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REMARKS:

This clearance transmittal is being issued to remove 37.5 mm base course from Department use and construction practices. The decision to discontinue use of 37.5 mm asphalt base course is based on extremely limited current use as well as potential segregation and permeability issues.

As part of this change, all references to 37.5 mm base course will be removed, revised, or otherwise modified within the applicable sections of Publications 408, 242, 2, 8, and 72 as identified in the CT attachments. There will also be modifications made to two standard special provisions.

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