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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **995**  
Proposed Specification: **9950207 Traffic Control Signal and Device Materials.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Derek Vollmer from the Traffic Engineering and Operations Office is to move the materials section from Division II to Division III. Since the Wrong Way Vehicle Detection System must interface with the SunGuide Software, a supplemental requirements document will facilitate the application programming interface development. This proposed specification revision is associated with changes to Section 650 and 653.

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

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## TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AND DEVICE MATERIALS (REV 5-14-21)

SUBARTICLE 995-2.7.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

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2. Wired Ethernet interfaces provides, at a minimum, a 10/100 Base TX connection. Verify that all unshielded twisted pair/shielded twisted pair network cables and connectors comply with TIA-568.
3. Wireless communications are secure and that wireless devices are FCC certified. The FCC identification number is displayed on an external label and all WWVDS devices operate within their FCC frequency allocation.
4. Cellular communications devices are compatible with the cellular carrier used by the agency responsible for system operation and maintenance.
5. The system can be configured and monitored via one or more communications interface.
6. The WWVDS is compatible with the Department's SunGuide® software. The SunGuide software requirements are listed in supplemental requirement SR-995-2.7.2-01, Supplemental Wrong Way Vehicle Detection System SunGuide HTTP Protocol, as published on the Department's State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office website at the following URL: <https://www.fdot.gov/traffic/Traf-Sys/Product-Specifications.shtm>.
7. For WWVDS installed on ramps, the device shall:
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Vehicular traffic signal assemblies must meet the requirements of Section 603 and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Standard for Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads.

Fastening hardware such as bolts, screws, nuts, washers, latches, and studs must be SAE Type 316 or 304 stainless steel.

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Provide at least two latching points with latch pads and manual Type 316 or 304 stainless steel latching devices that are tamper resistant.

If backplates are mechanically attached, each signal section must have four backplate mounting attachment points on the back of the signal, on or no more than three inches from each section corner. Attachment points must be capable of accepting No. 10-16x3/8 inch or No. 10-24x3/8 inch Type 316 or 304 stainless steel screws for attaching backplates.

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Mount terminal blocks to the signal housing with Type 316 or 304 passivated stainless steel hardware. Use only non-corrosive wire attachment screws approved by the Department.

**995-4.2.5 Color and Finish:** The housing, doors, visors and backplates must be powder coated dull black (Federal Standard 595-37038) with a reflectance value not exceeding 25 percent as measured by ASTM E1347. For plastic heads, the black color must be incorporated into the plastic material before molding.

The finish on interior and exterior surfaces of aluminum signal head assemblies, visors, doors, and housing, must be painted in accordance with Military Standard MIL-PRF-24712A or American Architectural Manufacturers Association-2603-02 and must meet the requirements of ASTM D3359, ASTM D3363, and ASTM D522. Surface erosion, flaking, or oxidation must not occur within the normal life expectancy under typical installation conditions.

**995-4.2.6 Plastic Signal Housings and Visors:** Construct signal housing assembly, door, and visors of UV stabilized plastic with a minimum thickness of 0.1 inches, plus or minus, 0.01 inches, with the following physical properties:

1. Specific Gravity: 1.17 minimum, as per ASTM D792
2. Vicat Softening Temperature: 305-325 F (152-163 C), as per ASTM D1525
3. Brittleness Temperature: Below -200 F (-129 C), as per ASTM D746
4. Flammability: Self-extinguishing, as per ASTM D635
5. Tensile Strength, yield: 8500 PSI (58 MPa) minimum, as per ASTM D638
6. Elongation at yield: 5.5-8.5 %, as per ASTM D638
7. Shear, strength, yield: 5500 PSI (38 Mpa) minimum, as per ASTM D732
8. Izod impact strength, [notched, 1/8 inch]: 15 ft-lb/in (800 j/m) minimum, as per ASTM D256
9. Fatigue strength at 2.5 mm cycles: 950 PSI (6.5 MPa) minimum, as per ASTM D671

**995-4.2.7 Backplates:** Backplates may be constructed of either aluminum or plastic. Minimum thickness for aluminum backplates is 0.060 inch and the minimum thickness for plastic backplates is 0.120 inch. The required width of the top, bottom, and sides of backplates must measure between five to six inches. Color of backplates must be black in accordance with 995-4.2.5. Backplate thickness measurement must not include the retroreflective sheeting thickness.

If backplates are mechanically attached, provide a minimum of four corner mounting attachment points per signal section (for example, a three-section signal assembly would have 12 mounting points). Attachment points must not interfere with the operation of traffic signal section doors. Backplate outside corners must be rounded and all edges must be deburred.

If louvers are provided, louver orientation must be vertical on sides and horizontal on top and bottom of the backplate and must be at least 1/2 inch from the inner and outer edge of the backplate panel. Universal backplates must fit all traffic signals listed on the APL.

Mount the backplate securely to the signal assembly with Type 316 or 304 passivated stainless steel installation hardware. Backplates, if mechanically attached, must be marked in accordance with 995-4.1, on the long sides of the backplate.

Backplates must include retroreflective borders using Type IV yellow retroreflective sheeting listed on the APL. Place a 2 inch border on the entire outer perimeter of the backplate panel, no closer than 1/2 inch from any louvers.

All materials must be designed for exterior use and be UV stable.

**995-4.2.7.1 Flexible Backplates:** Flexible backplates must allow the entire length of longer portions of the backplate to flex 90 degrees, or until the backplate width is reduced to 2.5 inches or less, when influenced by high wind conditions, and return to zero degrees after the wind conditions subside. Flexible backplates must maintain visibility of the retroreflective border to approaching traffic, with up to 40 mph winds.

**995-4.2.8 Light-Emitting Diode Optical Unit:** The LED optical unit must conform to the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal

Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Circular Signal Supplement, dated June 27, 2005 or Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Vehicle Arrow Traffic Signal Supplement, dated July 1, 2007, with the following exceptions.

**995-4.2.8.1 Physical and Mechanical Requirements:** Retrofit LED signal modules must be compatible with all traffic signal housings listed on the APL. The rear of the LED signal module must be marked in accordance with 995-4.1.

**995-4.2.8.2 LED Signal Module Lens:** The lens must be tinted with an appropriate color (red, amber, or green) to reduce sun phantom affect and enhance on/off contrast. The tinting must be uniform across the face of the lens and be free from streaks, wrinkles, chips, bubbles, or other imperfections. If a polymer lens is used, a surface coating must be incorporated to provide abrasion resistance.

**995-4.2.8.3 Minimum Maintained Luminous Intensity Values:** Red and green modules must meet the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Circular Signal Supplement, dated June 27, 2005, with the exception that yellow modules must be 1.7 times brighter than the ITE specification. Arrow modules must meet the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Vehicle Arrow Traffic Signal Supplement, dated July 1, 2007.

**995-4.2.9 Electrical:** Electrical conductors for LED signal modules must be a minimum of 36 inches in length. Each lead from the LED module must be terminated with insulated slide-on terminals. The conductors must be color coded to identify the color of the module as follows:

1. White must identify the neutral lead.
2. Red circular signals must be identified with a red lead, yellow circular signals with a yellow lead, and green circular signals with a green lead.
3. Red arrows must be identified with a red and black tracer lead, yellow arrows with a yellow and black tracer lead, and green arrows with a green and black tracer lead.

## **995-5 Pedestrian Signal Assemblies.**

**995-5.1 General:** Pedestrian signal assemblies shall be listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6.

Pedestrian signal assemblies must meet the requirements of Section 603, the latest edition of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) standard for Pedestrian Traffic Control Signal Indications.

**995-5.2 Housing and Visor:** The housing must be weatherproof, sectional and may consist of as many sections as optical units. The housing must prevent light from escaping from one unit to another. The top and bottom opening of the housing must include a circular 72-tooth serrated connection (2 inch nominal I.D.) capable of providing positive positioning and alignment in 5 degree increments. When assembled and tightened, these connections must prevent rotation or misalignment. The serrated area must start at the outside of the 2 inch hole and be at least 1/8 inch wide. The teeth must have a minimum depth of 3/64 inch between peaks and valleys, free from burrs or other imperfections, and provide positive locking with the grooves of mating sections, framework, and brackets. The serration on the top circular connection of a signal section must have a valley at the 0 degree position and the serration on the bottom circular connection must have a peak at the 0 degree position, both aligned perpendicular

to the front of the section. Housings must include latch pads and manual stainless steel latching devices that are captive, or non-removable. Housings must have at least two latching points.

Reinforce all mounting points and adjacent housing material. The door enclosing the lens must be hinged and held securely to the housing. Provide a gasket meeting the requirements of ASTM D1056, Grade 2B2 between the housing and door and between the lens and door. If the fitting between the housing and door is weather-tight, the gasket may be omitted.

Provide a visor or egg-crate louver that eliminates sun phantom for each signal face. Visor must be three-sided and extend a minimum of 7 inches at the top from the face of the lens. The visor must be constructed of noncorrosive No. 18 gauge sheet metal, not less than 0.05 inch thick, or 0.1 inch thick polycarbonate.

All metal housings and visors must be powder-coat painted black in accordance with Military Standard MIL-PRF-24712A or AAMA-2603-02 with a reflectance value not exceeding 25 percent as measured by ASTM E97. For polycarbonate heads, the black color must be incorporated into the material before the molding process.

The housing must be constructed of a non-corrosive material. Cast metal parts must have a minimum tensile strength of 1 ksi (117 MPa) and sheet metal parts a minimum tensile strength of 27 ksi (186 MPa).

**995-5.2.1 Die Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B85 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S12A, S12B, SC84A, SC84B, SG100A and SG100B.

**995-5.2.2 Sand Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B26 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S5A and CS72A.

**995-5.2.3 Permanent Mold Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B108 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S5A and CS72A.

**995-5.2.4 Polycarbonate:** Polycarbonate housing assemblies, doors and visors must be molded from ultraviolet stabilized polycarbonate plastic with a minimum thickness of 0.1 inches, plus or minus 0.01 inch, and provide the following physical properties:

<u>Table 995-2</u>		
<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum Requirement</u>	<u>Method</u>
<u>Specific Gravity</u>	<u>1.17</u>	<u>ASTM D 792</u>
<u>Vicat Softening Temp.</u>	<u>305-325°F (152 – 163°C)</u>	<u>ASTM D 1525</u>
<u>Brittleness Temp.</u>	<u>Below -200°F (-129°C)</u>	<u>ASTM D 746</u>
<u>Flammability</u>	<u>Self-extinguishing</u>	<u>ASTM D 635</u>
<u>Tensile Strength</u>	<u>Yield, 8500 psi (58 MPa)</u>	<u>ASTM D 638</u>
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<u>Izod impact strength</u>	<u>15ft-lb/in (800 J/m)</u>	<u>ASTM D 256</u>
<u>Fatigue strength</u>	<u>950 psi (6.5MPa) at 2.5 mm cycles</u>	<u>ASTM D 671</u>

**995-5.3 Light Emitting Diode (LED) Pedestrian Signal Optical Unit (State Standard):** Provide a countdown pedestrian signal module meeting the requirements of the latest ITE LED Pedestrian Signal Specifications.

**995-5.4 Electrical:** Wiring and terminals must meet the size, insulation, length and color-coding of the current ITE Pedestrian Traffic Control Signal Indicators LED specification. Wires must not have bare wiring exposed where wires are secured.

The pedestrian signal must include a terminal block containing a minimum of three circuits, each with two noncorrosive screw-type terminals. Each terminal must accommodate three No. 18 AWG conductors and be labeled for ease of identification. The terminal block must not be obstructed and be visible when the housing is open.

**995-5.5 Hardware:** All brackets used to mount pedestrian signals must be an aluminum alloy cast fitting, pipe or equivalent material approved by the Department. Aluminum and aluminum alloy bars, rods, wires, profiles, and tubes must meet ASTM B221. Aluminum-alloy sand casting must meet ASTM B26. All mounting hardware must be painted black with a reflectance value not exceeding 25 percent as measured by ASTM E97.

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

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If louvers are provided, louver orientation must be vertical on sides and horizontal on top and bottom of the backplate and must be at least 1/2 inch from the inner and outer edge of the backplate panel. Universal backplates must fit all traffic signals listed on the APL.

Mount the backplate securely to the signal assembly with Type 316 or 304 passivated stainless steel installation hardware. Backplates, if mechanically attached, must be marked in accordance with 995-4.1, on the long sides of the backplate.

Backplates must include retroreflective borders using Type IV yellow retroreflective sheeting listed on the APL. Place a 2 inch border on the entire outer perimeter of the backplate panel, no closer than 1/2 inch from any louvers.

All materials must be designed for exterior use and be UV stable.

**995-4.2.7.1 Flexible Backplates:** Flexible backplates must allow the entire length of longer portions of the backplate to flex 90 degrees, or until the backplate width is reduced to 2.5 inches or less, when influenced by high wind conditions, and return to zero degrees after the wind conditions subside. Flexible backplates must maintain visibility of the retroreflective border to approaching traffic, with up to 40 mph winds.

**995-4.2.8 Light-Emitting Diode Optical Unit:** The LED optical unit must conform to the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal

Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Circular Signal Supplement, dated June 27, 2005 or Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Vehicle Arrow Traffic Signal Supplement, dated July 1, 2007, with the following exceptions.

**995-4.2.8.1 Physical and Mechanical Requirements:** Retrofit LED signal modules must be compatible with all traffic signal housings listed on the APL. The rear of the LED signal module must be marked in accordance with 995-4.1.

**995-4.2.8.2 LED Signal Module Lens:** The lens must be tinted with an appropriate color (red, amber, or green) to reduce sun phantom affect and enhance on/off contrast. The tinting must be uniform across the face of the lens and be free from streaks, wrinkles, chips, bubbles, or other imperfections. If a polymer lens is used, a surface coating must be incorporated to provide abrasion resistance.

**995-4.2.8.3 Minimum Maintained Luminous Intensity Values:** Red and green modules must meet the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Circular Signal Supplement, dated June 27, 2005, with the exception that yellow modules must be 1.7 times brighter than the ITE specification. Arrow modules must meet the requirements of ITE's Performance Specification, Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads - Light Emitting Diode (LED) Vehicle Arrow Traffic Signal Supplement, dated July 1, 2007.

**995-4.2.9 Electrical:** Electrical conductors for LED signal modules must be a minimum of 36 inches in length. Each lead from the LED module must be terminated with insulated slide-on terminals. The conductors must be color coded to identify the color of the module as follows:

1. White must identify the neutral lead.
2. Red circular signals must be identified with a red lead, yellow circular signals with a yellow lead, and green circular signals with a green lead.
3. Red arrows must be identified with a red and black tracer lead, yellow arrows with a yellow and black tracer lead, and green arrows with a green and black tracer lead.

## **995-5 Pedestrian Signal Assemblies.**

**995-5.1 General:** Pedestrian signal assemblies shall be listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6.

Pedestrian signal assemblies must meet the requirements of Section 603, the latest edition of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) standard for Pedestrian Traffic Control Signal Indications.

**995-5.2 Housing and Visor:** The housing must be weatherproof, sectional and may consist of as many sections as optical units. The housing must prevent light from escaping from one unit to another. The top and bottom opening of the housing must include a circular 72-tooth serrated connection (2 inch nominal I.D.) capable of providing positive positioning and alignment in 5 degree increments. When assembled and tightened, these connections must prevent rotation or misalignment. The serrated area must start at the outside of the 2 inch hole and be at least 1/8 inch wide. The teeth must have a minimum depth of 3/64 inch between peaks and valleys, free from burrs or other imperfections, and provide positive locking with the grooves of mating sections, framework, and brackets. The serration on the top circular connection of a signal section must have a valley at the 0 degree position and the serration on the bottom circular connection must have a peak at the 0 degree position, both aligned perpendicular

to the front of the section. Housings must include latch pads and manual stainless steel latching devices that are captive, or non-removable. Housings must have at least two latching points.

Reinforce all mounting points and adjacent housing material. The door enclosing the lens must be hinged and held securely to the housing. Provide a gasket meeting the requirements of ASTM D1056, Grade 2B2 between the housing and door and between the lens and door. If the fitting between the housing and door is weather-tight, the gasket may be omitted.

Provide a visor or egg-crate louver that eliminates sun phantom for each signal face. Visor must be three-sided and extend a minimum of 7 inches at the top from the face of the lens. The visor must be constructed of noncorrosive No. 18 gauge sheet metal, not less than 0.05 inch thick, or 0.1 inch thick polycarbonate.

All metal housings and visors must be powder-coat painted black in accordance with Military Standard MIL-PRF-24712A or AAMA-2603-02 with a reflectance value not exceeding 25 percent as measured by ASTM E97. For polycarbonate heads, the black color must be incorporated into the material before the molding process.

The housing must be constructed of a non-corrosive material. Cast metal parts must have a minimum tensile strength of 1 ksi (117 MPa) and sheet metal parts a minimum tensile strength of 27 ksi (186 MPa).

**995-5.2.1 Die Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B85 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S12A, S12B, SC84A, SC84B, SG100A and SG100B.

**995-5.2.2 Sand Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B26 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S5A and CS72A.

**995-5.2.3 Permanent Mold Castings:** Meet the requirements in ASTM B108 for the physical characteristics and chemical content for alloys S5A and CS72A.

**995-5.2.4 Polycarbonate:** Polycarbonate housing assemblies, doors and visors must be molded from ultraviolet stabilized polycarbonate plastic with a minimum thickness of 0.1 inches, plus or minus 0.01 inch, and provide the following physical properties:

Table 995-2		
Test	Minimum Requirement	Method
Specific Gravity	1.17	ASTM D 792
Vicat Softening Temp.	305-325°F (152 – 163°C)	ASTM D 1525
Brittleness Temp.	Below -200°F (-129°C)	ASTM D 746
Flammability	Self-extinguishing	ASTM D 635
Tensile Strength	Yield, 8500 psi (58 MPa)	ASTM D 638
Elongation at yield	5.5 - 8.5%	ASTM D 638
Shear Strength	Yield, 5500 psi (38 MPa)	ASTM D 732
Izod impact strength	15ft-lb/in (800 J/m)	ASTM D 256
Fatigue strength	950 psi (6.5MPa) at 2.5 mm cycles	ASTM D 671

**995-5.3 Light Emitting Diode (LED) Pedestrian Signal Optical Unit (State Standard):** Provide a countdown pedestrian signal module meeting the requirements of the latest ITE LED Pedestrian Signal Specifications.

**995-5.4 Electrical:** Wiring and terminals must meet the size, insulation, length and color-coding of the current ITE Pedestrian Traffic Control Signal Indicators LED specification. Wires must not have bare wiring exposed where wires are secured.

The pedestrian signal must include a terminal block containing a minimum of three circuits, each with two noncorrosive screw-type terminals. Each terminal must accommodate three No. 18 AWG conductors and be labeled for ease of identification. The terminal block must not be obstructed and be visible when the housing is open.

**995-5.5 Hardware:** All brackets used to mount pedestrian signals must be an aluminum alloy cast fitting, pipe or equivalent material approved by the Department. Aluminum and aluminum alloy bars, rods, wires, profiles, and tubes must meet ASTM B221. Aluminum-alloy sand casting must meet ASTM B26. All mounting hardware must be painted black with a reflectance value not exceeding 25 percent as measured by ASTM E97.

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