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Dear Mr. Weiser:

Thank you for your letter of March 19 requesting approval to use green-colored pavement in marked bicycle lanes statewide in Delaware, including State highways and all local jurisdictions’ roadways. Your request was made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 in the 2009 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) and our Interim Approval memorandum (IA-14) dated April 15, 2011 for the optional use of green-colored pavement for bike lanes.

Your request is approved. Please maintain and periodically update a list of all locations where green-colored pavement is installed in Delaware. Your specific approval has been numbered “IA-17.72 -- Green-Colored Pavement for Bicycle Lanes – Delaware DOT Statewide.” Please reference this number in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving highway safety. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please contact Mr. Bruce Friedman at bruce.friedman@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Mark R. Kocher  
Director, Office of Transportation Operations
VIA EMAIL

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Office of Transportation Operations
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Dear Sirs:

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is requesting Interim Approval for the optional use of green colored pavement for use in bicycle lanes and in extensions of bicycle lanes through intersections and other traffic conflict areas. This request for Interim Approval is in regards to the FHWA Interim Approval, IA-14, that was released on April 15, 2011.

DelDOT, in conjunction with the City of Wilmington, plans to utilize green colored pavement within bicycle lanes as part of an improvement project along Walnut Street from 12th Street to 16th Street. In addition to this specific location, DelDOT is requesting interim approval for the use of green pavement at future locations as determined by DelDOT or in conjunction with our local partners. DelDOT agrees to abide by the specific conditions for the use of the green colored pavement for bike lanes as contained in the FHWA’s Interim Approval, IA-14. DelDOT agrees to maintain and continually update a list of locations where green colored pavement for bike lanes has been installed. DelDOT also agrees to restore the site(s) of the interim approval to a condition that complies with the provisions of the MUTCD within three (3) months following the issuance of a final rule on this traffic control device. Finally, DelDOT agrees to terminate use of any green colored pavement for bike lanes installed under the interim approval at any time that DelDOT determines significant safety concerns are directly or indirectly attributable to the markings or application. We understand that FHWA’s Office of Transportation Operations has the right to terminate the interim approval at any time if there an indication of safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (302) 659-4073.
Sincerely,

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