120 MATERIALS FOR EMBANKMENT – EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION. (REV 6-28-06) (FA 7-6-06) (1-07)

ARTICLE 120-7 (Pages160 and 161) is deleted and the following substituted:

120-7 Materials for Embankment.

120-7.1 Use of Materials Excavated From the Roadway and Appurtenances: Be responsible for determining the suitability of excavated material for use on the project in accordance with the applicable Contract Documents. Consider the sequence of work and maintenance of traffic phasing in the determination of the availability of this material.

120-7.2 General Requirements for Embankment Materials: Construct embankments of acceptable material including reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP), reclaimed concrete aggregate (RCA) and portland cement concrete rubble, but containing no muck, stumps, roots, brush, vegetable matter, rubbish, reinforcement bar or other material that does not compact into a suitable and enduring roadbed. Do not use RAP or RCA in the top 3 feet of slopes and shoulders that are to be grassed or have other type of vegetation established.

Remove all waste material designated as undesirable. Use material in embankment construction in accordance with plan details or as the Engineer directs.

Complete the embankment using maximum particle sizes (in any dimension) as follows:

In top 12 inches: 3 1/2 inches (in any dimension).

12 to 24 inches: 6 inches (in any dimension).

In the depth below 24 inches: not to exceed 12 inches (in any dimension) or the compacted thickness of the layer being placed, whichever is less.

Spread all material so that the larger particles are separated from each other to minimize voids between them during compaction. Compact around these rocks in accordance with 120-9.2.

When and where approved by the Engineer, the Contractor may place larger rocks (not to exceed 18 inches in any dimension) outside the one to two slope and at least 4 feet or more below the bottom of the base. Compact around these rocks to a firmness equal to that of the supporting soil. Construct grassed embankment areas in accordance with 120-9.2.6. Where constructing embankments adjacent to bridge end bents or abutments, do not place rock larger than 3 1/2 inches in diameter within 3 feet of the location of any end-bent piling.

120-7.3 Materials Used at Pipes, Culverts, etc.: Construct embankments over and around pipes, culverts, and bridge foundations with selected materials.

ARTICLE 120-8 (Pages 161–163) is deleted and the following substituted:

120-8 Embankment Construction.

120-8.1 General: Construct embankments in sections of not less than 300 feet in length or for the full length of the embankment. Perform work in accordance with an approved Quality Control Plan meeting the requirements of 6-8. A LOT is defined as a single lift of finished embankment not to exceed 500 feet. Isolated compaction operations will be considered as separate LOTs. For multiple phase construction, a LOT shall not extend beyond the limits of the phase.

120-8.2 Dry Fill Method:

120-8.2.1 General: Construct embankments to meet compaction requirements in Article 120-9 and in accordance with the acceptance program requirements in 120-10. Restrict the compacted thickness of the last embankment lift to 6 inches maximum.

120-8.2.1.1 For A-3, and A-2-4 Materials with up to 15% fines: Construct the embankment in successive layers with lifts up to a maximum compacted thickness of 12 inches. Ensure the percentage of fines passing the No. 200 US Standard sieve in the A-2-4 material does not exceed 15%.

120-8.2.1.2 For A-1, Plastic materials (As designated in Design Standard Index 505) and A-2-4 Materials with greater than 15% fines: Construct the embankment in successive layers with lifts up to a maximum compacted thickness of 6 inches.

Alternately, for A-1, Plastic material and A-2-4 Materials with greater than 15% fines, construct embankments using thick lift construction in successive layers of not more than 12 inches compacted thickness, after having demonstrated with a successful test section, the possession and control of compacting equipment sufficient to achieve density required by 120-10.2 for the full depth of a thicker lift, and if the Engineer approves the compaction effort. Notify the Engineer prior to beginning construction of a test section. Construct a test section of the length of one full LOT. Perform five QC tests at random locations within the test section. All five QC tests and a Department Verification test must meet the density required by 120-10.2. Identify the test section with the compaction effort and soil classification in the Density Log Book. In case of a change in compaction effort or soil classification, failing QC test or when the QC tests cannot be verified, construct a new test section. The Contractor may elect to place material in 6 inches compacted thickness at any time. Construct all layers approximately parallel to the centerline profile of the road.

The Engineer reserves the right to terminate the Contractor's use of thick lift construction. Whenever the Engineer determines that the Contractor is not achieving satisfactory results, revert to the 6 inch compacted lifts.

As far as practicable, distribute traffic over the work during the construction of embankments so as to cover the maximum area of the surface of each layer.

Construct embankment in the dry whenever normal dewatering equipment and methods can accomplish the needed dewatering.

120-8.2.1.3 Equipment and Methods: Provide normal dewatering equipment including, but not limited to, surface pumps, sump pumps and trenching/digging machinery. Provide normal dewatering methods including, but not limited to, constructing shallow surface drainage trenches/ditches, using sand blankets, sumps and siphons.

When normal dewatering does not adequately remove the water, the Engineer may require the embankment material to be placed in the water or in low swampy ground in accordance with 120-9.2.3.

120-8.2.2 Placing in Unstable Areas: Where depositing the material in water, or in low swampy ground that will not support the weight of hauling equipment, construct the embankment by dumping successive loads in a uniformly distributed layer of a thickness not greater than necessary to support the hauling equipment while placing subsequent layers. Once sufficient material has been placed so that the hauling equipment can be supported, construct the remaining portion of the embankment in layers in accordance with the applicable provisions of 120-9.2.2 and 120-9.2.4.

120-8.2.3 Placing on Steep Slopes: When constructing an embankment on a hillside sloping more than 20 degrees from the horizontal, before starting the fill, deeply plow or cut into steps the surface of the original ground on which the embankment is to be placed.

120-8.2.4 Placing Outside Standard Minimum Slope: Where material that is unsuitable for normal embankment construction is to be used in the embankment outside the standard minimum slope (approximately one to two), place such material in layers of not more than 18 inches in thickness, measured loose. The Contractor may also place material which is suitable for normal embankment, outside such standard minimum slope, in 18 inch layers. Maintain a constant thickness for suitable material placed within and outside the standard minimum slope, unless placing in a separate operation.

120-8.3 Hydraulic Method:

120-8.3.1 Method of Placing: When the hydraulic method is used, as far as practicable, place all dredged material in its final position in the embankment by such method. Place and compact any dredged material that is rehandled, or moved and placed in its final position by any other method, as specified in 120-9.2. The Contractor may use baffles or any form of construction he may select provided the slopes of the embankments are not steeper than indicated in the plans. Remove all timber used for temporary bulkheads or baffles from the embankment, and fill and thoroughly compact the holes thus formed. When placing fill on submerged land, construct dikes prior to beginning of dredging, and maintain the dikes throughout the dredging operation.

120-8.3.2 Excess Material: Do not use excess material placed outside the prescribed slopes, below the normal high-water level, to raise the fill. Remove only the portion of this material required for dressing the slopes.

120-8.3.3 Protection of Openings in Embankment: Leave openings in the embankments at the bridge sites. Remove any material which invades these openings or existing channels without additional compensation to provide the same depth of channel as existed before the construction of the embankment. Do not excavate or dredge any material within 200 feet of the toe of the proposed embankment.

120-8.4 Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Method:

120-8.4.1 General: Use only RAP material: 1) stored at facilities with an approved Florida Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater permit; or, 2) transferred directly from a milling project to the Department project. Certify the source if RAP material is from an identifiable Department project. Do not use RAP material in the following areas:

1. Construction areas that are below the seasonal high groundwater table elevation.

2. MSE Wall backfill.

Prior to placement, submit documentation to the Engineer for his approval, outlining the proposed location of the RAP material.

120-8.4.2 Soil and RAP Mixture: Place the RAP material at the location and spread uniformly**,** using approved methods to obtain a maximum layer thickness of 4 inches. Mix this 4 inches maximum layer of RAP with a loose soil layer of 8 to 10 inches thickness. After mixing, meet all Embankment Utilization requirements of Index 505 for the location used. Do not mix RAP in the uppermost 12 inches in order to comply with Subsection 120-8.2.1. The total RAP and other embankment material shall not exceed 12 inches per lift after mixing and compaction if the contractor can demonstrate that the density of the mixture can be achieved.

Perform mixing using rotary tillers or other equipment meeting the approval of the engineer. The Engineer will determine the order in which to spread the two materials. Mix both materials to the full depth. Continuously check the thickness to ensure that the finished layer will have the thickness and shape required by the typical section. Demonstrate the feasibility of this construction method by successfully completing a 300 feet–400 feet long test section. For embankment construction, meet the requirements of 120-8. For compaction requirements of the soil and RAP mixture, meet the requirements of 120-9.

120-8.4.3 Alternate Soil and RAP Layer Construction: As an alternate to 120-8.4.1 construct soil and RAP in alternate layers Use soil with a minimum LBR value of 40 to prevent failure during compaction of the overlying firm RAP layer; avoid undue distortion. Alternate compacted lifts of RAP layer and Soil layer, each with a six-inch-maximum thickness. Demonstrate the feasibility of this construction method by successfully completing a 300 feet -400 feet long test section. For compaction requirements of both soil and RAP, meet the requirements of 120-9.