
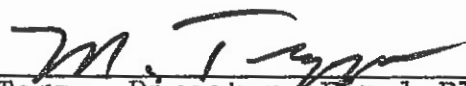


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In the past, the installation of pressure relief joints on completed sections of highway has been ineligible for Federal-aid participation on the basis that this work was considered maintenance. As of November 30, 1972, the Federal Highway Administration has revised this policy to allow Federal-aid participation where pressure relief joints are needed and are to be provided in conjunction with other substantial Federal-aid construction on a given section of highway. Therefore, Federal funds may now be used for pressure relief joints that are to be constructed as a part of Federal-aid bridge rehabilitation, safety, or stage construction projects. The following funding requirements will have to be met for these projects:

1. On non-Interstate facilities, the installation of pressure relief joints on completed highways is eligible for Federal-aid participation with the appropriate funds for that highway.
2. On Interstate facilities initially constructed with other than Interstate funds, the installation of pressure relief joints on completed highways is eligible for Federal-aid participation with Interstate funds.
3. On Interstate facilities constructed with Interstate funds, the installation of pressure relief joints on completed highways is eligible for Federal-aid participation with other than Interstate funds.

Conditions numbered 2 and 3 are necessitated by the fact that a project is eligible for Interstate funds only once.

This change in policy is effective for projects currently under construction as well as those to be let in the future. Therefore, where these items are included in projects currently under construction, orders-on-contract will be approved placing them in participating shares should Federal participation be desired.

The policy for installing pressure relief joints on new facilities remains unchanged. Joints are eligible for Federal-aid participation similar to other construction on the project.

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