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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: **635**
Proposed Specification: **6350202 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 Derek Vollmer from the Traffic Engineering and Operations to move the material language to Division III Section 996.

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

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

PULL, SPLICE, AND JUNCTION BOXES(REV ~~211-14-210~~)

SUBARTICLE 635-2.2.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

635-2.2 Pull and Splice Boxes:

635-2.2.1 General: ~~Manufacturers of concrete pull and splice boxes and covers seeking inclusion on the APL shall meet the requirements of Section 105 and this Section and be listed on the Department's Production Facility Listing.~~

~~_____~~ Use only boxes that meet the requirements of Section 996 and are listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Ensure box bodies and covers are free of flaws such as cracks, sharp, broken, or uneven edges, and voids.

Ensure in-ground boxes have an open bottom design.

SUBARTICLE 635-2.2.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

635-2.2.2 Marking: Mark boxes in accordance with 996-5. ~~Ensure the following information is permanently cast or engraved into the top surface of all pull and splice box covers. If used, identification plates must be UV stable, mechanically fastened, and bonded with adhesive material suitable for outdoor applications~~

~~_____~~ 1. ~~Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, mark application as follows:~~

~~_____~~ ~~FDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL for signalized intersections~~

~~_____~~ ~~FDOT FIBER OPTIC CABLE for fiber optic cable~~

~~_____~~ ~~FDOT LIGHTING for highway lighting~~

~~_____~~ ~~FDOT TRAFFIC MONITORING for traffic monitoring~~

~~_____~~ ~~FDOT ELECTRICAL for other electrical applications~~

~~_____~~ 2. ~~Manufacturer's name or logo~~

~~_____~~ 3. ~~FDOT APL approval number~~

~~_____~~ 4. ~~TIER rating~~

~~_____~~ ~~Ensure the date of manufacture (month/day/year, or date code) is permanently located on the top or bottom of the cover. Ensure the interior of the box body has a permanent marking that includes the manufacturer part/model number and date of manufacture near the top of box in a location that is visible after installation when the cover is removed.~~

SUBARTICLE 635-2.2.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

635-2.2.3 Dimensions: Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, provide pull and splice boxes with ~~the following~~ dimensions in accordance with 996-5.

~~_____~~ ~~For signalized intersection and lighting applications, provide pull boxes with nominal cover dimensions of 13 inches wide by 24 inches long or larger and no less than 12 inches deep. Ensure the inside opening area is a minimum of 240 square inches and no inside dimension is less than 12 inches.~~

~~For fiber optic cable applications, provide pull boxes with nominal cover dimensions of 24 inches wide by 36 inches long or larger and no less than 24 inches deep.~~

~~Provide rectangular splice boxes with nominal cover dimensions of 30 inches wide by 60 inches long or larger and no less than 36 inches deep. Provide round splice boxes with a nominal cover diameter of 36 inches or larger and no less than 36 inches deep.~~

SUBARTICLE 635-2.2.4 is deleted:

~~**635-2.2.4 Fabrication:** Provide box covers constructed of concrete, polymer concrete or other materials meeting the requirements of this Section.~~

~~Provide box covers with lifting slots and a flush-seating lockdown mechanism. Use penta head or other non-standard, security type lockdown lag bolts. Ensure lockdown bolts and lifting slots are Type 316, 304, or 302 passivated stainless steel or brass. Ensure lockdown bolt assembly is designed to prevent seizing and can be removed without damaging the cover or box body. Ensure the lockdown bolt threaded insert/nut assembly is field replaceable.~~

SUBARTICLE 635-2.2.5 is deleted:

~~**635-2.2.5 Testing Requirements:** Ensure pull and splice boxes meet the American National Standards Institute/Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (ANSI/SCTE) 77-2017 Specification for Underground Enclosure Integrity for TIER 15 loading with the following additional clarifications and requirements:~~

~~1. Apply all environmental tests to the box and its cover.~~

~~2. All flexural testing must be conducted in accordance with an appropriate ASTM standard and clearly stated in the report.~~

~~3. Perform repetitions of Cycle 1 in Table X2.1 of ASTM G154 for a minimum duration of 1000 hours for the simulated sunlight exposure test.~~

~~4. Use deflection measuring devices positioned to measure vertical and lateral deflection (wherever maximum deflection occurs) for the vertical sidewall load test.~~

~~5. Conduct the lateral sidewall pressure, vertical sidewall load and cover vertical load tests without any removable or permanent wall to wall supporting beams located in the interior or top of the box opening.~~

~~When testing pull and splice boxes of various sizes (width x length x depth), the cover impact test, internal equipment protection test, coefficient of friction test, and all environmental tests, can be completed using a single representative box/cover (instead of samples from all box/cover sizes) as long as the test report indicates the following:~~

~~1. Materials of construction, compositions, and manufacturing processes are identical for all box and cover sizes submitted for listing on the APL.~~

~~2. Size (width x length x depth) of the representative box/cover.~~

SUBARTICLE 635-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

635-3 Installation.

635-3.1 General: Do not install power and communication cables in the same box unless otherwise shown in the Plans.

When signal or 120 volt (or greater) power is present, ground all metal covers in accordance with Section 620.

Ensure metal junction boxes are grounded and bonded in accordance with the NEC Section 314.4.

PULL, SPLICE, AND JUNCTION BOXES**(REV 2-1-21)**

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