

- WHEN HMA LIFT THICKNESS IS GREATER THEN 21/4 INCHES AND WHEN TRAFFIC IS TO BE MAINTAINED, CONSTRUCT A WEDGE JOINT.
- 2. ENSURE THAT THE JOINT IN THE HMA SURFACE COURSE IS OFFSET FROM THE LANE LINES BY 6 INCHES. IN THE CENTERLINE OF A ROADWAY, ENSURE THAT THE JOINT FALLS BETWEEN THE DOUBLE YELLOW TRAFFIC STRIPE.
- 3. ENSURE THE LUTE OPERATOR MANUALLY BUMPS THE EDGE TO OBTAIN A TRUE VERTICAL AND DENSE UNCONFINED EDGE.
- 4. ENSURE THAT THE OVERLAPPED HMA MATERIAL AT THE JOINT IS TIGHTLY CROWDED (BUMPED) OVER THE JOINT ONTO THE NEWLY PLACED LANE LEAVING A SMALL MOUND OF MIX HUMPED UP FOR THE ROLLERS TO COMPACT.
- 5. FOR THE WEDGE JOINT, ENSURE THAT COARSE AGGREGATE PARTICLES ARE KEPT AWAY FROM THE POINT WHERE THE WEDGE MEETS THE SURFACE OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLACED LANE.
- 6. TO PREVENT LATERAL DISPLACEMENT OF THE UNCONFINED EDGE, ENSURE THAT THE EDGE OF THE ROLLER WHEEL EXTENDS OVER THE FREE EDGE OF THE HMA MAT BY AT LEAST 6 INCHES.

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N.T.S.

HMA = HOT MIX ASPHALT

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