

## Summer Highway Construction

I am constantly asked how I do my roads on my 4'x 8' layout that I display at meets and events. Because summer is the time when all 1 to 1 scale roadwork is being done I thought I would share my technique for road construction with you.

The roadbed can be anything that works for you but I like 1/8" hardboard (masonite). Cut your material to shape and secure to bench work.

Using drywall compound spread a thin coat over the top of the roadbed. Once it has dried, sand it smooth with fine sandpaper.

For city street curbing use scale 6"x 6" strip styrene. It can be glued to the drywall compound using white glue. Curving the styrene around corners requires heating and bending to shape. Heat it enough to bend it but not break or melt it (this can be a little tricky).

Painting is done in reverse of how the real world does it. First, using your airbrush, spray yellow or white paint down the center and white down the sides of the road. If you use curbing spray a concrete color along the edge of the road and on the curb. Don't forget to spray areas for other road marking such as RR crossings, stop stripes at intersections, crosswalks, etc.

Once dry, cut strips of masking tape 1/16" wide. Place the tape on the road at appropriate locations.

Cut bigger strips to cover about 12 scale inches of the road edge and the curb.

Now with your air brush paint the road with the desired color. Floquil SP Lark Dark Grey works well for asphalt and Concrete for concrete.

Weather the roadway as desired before or after you remove the tape and there is your road.

One last thing! Make sure you put plenty of orange barrels around to keep those drivers safe.

*Keith Clark*

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## Layouts, Layout Tours and Construction Assistance

Does the CID know about your Model Railroad?? Would you be willing to open your railroad to other CID/MNRA Members?? Would you like some help with your railroad?? Would you like to help others build, maintain or troubleshoot their railroads??

We have an inventory of nearly 70 Model Railroads in the CID area. Is yours included?? This is an unpublished list shared only amongst the CID Officers. We would like your railroad included. Why?? This list is our source of potential Model Railroads to be invited to be included on our 2 to 3 CID sponsored layout tours each year, and a source of pictures for the CID website and video shown at the many meets where CID has a booth. It is a list that helps us network members with similar scale and prototype interests. It is the list that helps us network new modelers to the veterans in the Division.

Send us an abstract of your railroad to be sure we have you on record. Include your name, contact address and phone numbers, email, website, railroad name and prototype, scale, % complete, descriptive information, tour history, note of interest. Send your information to Jeff Norkin. Email to [trains@ETFBS.com](mailto:trains@ETFBS.com)

If you are looking for help you can reach any of us on the directory or at the same email address.

*Jeff Norkin*

### **CID Board Meeting Schedule 2007**

Dates: August 25 (Executive Board Only),  
October 7 and December 2.

Meeting location: Fall Creek Township Hall  
116<sup>th</sup> St. & Brook School Rd.  
Fishers, Indiana

Time: 1:00 PM

Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
Board members can confirm location and date.