Highway Striping

Weather can change everything...

Temporary conditions caused by nature can affect the functioning of most anything – and highways are not immune.

**Q: What makes pavement markings visible in normal conditions?**

**A:** Pavement markings are made visible and reflective by adding small glass beads to the highway striping paint. These glass beads reflect drivers’ headlights back to them, making the markings visible.

**Q: Why can’t I see pavement markings when it’s raining?**

**A:** When pavement markings become covered by water during rain, they no longer reflect light back to drivers’ eyes.

New reflective materials are being used in permanent pavement markings on many different roadways. These materials are more visible during wet conditions. Unfortunately, during heavy rains the pavement markings may become flooded and, therefore, less visible.