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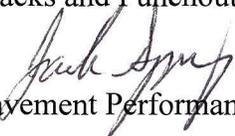
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Subject: **ACTION**: LTPP Directive D-63  
Clarification of LTPP Distress Data Collection  
Procedures for Asphalt Concrete Pavements (ACP)  
Edge Cracking, Continuously Reinforced  
Concrete Pavements (CRCP)  
Transverse Cracks and Punchouts

Date: November 9, 2015

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Attached is Long Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) Program Directive D-63, this is the Clarification of LTPP Distress Data Collection Procedures for ACP Edge Cracking, CRCP Transverse Cracks and Punchouts.

Please make this directive available to all personnel involved in distress data collection and processing.

If you have any questions concerning this transmittal, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 493-3144.

Attachment

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## LONG TERM PAVEMENT PERFORMANCE PROGRAM DIRECTIVE



*For the Technical Direction of the LTPP Program*

**Program Area:** Monitoring

**Directive Number:** D-63

**Date:** November 9, 2015

**Supersedes:** N/A

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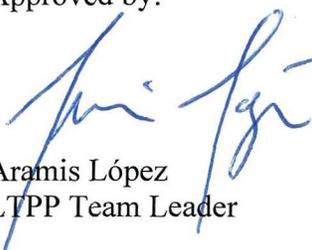
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The "Distress Identification Manual for the Long-Term Pavement Performance Program", May 2014, shall be modified as follows:

1. Modify the moderate severity criteria description of Edge Cracking (ACP 3) on page 7 to read as follows: "Cracks with some breakup and loss of material for up to and including 10 percent of the length of the affected portion of the pavement."
2. Add the following after second sentence in 'How to Measure' on page 65: "The total length of a CRCP transverse crack includes any connected associated cracking, i.e., 'Y' cracks. Both legs of a 'Y' crack are included in the length calculation."
3. Modify the last sentence of the description of Punchouts (CRCP 12) on page 78 to read as follows: "An area that is enclosed by two distressed transverse cracks with spalling along > 10 percent of the crack(s) length that are spaced between 0.6 m and 1 m, a short longitudinal crack, and the edge of the pavement or a longitudinal joint is also considered a punchout."

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