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October 12, 2023

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

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: 334  
Proposed Specification: **3340302 Superpave Asphalt Concrete.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Greg Sholar to allow the use of a passing Asphalt Pavement Analyzer (APA) rutting test in lieu of a failing Fine Aggregate Angularity (FAA) test. This will be the contractor's option, not a mandate.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email [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 (850) 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

**SUPERPAVE ASPHALT CONCRETE.****(REV 7-26-23)**

SUBARTICLE 334-3.2.3.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

**334-3.2.3.2 Fine Aggregate Angularity:** When tested in accordance with AASHTO T 304, Method A, meet the uncompacted void content of fine aggregate specified in AASHTO M 323. For Traffic Level C and E base and structural course mixtures, a fine aggregate angularity value less than 45.0 and greater than or equal to 42.0 is allowable provided testing parameters of AASHTO T 340-10 (2019) meet the following requirements:

1. Rutting tests are performed on two gyratory specimens compacted to  $N_{des}$  level of gyrations with a height of  $115 \pm 5$  mm and a diameter of 150 mm.
2. The air void ( $V_a$ ) content of each gyratory specimen after compacting to  $N_{des}$  shall be within the following range:  $3.0 \leq V_a \leq 4.8$ .
3. Rutting tests are performed at 64.0 C.
4. The average rut depth for two specimens shall not exceed 4.5 mm.

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