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**DCE MEMORANDUM NO. 24-08**

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**TO: DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:** Tim Lattner, P.E., Director, Office of Construction

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**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATION REVISIONS TO SECTIONS 536**

The Department is planning to implement the following revisions in the FY 2026-27 Standard Specifications eBook. For active projects and for projects that will be Let prior to July 1, 2026, the contractor may request to add these revisions at no additional cost to the Department:

**Section 536 – Guardrail**

Changes made to address general construction tolerances for guardrail and end treatments, including post spacing.

Revisions to the Specifications Sections listed above are attached.

**This memorandum serves as a blanket approval to process a \$0.00 contract change to incorporate the above-mentioned revisions and should be attached to the Work Order or Supplemental Agreement.**

Should you have any questions, please contact the State Construction Office at (850) 414-4150.

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Attachment

## 536 GUARDRAIL

SUBARTICLE 536-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**536-3.1 Height General Tolerances:** Install guardrail panels at the height shown in the Standard Plans with a tolerance of 1 inch above and 1/2 inch below the nominal height specified. Where unavoidable surface irregularities, including but not limited to across shoulder gutters, inlets, and roadway surface break lines, are encountered, a tolerance of 3 inches above and 1 inch below the nominal height is permissible.

Guardrail post spacing is within tolerance if the installed post bolts align within the guardrail panels' prefabricated post bolt slots. For cases where the required post spacing does not match the panel's prefabricated slot spacing interval, the post spacing tolerance is +/- 3/4 inch.

For proprietary end treatments, follow the manufacturer's instructions on the APL for panel heights and post spacing tolerances. If this information is not provided, apply the general tolerances above.