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

Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 630
Proposed Specification: **6300301 Conduit.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Ben Goldsberry to change language to allow both Schedule 40 and 80 PVC instead of requiring Schedule 80 PVC.

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.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment
cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

CONDUIT.
(REV 7-18-23)

SUBARTICLE 630-3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

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For conduit installed by directional bore, install in accordance with Section 555. For conduit installed by jack and bore, install in accordance with Section 556.

Use only intermediate galvanized metal conduit, rigid galvanized metal conduit, rigid aluminum conduit or PVC coated intermediate metal conduit for above-ground electrical power service installations and rigid galvanized metal conduit or rigid aluminum conduit for underground electrical power service installations. Meet the requirements of Section 562 for coating all field cut and threaded galvanized pipe.

Use Schedule 80 PVC, Schedule 40 PVC, or fiberglass reinforced epoxy for conduit in or on inside of or embedded within structural elements. Use Schedule 80 PVC or fiberglass reinforced epoxy for conduit that are outside or attached to the exterior of structural elements.

For non-structural, above ground ITS communication and electrical conduit, use intermediate galvanized metal conduit, rigid galvanized metal conduit, or Schedule 80 PVC conduit.

Use HDPE with an SDR number less than or equal to 13.5, Schedule 80 HDPE, Schedule 40 HDPE, Schedule 80 PVC, or Schedule 40 PVC for underground installations of electrical conduit in earth for ITS electrical applications.

Use HDPE with an SDR number less than or equal to 11, Schedule 80 PVC or Schedule 40 PVC for underground installations in earth or concrete for ITS and traffic control signal applications, except, use only HDPE with an SDR number less than or equal to 11 for blown fiber optic cable installations on limited access facilities.

Use HDPE with an SDR number less than or equal to 13.5, Schedule 80 PVC, or Schedule 40 PVC for underground installations of electrical conduit in earth for lighting applications and landscape irrigation applications.

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Use HDPE with an SDR number less than or equal to 11 for directional bores or Schedule 80 PVC for open trenching and conduits serving toll site vehicle detection loop pull boxes. Use the following for all underground toll site applications except for conduits serving vehicle detection loop pull boxes:

1. Rigid steel conduit coated with PVC or a bituminous coating extending 6 inches above finished grade for conduits entering or leaving the ground. Use threaded end and paint all exposed exterior conduit.

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Do not place more than the equivalent of three quarter bends or 270 degrees of bends, including the termination bends, between the two points of termination in the conduit, without a pull box. Obtain the Engineer's approval to use corrugated flexible conduits for short runs of 6 feet or less.

When a conduit installation changes from underground to above-ground, make the change a minimum of 6 inches below finished grade.

Install a No. 12 AWG pull wire or polypropylene cord inside the full length of all conduits. Ensure that a minimum of 24 inches of pull wire/cord is accessible at each conduit termination.

Ensure the conduit includes all required fittings and incidentals necessary to construct a complete installation.

When earth backfill and tamping is required, place backfill material as per Section 120 in layers approximately 12 inches thick and tamp each layer to a density equal to or greater than the adjacent soil.

When backfilling trenches in existing pavement, use a flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121.

Provide a standard clearance between underground control cable and electrical service cable or another parallel underground electrical service cable that meets NESC requirements.

Prevent the ingress of water, dirt, sand, and other foreign materials into the conduit prior to, during, and after construction. Seal the ends of conduit after wiring is complete with a moisture resistant sealant that is designed for this specific application.

630-3.1.1 Fiber Optic Cable Conduit: Install the conduit system so the fiber optic cable maintains a minimum bend radius of 20 times the cable diameter. Use approved methods for connecting inner duct or conduit within or between plowed portions, trenched portions, and bored portions. Submit the conduit manufacturer's coupling method and material to the Engineer for approval.

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