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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 702
Proposed Specification: **7020000 Wet Weather Pavement Markings**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Chester Henson of the State Roadway Design Office to add a new section to specify requirements for wet weather pavement markings. We anticipate implementing these changes with August 2010 lettings.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Rudy Powell, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4280.

Sincerely,

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State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation
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State Construction Engineer

WET WEATHER PAVEMENT MARKINGS**(REV ~~431-28354212-10~~)**

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702-3 Equipment.

Use equipment capable of providing continuous uniform heating of the striping material to temperatures exceeding 390°F, mixing, and agitation of the material reservoir to provide a homogenous mixture without segregation. Use equipment that will maintain the striping material in a plastic state in all mixing and conveying parts, including the line dispensing device until applied. Use equipment which meets the following requirements:

- (a) capable of traveling at a uniform rate of speed, both uphill and downhill, to produce a uniform application of striping material and capable of following straight lines and making normal curves in a true arc.
- (b) capable of applying reflective elements to the surface of the completed stripe by automatic dispensers attached to the striping machine such that the reflective elements are dispensed closely behind the installed line. Use reflective element dispensers equipped with an automatic cut-off control that is synchronized with the cut-off of the thermoplastic material and applies the reflective elements uniformly on the entire traffic stripe surface with 50 to 60% embedment.
- (c) equipped with a special kettle for uniformly heating the striping material. The kettle must be equipped with an automatic temperature control device and material thermometer for positive temperature control and to prevent overheating or scorching of the thermoplastic material.
- (d) meets the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, state and local authorities.

702-4 Application.

702-4.1 General: Before applying traffic stripes and markings, remove any material that would adversely affect the bond of the traffic stripes by a method approved by the Engineer.

Before applying traffic stripes over portland cement concrete surface, apply a primer, sealer or surface preparation adhesive recommended by the manufacturer. Offset traffic stripes a minimum of 2 inches from any longitudinal joints of portland cement concrete pavement.

Apply traffic stripes and markings only to dry surfaces and when the ambient air and surface temperature is at least 50°F and rising for asphalt surfaces and 60°F and rising for concrete surfaces.

Apply striping to the same tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5. When applying traffic stripes and marking over existing markings, ensure that not more than 2 inches on either end and not more than 1 inch on either side of the existing line is visible.

Conduct field tests in accordance with FM 5 541 and ASTM E 2177 (Bucket Method). Remove and replace traffic stripes not meeting the requirements of this Section.

702-4.2 Thickness and Dimensions of Markings: For flat thermoplastic markings provide a thickness of 0.100 to 0.150 inches when measured above the pavement surface at the edge of the baseline.

For profiled thermoplastic markings, provide a minimum height of 0.155 inches for the profile when measured above the pavement surface at the edge of the profile. Provide a baseline thickness of 0.035 to 0.050 inches. Provide individual profiles across the full width of the marking at approximately 1.0 inch on center with a space between profiles of 0.090 to 0.310 inches.

Measure, record and certify on a Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541.

702-4.3 Dimensions of Audible Bumps: Apply the raised bump with a profile such that the leading and trailing edge are sloped at a sufficient angle to create an audible and vibratory warning.

Bumps on shoulder and centerline markings shall have a minimum height of 0.45 inches, including the base line. The height shall be measured above the pavement surface at the edge of the marking, after application of reflective elements. Bumps shall have a minimum dimension of 2.5 inches. Bumps may have a drainage channel, the width of each drainage channel will not exceed 1/4 inch at the bottom of the channel. The longitudinal distance between bumps shall be approximately 30 inches.

702-4.4 Retroreflectivity: Apply white and yellow traffic stripes and markings that will attain an initial dry retroreflectivity of not less than 300 mcd/lx·m² and not less than 250 mcd/lx·m², respectively, and also attain an initial wet recovery retroreflectivity of not less than 150 mcd/lx·m² and not less than 125 mcd/lx·m², respectively.

Measure, record and certify on a Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the retroreflectivity of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with Florida Method FM-5-541 for dry and ASTM E 2177 (Bucket Method) for wet recovery.

The Department reserves the right to test the markings within 3 days of receipt of the Contractor's certification. The test readings should be representative of the Contractor's striping performance. If the retroreflectivity values measure below values shown above, the striping will be removed and reapplied at the Contractor's expense.

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702-5 Contractor's Responsibility for Notification.

Notify the Engineer prior to the placement of the thermoplastic materials. Furnish the Engineer with the manufacturer's name and batch numbers of the thermoplastic materials and reflective elements to be used. Ensure the approved batch numbers appear on the thermoplastic materials and reflective elements packages. Submit a certified test report to the Engineer indicating the striping materials meet all requirements specified.

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Pavement markings are subject to a 180 day observation period under normal traffic. The observation period will begin with the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the pavement marking work.

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702-10 Method of Measurement.

The quantities to be paid for under this Section will be as follows:

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Item No. 702- 1 Wet Weather Pavement Markings

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