### 646 ALUMINUM POLES, PEDESTALS, AND POSTS (REV 11-10-21) (FA 1-24-22) (7-22)

SECTION 646 is deleted and the following substituted:

#### 646-1 Description.

The work in this Section consists of furnishing and installing aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts at the locations shown in the Plans and in accordance with the details shown in the Plans and Standard Plans, subject to a five-year warranty period as defined herein. The warranty period will apply only when aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts are painted as called for in the Contract Documents. An aluminum pedestal consists of a pole and a transformer base.

### 646-2 Materials.

Meet the following requirements:

Portland Cement Concrete*	Section 346
Anchor Bolts and Shims	Section 962
Poles and Posts	Section 965
Transformer Base**	Section 965
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\*Class II

- **646-2.1 Poles and Posts:** Poles used with transformer bases must be threaded with No. 8 NPT threads. Sufficient threads are required to fully seat the pole into the hub of the pedestal base.
- **646-2.2 Anchor Bolts:** Provide Grade 55 anchor bolts, 3/4-inch diameter, 18-inches long, with double nuts. For each bolt, provide two 3/4-inch heavy hex nuts and one 3/16-inch thick by 3-inch round plate washer or one Type 1 washer.
- **646-2.3 End Caps:** Provide end caps sized for nominal 4-inch Schedule 40 4-1/2-inch outside diameter aluminum poles. The cap must be a minimum of 1/4-inch thick and tapped for at least two set screws. Set screws will be provided with the end cap.
- **646-2.4 Shims:** Provide U-shaped galvanized steel shims 2-inches wide by 2-1/2 inches long, shaped to fit around a 3/4-inch anchor bolt.

#### 646-3 Coatings.

#### **646-3.1 Painting:**

646-3.1.1 General: When required by the Contract Documents, provide painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts. Provide products that will meet specification requirements throughout the warranty period. Meet the color requirement as specified in the Contract Documents. Provide the Engineer with two metal sample coupons, a minimum of 2 inches by 4 inches, painted concurrently and with the same paint as was used on the first lot of any aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts delivered to the jobsite. Submit sample coupons and manufacturer product data sheets to the Engineer along with the delivery of the first shipment of any painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts delivered to the jobsite. At the time of their delivery, the sample coupons

<sup>\*\*</sup>Use products listed on the Department's Approved Products List (APL)

described in this paragraph must match the color of the aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts to within  $1\Delta E$  measured as specified in 975-4. If the delivered sample coupons exhibit a difference in color from the poles, pedestals, and posts greater than  $1\Delta E$  then the sample coupons will be considered unacceptable and no payment shall be made for the materials which the sample coupons represent. Those materials shall not be accepted by the Department until acceptable representative sample coupons in accordance with the requirements of this Section have been submitted to the Engineer.

**646-3.1.2 Responsible Party Warranty:** When the Contract Documents call for painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts, the Contractor shall designate a responsible party to accept responsibility. The responsible party designated by the Contractor must execute and submit to the Department a form, provided by the Department, prior to the first delivery to the jobsite of any painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts, stipulating that the responsible party accepts responsibility for ensuring the coating system adhesion and color retention requirements as specified in 975-4 are met for a period of five years after final acceptance in accordance with 5-11. The responsible party shall also bear the continued responsibility for performing all remedial work associated with repairs of any adhesion or color retention failure as defined in Section 975, as to which notice was provided to the responsible party within the five year warranty period. Failure to timely designate the responsible party will result in the Contractor being the responsible party unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Department. The responsible party shall be either the Contractor or the supplier of the painted aluminum poles, pedestals, and posts. When the responsible party is the fabricator, the responsible party shall be one of the fabricators listed on the Prequalified Painted Galvanized Steel and Aluminum Products Fabricators List. This list may be viewed on the Department's website at the following URL:

https://www.fdot.gov/construction/Engineers/PaintedPoleSuppliers.shtm.

Upon final acceptance of the Contract in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the coating system adhesion and color retention requirements specified in 975-4 will terminate. The obligations of the responsible party set forth in this Section shall start at final acceptance of the Contract in accordance with 5-11 and continue thereafter until expiration of the five-year warranty period.

#### 646-4 Remedial Work.

During the painting warranty period, the responsible party shall perform all painting remedial work necessary to meet the requirements of this Specification at no cost to the Department. Such remedial work shall be performed within 180 days of notification of a failure by the Department or by the determination of the Statewide Disputes Review Board. Failure to perform such remedial work within the time frame specified will result in the work being performed by other forces at the responsible party's cost.

If the responsible party is the fabricator, the fabricator will be removed from the Prequalified Painted Galvanized Steel and Aluminum Products Fabricators List for a minimum of six months or until payment in full for the correction of the deficiencies or defects has been made, whichever is longer.

If the responsible party is the Contractor, the Department will suspend, revoke, or deny the responsible party's certificate of qualification under the terms of Section 337.16(d)(2), Florida Statutes, for a minimum of six months or until payment in full for the correction of the deficiencies or defects has been made, whichever is longer.

### 646-5 Statewide Disputes Review Board.

The Statewide Disputes Review Board in effect for this Contract will resolve any and all disputes that may arise involving administration and enforcement of this Specification related to the painting remedial work performed during the warranty period. The Responsible Party and the Department acknowledge that use of the Statewide Disputes Review Board is required, and the determinations of the Statewide Disputes Review Board for disputes arising out of this Specification will be binding on both the Responsible Party and the Department, with no right of appeal by either party. Meet the requirements of 8-3.

#### 646-6 Installation.

**646-6.1 General:** Verify the length of the column supports in the field prior to fabrication to permit the appropriate sign or signal height.

**646-6.2 Foundations:** Construct foundations in accordance with the applicable Standard Plans.

The Contractor may use precast foundations in augered or excavated holes that are a minimum of 12 inches larger than each axis dimension of the precast foundation. The holes must be clean and without loose material. Obtain precast foundations from a manufacturing plant that is currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105. Fill the voids around precast foundations with flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121 or clean sand placed using hydraulic methods to a level of 6 inches below grade.

**646-6.3 Setting Anchor Bolts:** Set anchor bolts 90 degrees apart with a bolt circle diameter of 14 inches. Adjust anchor bolts to a plumb line and hold rigidly in position to prevent displacement while pouring concrete.

**646-6.4 Installation:** Do not erect poles until the concrete strength is at least 2500 psi. Plumb the poles after erection using shims if necessary to obtain precise alignment.

**646-6.5 Grounding:** Meet the requirements of Section 620 and the applicable Standard Plans.

#### 646-7 Method of Measurement.

The Contract unit price per each for aluminum pedestals and posts, furnished and installed, will include all materials and equipment as specified in the Contract Documents, and all labor and materials necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

Payment for removal of aluminum poles will include the complete removal of the pole and foundation, pedestrian detector and pedestrian signal. Separate payment for the



removal of the pedestrian detector and pedestrian signal will be made only when the pole/pedestal is to remain.

Payment for grounding will be incidental to the pedestal or post.

### 646-8 Basis of Payment.

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section. Payment will be made under:

Item No. 646- Aluminum Poles - per each.