

ORIGINATION FORM

Proposed Revisions to the Specifications

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

Date:

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****Will the proposed revision require changes to:**

Publication	Yes	No	Office Staff Contacted and date contacted
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			

****This section must be completed prior to processing proposed revisions.**

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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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **102**
Proposed Specification: **1020400 Maintenance of Traffic.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Olivia Townsend from the State Construction Office to allow the Contractor to submit an alternative TCP to extend land closure time up to 1 hour.

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

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 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

**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC
(REV 11-7-19)**

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102-4 Alternative Traffic Control Plan.

The Contractor may propose an alternative traffic control plan (TCP) to the plan presented in the Contract Documents. The Contractor's Engineer of Record must sign and seal the alternative plan and submit to the Engineer. Prepare the TCP in conformance with and in the form outlined in the current version of the FDOT Design Manual. Indicate in the plan a TCP for each phase of activities. Take responsibility for identifying and assessing any potential impacts to a utility that may be caused by the alternate TCP proposed by the Contractor, and notify the Department in writing of any such potential impacts to utilities.

For projects with nighttime lane closure restrictions where paving is expected to extend into the winter months, the Contractor may propose an alternative TCP allowing for daytime lane closures for friction course paving. The alternative TCP must be a lane closure analysis based on actual traffic counts and prepared in accordance with the FDOT Design Manual.

Engineer's approval of the alternate TCP does not relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for all utility impacts, costs, delays or damages, whether direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor initiated changes in the design or construction activities from those in the original Contract Specifications, Design Plans (including TCPs) or other Contract Documents and which effect a change in utility work different from that shown in the Utility Plans, joint project agreements or utility relocation schedules.

The Department reserves the right to reject any alternative TCP. Obtain the Engineer's written approval before beginning work using an alternate TCP. The Engineer's written approval is required for all modifications to the TCP. The Engineer will only allow changes to the TCP in an emergency without the proper documentation.

The Contractor may propose to extend lane closure times up to one hour in advance of the lane closure start times shown in the Plans for the following conditions:

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2. Arterials and Collector roadways with a traffic count of less than 1,550 vehicles per hour per lane.

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