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

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **370**  
Proposed Specification: **.3700100 Bridge Approach Expansion Joints.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Mary Jane Hayden to clarify that sheet metal strips are only required when a special select soil base option is used for concrete pavement. Asphalt bases do not need them. 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 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

**BRIDGE APPROACH EXPANSION JOINTS  
(REV 7-31-19)**

ARTICLE 370-1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**370-1 Description.**

For concrete pavement using the asphalt base option, construct expansion joints in accordance with Standard Plans, Index 350-001. For concrete pavement using the special select soil base option, cConstruct special expansion joints ~~for concrete pavement~~ near the bridge approach slabs that consist of a section of reinforced concrete subslab supporting the roadway concrete pavement, ~~with a portion of the roadway pavement over the subslab interrupted by a galvanized sheet metal strip,~~ in accordance with the details shown in Standard Plans, Index 370-001 and the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 370-~~1~~3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**370-3 Construction Methods.**

Construct the expansion joints in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections 346, 347, 350, 415, ~~and~~ Standard Plans, Indexes 350-001 and Index 370-001 ~~and as directed by the Engineer.~~

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ARTICLE 370-1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**370-1 Description.**

For concrete pavement using the asphalt base option, construct expansion joints in accordance with Standard Plans, Index 350-001. For concrete pavement using the special select soil base option, construct special expansion joints near the bridge approach slabs that consist of a section of reinforced concrete subslab supporting the roadway concrete pavement, in accordance with the details shown in Standard Plans, Index 370-001 and the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 370-3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**370-3 Construction Methods.**

Construct the expansion joints in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections 346, 347, 350, 415 and Standard Plans, Indexes 350-001 and 370-001.