ITEM #0520036A – ASPHALTIC PLUG EXPANSION JOINT SYSTEM

Description: Work under this item shall consist of furnishing and installing an asphaltic plug expansion joint system (APJ) in conformance with ASTM D6297, as shown on the plans, and as specified herein.

Work under this item shall also consist of the removal and disposal of bituminous concrete, membrane waterproofing, existing joint components and sealing elements, cleaning and sealing median barrier joints, parapet joints, and sidewalk joints.

Work under this item excludes the removal of Portland cement concrete headers.

Materials: The APJ component materials shall conform to ASTM D6297 and the following:

Aggregate: The aggregate shall meet the following requirements:

a) Loss on abrasion: The material shall show a loss on abrasion of not more than 25% using AASHTO Method T96.
b) Soundness: The material shall not have a loss of more than 10% at the end of five cycles when tested with a magnesium sulfate solution for soundness using AASHTO Method T 104.
c) Gradation: The aggregate shall meet the requirements of Table A below:
d) Dust: aggregate shall not exceed 0.5% of dust passing the #200 sieve when tested in accordance with AASHTO T-11.

Table A

Square Mesh Sieves	**1" (25.0 mm)**	**¾" (19.0 mm)**	**½" (12.5 mm)**	**⅜" (9.5 mm)**	**No. 4 (4.75 mm)**
% passing	**100**	**90 - 100**	**20 - 55**	**0 - 15**	**0 - 5**

A sample of the aggregate shall be submitted to the Department with a Certified Test Report in accordance with Article 1.06.07 for each 20 tons of loose material or its equivalent number of bags delivered to the job site. The Certified Test report must include a gradation analysis resulting from a physical test performed on the actual material that accompanies the report.

Anti-Tacking Material: This material shall be a fine graded granular material with 100% passing the $^{3}/_{16}$" sieve and no more than 5% passing the #200 when tested in accordance with AASHTO T-27.
Backer Rod: All backer rods shall satisfy the requirements of ASTM D5249, Type 1.
Bridging Plate: The bridging plates shall be steel conforming to the requirements of ASTM A36 and be a minimum ¼" thick and 8" wide. For joint openings in excess of 3" the minimum plate dimensions shall be ⅜" thick by 12" wide. Individual sections of plate shall

not exceed 4' in length. Steel locating pins for securing the plates shall be size 16d minimum, hot-dip galvanized, and spaced no more than 12" apart.

Concrete Leveling Material: Shall be a cementitious-based material that conforms to ASTM C928 Standard Specification for Packaged, Dry, Rapid-Hardening Cementitious Materials for Concrete Repair, for R3 performance requirements in Table 1 and achieve the following:

a. Final set in 45 Minutes
b. 2500 psi compressive strength in 24 hours
c. 5000 psi compressive strength in 7 days

Parapet Sealant: The sealant used in parapet joint openings shall be a single component non-sag silicone sealant that conforms to the requirements of ASTM D5893.

Sidewalk Sealant: The sealant used in sidewalk joint openings shall be a rapid cure, self-leveling, cold applied, two-component silicone sealant. The silicone sealant shall conform to the requirements listed in Table B:

Table B

Properties - As Supplied	**Test Method**	**Requirement**
Extrusion Rate	ASTM C1183	200-600 grams/min
Leveling	ASTM C639	Self-Leveling
Specific Gravity	ASTM D792	1.20 to 1.40
Properties - Mixed	**Test Method**	**Requirement**
Tack Free Time	ASTM C679	60 min. max.
Joint Elongation – Adhesion to concrete	ASTM D5329 [1,2,3]	600% min
Joint Modulus @ 100% elongation	ASTM D5329 [1,2,3]	15 psi max
Cure Evaluation	ASTM D5893	Pass @ 5 hours

1. Specimens cured at 77 ± 3^0F and 50 ± 5% relative humidity for 7 days
2. Specimens size: ½"wide by ½"thick by 2" long
3. Tensile Adhesion test only

The date of manufacture shall be provided with each lot. No sealant shall be used beyond its maximum shelf-life date.

The two–part silicone sealants shown in Table C are known to have met the specified requirements:

Table C

Product	Supplier
Dow Corning 902RCS	Dow Corning Corporation 2200 W Salzburg Road Auburn, Michigan 48611
Wabo SiliconeSeal	BASF/Watson Bowman Acme Corporation 95 Pineview Drive Amherst, New York 14228

Other two-component silicone joint sealants expressly manufactured for use with concrete that conform to the aforementioned ASTM requirements will be considered for use provided they are submitted in advance for approval to the Engineer. Other joint sealants will be considered for use only if a complete product description is submitted, as well as documentation describing at least five installations of the product. These documented installations must demonstrate that the product has performed successfully for at least three years on similar bridge expansion joint applications.

A Materials Certificate and Certified Test Report for the asphaltic binder shall be submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of Article 1.06.07 certifying that the asphaltic binder satisfies the requirements of the most current version of ASTM D6297.

A Materials Certificate for all other components of the APJ, leveling material, backer rod and sealant used in sealing parapet and sidewalk joint openings, shall be submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of Article 1.06.07

Construction Methods: The APJ shall be installed at the locations shown on the plans and in stages in accordance with the traffic requirements in the special provisions "Maintenance and Protection of Traffic" and "Prosecution and Progress".

At least 30 days prior to start of the work, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer for approval a detailed Quality Control Plan for the installation of the APJ. The submittal shall include:

a) A list of all manufactured materials and their properties to be incorporated in the joint system, including, but not limited to the asphaltic binder, anti-tack material, backer rod, sealant, leveling material, as well as the aggregate's source.
b) A detailed step by step installation procedure and a list of the specific equipment to be used for the installation. The Quality Control Plan must fully comply with the specifications and address all anticipated field conditions, including periods of inclement weather.

The APJ shall not be installed when bituminous concrete overlay or joint cutout is wet. The APJ shall only be installed when the bridge superstructure surface temperature is within the limits specified in Table D and when the ambient air temperature is within the range of 45^0F to 95^0F.

The bridge superstructure surface temperature range is determined using the thermal movement range provided on the contract plans for the proposed APJ deck installation location and the selected APJ product.

Table D

Installation Restrictions	
Designed Deck Joint Thermal Movement Range[2]	**Bridge Superstructure Surface Temperature[1]**
0" to 1"	45° F to 95° F
1-1/8"	45° F to 90° F
1-1/4"	45° F to 80° F
1-3/8"	45° F to 70° F
1-1/2"	45° F to 65° F

1. *The superstructure surface temperature shall be determined from the average of three or more surface temperature readings taken at different locations on the interior girder surfaces by the Contractor as directed by the Engineer. Temperature measurements of the superstructure shall be taken by the contractor with a calibrated hand held digital infrared laser-sighted thermometer on the surfaces of an interior steel girder, or interior concrete girder protected from direct sunlight. The infrared thermometer to be supplied by the Contractor for this purpose shall meet certification requirements of EN61326-1, EN61010-1, and EN60825-1 maintained by the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC). The thermometer shall have a minimum distance-to-spot ratio of 50:1 and shall have adjustable emissivity control. The thermometer shall have a minimum accuracy value of $\pm$1% of reading or $\pm 2^{o}$F, whichever is greater. The thermometer shall be used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's written directions. An additional infrared thermometer satisfying the same standards to be used in this application shall also be provided to the Engineer for quality assurance purposes.*
2. *Linear interpolation may be used to determine an allowable surface temperature range for thermal movement ranges in between values shown in the table, as approved by the Engineer.*

Prior to installing the APJ, the Contractor shall determine the exact location of the deck joint beneath the bituminous concrete overly.

The APJ shall be installed symmetrically about the deck joint opening to the dimensions shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer; not to exceed 24 inches measured perpendicular to the deck joint. The proposed saw cut lines shall be marked on the bituminous concrete overlay by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer, prior to saw-cutting. The saw-cuts delineating the edges of the APJ shall extend full depth of the bituminous concrete overlay.

The existing bituminous concrete overlay, waterproofing membrane and/or existing expansion joint material, within the saw cut limits shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor to create the joint cutout.

Concrete surfaces that will support the bridging plates shall be smooth and form a plane along and across the deck joint. Rough or damaged concrete surfaces shall be repaired with a leveling compound meeting the requirements of this specification. Deteriorated concrete areas within the joint limits shall be repaired as directed by the Engineer: such repairs, when deemed necessary by the Engineer, shall be compensated for under the applicable concrete deck repair items in the Contract. The existing and repaired concrete surfaces shall provide continuous uniform support for the bridging plate and prevent the plate from rocking and deflecting.

Prior to the installation of the backer rod, all horizontal and vertical surfaces of the joint cutout shall be abrasive blast cleaned using an oil-free, compressed air supply. The entire cutout shall then be cleared of all loose blast media, dust, debris and moisture using an oil-free, hot air lance capable of producing an air stream at 3,000ºF with a velocity of 3,000 feet per second.

A single backer rod, with a diameter at least 25% greater than the existing joint opening at the time of installation, shall be installed at an inch below the bridging plate in the existing deck joint opening between the concrete edges.

Asphaltic binder shall be heated to a temperature within the manufacturer's recommended application temperature range which shall be provided in the Quality Control Plan. During application, the temperature of the binder shall be maintained within this range. In no case shall the temperature of the binder go below 350º F nor exceed the manufacturer's recommended maximum heating temperature.

Asphaltic binder shall then be poured into the joint opening until it completely fills the gap above the backer rod. A thin layer of binder shall next be applied to the all horizontal and vertical surfaces of the joint cutout.

Bridging plates shall be abrasive blast-cleaned on-site prior to installation and then placed over the deck joint opening in the joint cutout. The plates shall be centered over the joint opening and secured with locating pins along its centerline. The plates shall be placed end to end, without overlap, such that the gap between plates does not exceed ¼". The plates shall extend to the gutter line and be cut to match the joint's skew angle, where concrete support exists on both sides of the joint. Within APJ installation limits, where concrete support does not exist at both sides of the joint opening (such as where a bridge deck end abuts a bituminous concrete roadway shoulder), bridging plates shall not be installed. Installed bridging plates shall not rock or deflect

in any way. After installation of bridging plates, a thin layer of asphaltic binder shall be applied to all exposed surfaces of the plates.

The remainder of the joint cutout shall then be filled with a mixture of hot asphaltic binder and aggregate prepared in accordance with the submitted Quality Control Plan and the following requirements:

- The aggregate shall be heated in a vented, rotating drum mixer by the use of a hot-compressed air lance to a temperature of between 370° F. to 380° F. This drum mixer shall be dedicated solely for the heating and, if necessary, supplemental cleaning of the aggregate. Venting of the gas and loose dust particles shall be accomplished through ¼" drilled holes spaced no more than 3" on center in any direction along the entire outside surface of the drum
- Once the aggregate has been heated, it shall then be transferred to a secondary drum mixer where it shall be fully coated with asphaltic binder. A minimum of two gallons of binder per 100lbs of stone is required.
- The temperature of the aggregate and binder shall be monitored by the contractor with a calibrated digital infrared thermometer.
- The coated aggregate shall be loosely placed in the joint cutout in lifts not to exceed 2 inches.
- Each lift shall be leveled, compacted and then flooded with hot asphaltic binder to the level of the aggregate to fill all voids in the coated aggregate layer. The surface of each lift shall be flooded until only the tips of the aggregate protrude out of the surface.
- The final lift shall be placed such that no stones shall project above the level of the adjacent overlay surface following compaction of the coated aggregate.
- Following installation of the final lift, sufficient time and material shall be provided to allow all voids in the mixture to fill. This step may be repeated as needed.
- The joint shall then be top-dressed by heating the entire area with a hot-compressed air lance and applying binder. The final joint surface must be smooth with no protruding stones and be absent of voids.
- Once top-dressed, the joint shall have an anti-tack material spread evenly over the entire surface to prevent tracking.

The Contractor shall be responsible for removing all binder material that leaks through the joint and is deposited on any bridge component, including underside of decks, headers, beams, diaphragms, bearings, abutments and piers.

Traffic shall not be permitted over the joint until it has cooled to 130º F when measured with a digital infrared thermometer. Use of water to cool the completed joint is permitted.

<u>Sidewalk, parapet, and/or curb joint openings</u>

Before placement of any sealing materials in parapets, curbs, or sidewalks, the joints shall be thoroughly cleaned of all scale, loose concrete, dirt, dust, or other foreign matter by abrasive blast cleaning. Residual dust and moisture shall then be removed by blasting with oil free compressed air using a hot air lance. Projections of concrete into the joint space shall also be

removed. The backer rod shall be installed in the joint as shown on the plans. The joint shall be clean and dry before the joint sealant is applied. Under no circumstances is the binder material to be used as a substitute for the joint sealant.

Whenever abrasive blast cleaning is performed under this specification, the Contractor shall take adequate measures to ensure that the abrasive blast cleaning will not cause damage to adjacent traffic or other facilities.

The joint sealant shall be prepared and placed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and with the equipment prescribed by the manufacturer. Extreme care shall be taken to ensure that the sealant is placed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommended thickness requirements.

The joint sealant shall be tooled, if required, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Primer, if required, shall be supplied by the sealant manufacturer and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

When the sealing operations are completed, the joints shall be effectively sealed against infiltration of water. Any sealant which does not effectively seal against water shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense.

Any installed joint that exhibits evidence of failure, as determined by the Engineer, such as debonding, cracking, rutting, or shoving of the APJ mixture shall be removed and replaced full-width and full–depth to a length determined by the Engineer at no additional cost to the State.

Method of Measurement: This work will be measured for payment by the number of cubic feet of “Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint System” installed and accepted within approved horizontal limits. No additional measurement will be made for furnishing and installing backer rod and joint sealant in the parapets, concrete medians, curbs and/or sidewalks.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic foot for "Asphaltic Plug Expansion Joint System," complete in place, which price shall include the saw-cutting, removal and disposal of bituminous concrete, membrane waterproofing, existing joint components and sealing elements, the furnishing and placement of the leveling compound, cleaning of the joint surfaces, furnishing and installing bridging plates, the furnishing and installing of the asphaltic plug joint mixture, the cost of furnishing and installing joint sealant in the parapets, concrete medians, curbs and sidewalks, and all other materials, equipment including, but not limited to, portable lighting, tools, and labor incidental thereto. No additional payment shall be made for the 12” wide bridging plates that are required for deck joint openings with widths in excess of 3”.

If directed by the Engineer, additional deck repairs will be addressed and paid for under the applicable concrete deck repair items in the Contract.