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January 5, 2006

Mr. Donald Davis  
Program Operations Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section 557  
Proposed Specification: 5570201

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Vibratory Plowing-Construction Site Requirements.

This change was proposed by Nancy Zeigler of the State Utility Office to delete requirements of Chapter 556, Florida Statutes for Sunshine State One Call due to policy changes.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965DB or [duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane F. Brautigam, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Duane F. Brautigam, P.E.  
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**VIBRATORY PLOWING-CONSTRUCTION SITE REQUIREMENTS.**  
**(REV 11-7-05)**

ARTICLE 557-2 (Pages 646 and 647) is deleted and the following substituted:

**557-2 Construction Site Requirements.**

~~557-2.1 Legal Provisions. Comply with the following site condition provisions:~~

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**557-2.3.2 Damage Restoration:** Take responsibility for restoring any damage caused by cutting, heaving, settlement or separation of pavement at no cost to the Department.

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