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Khoa Nguyen  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **635**  
Proposed Specification: **6350302 Pull, Splice, and Junction Boxes.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Matt DeWitt from the Traffic Engineering and Operations Office to incorporate language requested by FTE regarding placement of boxes, a minimum of two feet above ditch bottoms or drainage features.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Strickland, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**PULL, SPLICE, AND JUNCTION BOXES.****(REV ~~97-2019-22~~)**

SUBARTICLE 635-3.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

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1. At all major fiber optic cable and conduit junctions.
2. Approximately every 2,500 feet for fiber optic cable applications in rural areas with any continuous section of straight conduit if no fiber optic cable splice is required.
3. At a maximum of 1,760 feet for fiber optic cable applications in metropolitan areas.
4. At a maximum of 500 feet for electrical applications.
54. At each end of a tunnel, and on each side of a river or lake crossing.
65. On each side of an aboveground conduit installation, such as an attachment to a bridge or wall.
76. At all turns in the conduit system.
87. Near the base of a service pole or communication cabinet to provide:
  - a. A transition point between the fiber optic conduits extending from the fiber backbone and the conduit feeding the communication cabinet.
  - b. An assist point for the installation of fiber optic drop cable.
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