# Rhode Island Department of Transportation 2023 Pavement Preservation Program

















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#### Crack Seal

- 265 lane miles
- Budget: \$4.5 million

#### Rubberized Chip Seal

- 17 lane miles
- Budget: \$1.9 million

#### Thin Overlay

- 35 lane miles
- Budget: \$8.2 million





# Design & Bidding

- Preservation road lists are developed in house
- Design is completed by consulting engineers under a design task order contract
- RIDOT uses a traditional DBB approach to preservation projects

### Construction - Crack Seal

- All cracks are blown clean, heated and sealed with banding
  - · "Black Beauty" is used to prevent the crack seal from being picked up
- Crack seal is typically placed late spring, early summer to allow the sealant to bond well prior to the winter plowing season
  - Early season placement allows for better adhesion from high summer pavement temperatures and traffic loading
  - Early season placement also tends to help with ride quality by smoothing out the banding, making it more flush with the pavement surface
  - Crack seal that is placed in the fall has a tendency to de-bond and come loose during early winter snow plowing operations

### Construction - Rubberized Asphalt Chip Seal

- Rutted areas and areas of limited failure may be shimmed with
  4.75mm HMA to restore desired pavement profile
  - Adds structural capacity
  - Can help improve finished ride quality
- $\circ$  Rubberized asphalt (18% crumb rubber) is placed at 0.6 gals/ $yd^2$ Proper application (thickness) is critical to prevent shoving on significant down gradients
- Aggregate chips placed to restore pavement friction characteristics
  - 2 sweepings
    - One sweep following chip placement
    - Second sweep in the spring after over-wintering

## Construction - Thin Overlay

- Typically max 2" placement
  - Two types
    - Simple mill & fill with single lift surface course placement
      - 12.5mm or 9.5mm
    - Simple mill & fill with two lift placement
      - Leveling course –4.75mm
      - Surface course typically PPEST in a two lift placement scenario
      - Better rideability v. single lift placement