

179.418 Pilot project evaluating use of chip seal and reclaimed asphalt pavement on gravel roads -- Use of funds by county -- Report.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Chip seal" means a pavement surface treatment that combines one (1) or more layers of asphalt with one (1) or more layers of gravel or fine aggregate; and
 - (b) "Reclaimed asphalt pavement" or "RAP" means removed or reprocessed pavement materials containing asphalt and aggregates generated when asphalt pavements are removed for reconstruction, resurfacing, or to obtain access to buried utilities.
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030, the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid shall oversee a pilot project evaluating the use of chip seal and RAP on gravel roads.
- (3) Subject to the limitations in subsection (4) of this section, a county may use funds allocated to it under KRS 177.320(2) to use chip seal or RAP on existing gravel roads in that county's road system.
- (4) The maximum percentage of county road aid funds a county may use in any fiscal year on chip seal or RAP for county roads under subsection (3) of this section shall be equal to the percentage of roads in that county's county road system that are surfaced with gravel on July 1 of that fiscal year.
- (5) No later than October 31, 2027, and annually thereafter until October 31, 2030, the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid shall submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation on the use of chip seal and RAP on county roads.
- (6) The report required under subsection (5) of this section shall include:
 - (a)
 1. A listing of road miles chip sealed, by county;
 2. The cost per mile of chip sealing, by county;
 3. An evaluation of the durability of chip seal pavement; and
 4. An evaluation of chip seal pavement quality; and
 - (b)
 1. A listing of road miles using RAP, by county;
 2. The cost per mile of using RAP, by county;
 3. An evaluation of the durability of RAP; and
 4. An evaluation of RAP pavement quality.

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