to cross roads, driveways and obstructions. The device may be removed if deemed necessary for projects that do not require or need a sloped edge profile.

Use a sloped edge longitudinal shoulder joint attachment for the asphalt paver in order to create a sloped edge profile onto an existing roadway shoulder. Construct a sloped edge onto the longitudinal shoulder joint to promote a safe transition between the newly placed asphalt mixture and the existing shoulder (without curb or other confined edges) using an approved device.

Approved devices are listed on Qualified Product Listing No. 75. These devices must meet the requirements of this specification and Qualified Product Policy No 75 to be included on QPL 75. The sloped edge device will be designed to be attached to the paver that confines the material at the end gate and extrudes the asphalt material in such a way that results in a consolidated wedge shape pavement edge of between 25-35 degrees. The device must be designed to constrain the asphalt material by reducing the area by 10 to 15% thereby increasing the consolidation of the extruded profile. The use of a conventional single plate strike off is not permitted.

**APPROVED:**

**Division Administrator**

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