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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Proposed Specification: 9900200 Temporary Traffic Control Device Materials.**

Attached for your review and comments is a copy of the subject proposed Specification.

The changes are proposed by James McGinnis from the Office of Roadway Design to include the language that was removed from the Standard Plans.

The proposed changes are also associated with Section 102 and Standard Plans Indexes 102-600 located at the following link: <https://www.fdot.gov/design/standardplans/irr/internal-Review-2024-102-600>.

Please review and offer your comments within ten business days so that we may continue with the review process.

Attachment

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MATERIALS.
(REV 7-13-22)

ARTICLE 990-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-2 Retroreflective Sheeting for Temporary Traffic Control Devices.

990-2.1 Bands for Temporary Tubular Markers, Vertical Panels, Barricades, and other Devices: Bands for temporary tubular markers, vertical panels, barricades, and other devices shall meet the requirements of ASTM D4956 for Type III or higher retroreflective sheeting materials identified in Section 994.

990-2.2 Collars for Traffic Cones: Collars for traffic cones shall meet the requirements of ASTM D4956 Type III or higher retroreflective prismatic sheeting materials identified in Section 994 including supplementary requirements for reboundable sheeting. The outdoor weathering shall be for 6 months for all sheeting types.

990-2.3 Drums: Drums shall meet the requirements of ASTM D4956 for Type III or higher retroreflective sheeting materials identified in Section 994 including supplementary requirements for reboundable sheeting.

990-2.4 Sign Panels: Meet the requirements of 990-8.

SUBARTICLE 990-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-3.1 General: All portable devices shall meet the physical display and operational requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and be listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product must submit the following:

1. Certification showing that the product meets the requirements of this Section.

2. Drawings of the device along with technical information necessary for proper application, field assembly, and installation.

Portable devices shall meet the following requirements:

3. Ensure that all assembly hardware less than 5/8 inch in diameter, including nuts, bolts, external screws and locking washers are Type 304 or 316 passivated stainless steel. Stainless steel bolts, screws and studs shall meet ASTM F593. Nuts shall meet ASTM F594. All assembly hardware greater than or equal to 5/8 inch in diameter shall be galvanized. Bolts, studs, and threaded rod shall meet ASTM A307. Structural bolts shall meet ASTM F3125, Grade A325.

4. The controllers and associated on-board circuitry shall meet the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Title 47, Subpart B, Section 15 regulations concerning the emission of electronic noise by Class A digital devices. All electronic assemblies shall meet the requirements of NEMA TS-4-2016 Section 2.

5. The controller and associated on-board circuitry shall not be affected by mobile radio, or any other radio transmissions.

6. An operator's manual shall be furnished with each unit.

7. All portable devices shall be permanently marked with, manufacturer's name or trademark, model/part number, and date of manufacture or serial number.

8. Portable devices and trailers shall be delineated on a permanent basis by affixing retroreflective sheeting in a continuous line on the face of the trailer as seen by oncoming road users.

990-3.1.1 Electrical Systems:

990-3.1.1.1 Solar Powered Unit: The solar powered unit shall meet the following:

1. The unit shall provide automatic recharging of power supply batteries to normal operating levels with meters showing charge.
2. Solar array recovery time for arrow boards and regulatory signs shall be accomplished in a maximum of three hours.
3. Arrow boards and changeable message signs shall be designed to provide 180 days of continuous operation with minimum onsite maintenance.

990-3.1.1.2 Battery Life Test: Meet the following:

1. The photovoltaic unit shall be designed to provide 21 days of continuous operation without sunlight with a minimum of onsite maintenance for arrow boards and changeable message signs, or 10 days of continuous operation without sunlight with a minimum of onsite maintenance for regulatory signs and radar speed display units, or 2 days of continuous operation without sunlight with a minimum of onsite maintenance for Automated Flagger Assistance Devices signs.
2. The battery shall be equipped with a battery controller to prevent overcharging and over-discharging. An external battery level indicator shall be provided.
3. The battery, controller, and power panel shall be designed to be protected from the elements and vandalism.
4. Automatic recharging of power supply batteries shall be provided with charge indicator meter.
5. An AC/DC battery charger unit shall be provided.

990-3.1.2 Display Panel and Housing:

1. The display housing assembly shall be weather-tight.
2. Except for Automated Flagger Assistance Devices, the display assembly shall be equipped with an automatic dimming operational mode capable of a minimum of 50% dimming and a separate manual dimmer switch
3. The display panel background and frame for the display assembly shall be painted flat black and shall meet Federal Specification TT-E-489.
4. The display panel for arrow boards and changeable message signs, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground, in accordance with the MUTCD. The display panel for radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, will have a minimum height of 5 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground.
5. The regulatory speed sign panel for regulatory signs and radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the regulatory sign panel to the ground.
6. The unit shall have an accessible mechanism to easily raise and lower the display assembly. A locking device shall also be provided to ensure the display panel will remain in the raised or lowered position.

7. The display panel for changeable message signs shall have a safety system to protect against the panel falling from the trailer to the roadway should the panel separate from the lift system.

990-3.1.3 Controller: The Controller shall meet the following:

1. Controller and control panel shall be housed in a weather, dust, and vandal resistant lockable cabinet.

2. Controller and associated on-board circuitry shall meet the requirements of the FCC Title 47, Subpart B, Section 15 regulations concerning the emission of electronic noise by Class A digital devices.

3. For changeable message signs and arrow boards ensure that the sign control software provides an on-site graphical representation that visibly depicts the message displayed on the sign face.

4. For changeable message signs, if remote communication is included, ensure that the sign controller is addressable through the Ethernet communications network using software that complies with the National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol (NTCIP) 1101 base standard, including all amendments as published at the time of contract letting, the NTCIP Simple Transportation Management Framework, and conforms to Compliance Level 1. Ensure that the software implements all mandatory objects in the supplemental requirement SR-700-4.1.1-01, FDOT Dynamic Message Sign NTCIP Requirements, as published on the FDOT State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office web site at the time of contract letting. Ensure that the sign complies with the NTCIP 1102v01.15, 2101 v01.19, 2103v02.07, 2201v01.15, 2202 v01.05, and 2301v02.19 standards. Ensure that the sign complies with NTCIP 1103v02.17, section 3. Ensure that additional objects implemented by the software do not interfere with the standard operation of mandatory objects.

990-3.1.4 Support Chassis: The support chassis shall meet the following:

1. The support chassis shall be self-contained and self-supporting without the use of additional equipment or tools.

2. Both trailer and truck-mounted units are allowed for arrow boards and changeable message signs. Trailer mounted units are required for regulatory signs and radar speed display units. Automated Flagger Assistance Devices may be trailer or non-trailer units.

a. Trailer mounted unit:

1. The sign, power supply unit and all support systems shall be mounted on a wheeled trailer.

2. The trailer shall be equipped with Class A lights, using a plug adaptor.

3. The trailer shall be equipped with adjustable outrigger leveling pads, one on each of the four frame corners.

4. The trailer shall be designed to be set up at the site with its own chassis and outriggers, without being hitched to a vehicle.

5. The trailer shall be equipped with fenders over the tires and shall be made from heavy-duty material sufficient to allow a person to stand and operate or perform maintenance on the unit.

6. The trailer shall meet all equipment specifications set forth in Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, and by such rule, regulation or code that may be adopted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

SUBARTICLE 990-4.12 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-4.12 Removability: Ensure that the manufacturer shows documented reports that the removable tape is capable of being removed intact or in substantially large strips after being in place for a minimum of 90 days and under an average daily traffic count per lane of at least 5,000 vehicles per day at temperatures above 40°F, without the use of heat, solvents, grinding or blasting.

ARTICLE 990-6 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-6 Temporary Glare Screen.

990-6.1 Design and Installation: Manufactured glare screen systems may be modular or individual units listed on the APL and shall meet the following requirements:

1. Glare screen units shall be manufactured in lengths such that when installed the joint between any one modular unit will not span barrier sections. Color shall be green, similar to FED-STD-595-34227.

2. Blades, rails and/or posts shall be manufactured from polyethylene, fiberglass, plastic, polyester or polystyrene, and be ultraviolet stabilized and inert to all normal atmospheric conditions and temperature ranges found in Florida.

3. For paddle type designs, the blade width shall not be more than 9 inches. Blades or screen for individual or modular systems shall be 24 inches to 30 inches high and capable of being locked down at an angle and spacing to provide a cut-off angle not less than 20 degrees.

4. For glare screen mounted on temporary concrete barrier, a strip (minimum 3 inch width and minimum 72 square inches) of reflective sheeting as specified in 994-2 must be placed on each side of a panel, centered in each barrier section (at a spacing not to exceed 15 feet) and positioned in such a manner as to permit total right angle observation by parallel traffic.

5. Prior to approval an impact test shall be performed by the manufacturer to verify the safety performance of the proposed system. The minimum impact strength of the posts, blades, rail and the barrier attachment design shall be sufficient to prevent the unit from separating from the barrier when impacted by a 3 inches outside diameter steel pipe traveling at 30 mph and impacting mid-height on the glare screen assembly.

6. All hardware shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A123 or stainless steel in accordance with AISI 302/305.

7. The anchorage of the glare screen to the barrier must be capable of safely resisting an equivalent tensile load of 600 pounds per foot of glare screen with a requirement to use a minimum of three fasteners per barrier section.

Alternative designs for temporary glare screen may be submitted as a Cost Savings Initiative Proposal in accordance with 4-3.9.

ARTICLE 990-8 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-8 Work Zone Signs.

990-8.1 Post Mounted Sign Supports:

990-8.1.1 General: Provide steel u-channel posts that conform to ASTM A499 Grade 60, or ASTM A576 Grade 1080 (with a minimum yield strength of 60 ksi). Provide sign attachment bolts, washers, nuts, and spacers that conform to ASTM A307 or A36. For each u-channel post, punch or drill 3/8 inch diameter holes on 1 inch centers through the center of the post, starting approximately 1 inch from the top and extending the full length of the post. Ensure that the weight per foot of a particular manufacturer's post size does not vary more than plus or minus 3.5% of its specified weight per foot. Taper the bottom end of the post for easier installation. Machine straighten the u-channel to a tolerance of 0.4% of the length.

990-8.1.2 3 lb./ft. Steel U-Channel Posts: Provide 3 lb./ft. steel u-channel posts with a minimum section modulus of 0.43 in³ for 60 ksi steel, a minimum section modulus of 0.37 in³ for 70 ksi steel, or a minimum section modulus of 0.34 in³ for 80 ksi steel.

990-8.1.3 4 lb./ft. Steel U-Channel Posts: Provide 4 lb./ft. steel u-channel posts with a minimum section modulus of 0.56 in³ for 60 ksi steel, or a minimum section modulus of 0.47 in³ for 70 ksi or 80 ksi steel. Provide 4 lb./ft. steel u-channel posts with a breakaway splice.

990-8.2 Portable Sign Stands: Provide portable sign stands that meet the requirements of MASH TL-3.

990-8.2.1 Product Application: Manufacturers seeking inclusion on the APL must submit the following:

1. Product Drawing, which at a minimum includes:

- a. Model Number
- b. Sign panel size
- c. Allowable sign panel substrate material
- d. Height to bottom of sign panel
- e. Any field assembly details and technical information necessary for

proper application and installation

2. Crash testing reports.

3. All relevant FHWA Eligibility Letters.

990-8.3 Sign Panels: Use signs that meet the material and process requirements of ASTM D4956 and Section 994. All orange-colored work zone signs shall be fluorescent orange. Use Type VI sheeting for vinyl signs. Mesh signs must meet the color, daytime luminance, and non-reflective requirements of Section 994, Type VI. Use Type IV sheeting for fluorescent orange work zone signs. Use Type IV and Type XI sheeting for all other work zone signs.

ARTICLE 990-13 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-13 Channelizing Devices.

990-13.1 General: Provide channelizing devices in accordance with the MUTCD and the dimensions shown in the Standard Plans.

990-13.1.1 Striping Width: Provide 4 inch stripes for type I barricades, type II barricades, direction indicator barricades, and vertical panels.

990-13.2 Product Application: Manufacturers seeking inclusion of channelizing devices on the APL shall submit the following:

1. For Cones, Drums, and Temporary Tubular Markers:
 - a. Photographs
 - b. Drawings of sufficient detail to distinguish between similar devices
 - c. Manufacturer self-certification of MASH compliant
2. For Barricades and Vertical Panels:
 - a. Installations Instructions
 - b. Photographs
 - c. Drawings (may be included in Installation Instructions) of sufficient detail to distinguish between similar devices
 - d. Any field assembly details and technical information necessary for proper application and installation
 - e. Crash testing reports demonstrating the device meets MASH TL-3
 - f. All relevant FHWA Eligibility Letters

ARTICLE 990-14 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-14 Pedestrian Longitudinal Channelizing Devices.

990-14.1 General: Provide pedestrian Longitudinal Channelizing Devices (LCDs) in accordance with the MUTCD and the following.

1. For pedestrian LCDs that require internal ballasting, provide an indicator that clearly identifies the proper ballast required. For pedestrian LCDs that require external ballasting, detail the ballasting method in the APL drawings, including ballasting type and minimum weight.
2. Provide pedestrian LCDs with a minimum of 8 inches of continuous detectable edging along the bottom of the pedestrian LCDs.
3. Provide pedestrian LCDs that are 32 inches in height or greater and have a footprint width of 24 inches or greater. If the footprint width is less than 24 inches, provide pedestrian LCDs that are 42 inches in height or greater and can withstand a 200-pound lateral point load at the top of the pedestrian LCD with anchoring or ballasting.
4. Ensure that the top surface of the pedestrian LCDs has 1/8 inch or less difference in any plane at all connection points between the devices to facilitate hand trailing.
5. Ensure that the bottom and top surface of the pedestrian LCDs are in the same vertical plane.

990-14.2 Product Application: Manufacturers seeking inclusion of pedestrian LCDs on the APL must submit the following:

1. Installations Instructions
2. Photographs
3. Drawings (may be included in Installations Instructions) of sufficient detail to distinguish between similar devices
4. Any field assembly details and technical information necessary for proper application and installation
5. Crash testing reports demonstrating the device meets MASH TL-3
6. All relevant FHWA Eligibility Letters

ARTICLE 990-15 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-15 Flagger Equipment.

990-15.1 STOP/SLOW Paddles: Provide STOP/SLOW paddles with rigid handles in accordance with the MUTCD and the following:

Ensure that the STOP/SLOW paddles are 24 inches in width:

Ensure that the rigid handle is a minimum of 6 feet in length from the bottom of the paddle to the end of the staff that rests on the ground.

990-15.1.1 Product Application: Manufacturers seeking inclusion of STOP/SLOW Paddles on the APL must submit the following:

1. Photographs or drawings of sufficient detail to distinguish between similar devices
2. Manufacturer self-certification of MASH compliance

SECTION 990 is expanded by the following

990-17 Type III Barricade.

990-17.1 General: Provide type III barricades in accordance with the requirements of the MUTCD and the dimensions shown in the Standard Plans.

990-17.2 Product Application: Manufacturers seeking inclusion of type III barricades on the APL shall submit the following:

1. Installations Instructions
2. Photographs
3. Drawings (may be included in Installation Instructions) of sufficient detail to distinguish between similar devices
4. Any field assembly details and technical information necessary for proper application and installation
5. Crash testing reports demonstrating the device meets MASH TL-3
6. All relevant FHWA Eligibility Letters