

ORINATION FORM

Proposed Revisions to the Specifications

(Please provide all information - incomplete forms will be returned)

Date:

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Specification Section:

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Will the proposed revision require changes to:

| Publication | Yes | No | Office Staff Contacted |
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| Standard Plans Index | | | |
| Traffic Engineering Manual | | | |
| FDOT Design Manual | | | |
| Construction Project Administration Manual | | | |
| Basis of Estimate/Pay Items | | | |
| Structures Design Guidelines | | | |
| Approved Product List | | | |
| Materials Manual | | | |

Will this revision necessitate any of the following:

Design Bulletin

Construction Bulletin

Estimates Bulletin

Materials Bulletin

Are all references to external publications current?

Yes

No

If not, what references need to be updated? (Please include changes in the redline document.)

Why does the existing language need to be changed?

Summary of the changes:

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs?

Yes

No

If not, what are the restrictions?

Contact the State Specifications Office for assistance in completing this form.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2018

TO: Specification Review Distribution List

FROM: Dan Hurtado, P.E., State Specifications Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **SP0070104-11 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public- Laws to be Observed – Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations (Bats in Bridges).**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Erica Christiansen to instruct the contractor on what to do if bats are roosting in the bridge during a construction or maintenance project.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or online at

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ProgramManagement/Development/IndustryReview.aspx> .

Comments received after **November 22, 2018**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (BATS IN BRIDGES)

(REV 10-24-18)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4.1 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

7-1.4.1 Additional Requirements for Bats in Bridges: The Department has determined that bats occupy Bridge No(s) [REDACTED] and their associated retaining walls.

Exclude all bats from the structure prior to commencing work on the structure. At the Pre-construction conference, submit a Bat Exclusion Plan outlining entry and exit point identification, installation of exclusion devices, methodology for securing all openings half an inch or greater in size, and monitoring methodology. Provide a specialty contractor or biologist experienced in performing bat exclusions to implement the Bat Exclusion Plan. Bat exclusion can only occur from August 15th through April 15th.

Maintain all exclusion devices throughout work on the structure. Immediately repair damaged or altered exclusion devices that could allow reentry of bats. Remove the exclusion devices upon completion of construction. Notify the Engineer if bats, bat remains, or new evidence of roosting is found.