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Modify Specification _____ 534 _____.
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New Section _____.
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Problem statement: Section 534 contained a range of issues:

- Not all currently used material requirements were listed.
- References to Index No. 5207/Post Cap had not yet been included.
- Some wording excluded other materials which may eventually be listed on the QPL.
- URL listed in Subsection 534-4 was no longer valid and unnecessary since it relates only to the QPL Evaluation Criteria.

Information source: Charles Boyd, Steve Nolan

Background data: Upon review of this current Specification Section in relation to the Design Standard Indices it was realized that the issues listed above in the Problem Statement needed to be addressed. Many of the revisions were extracted from the Developmental Specification 534 for Sound Barriers and Perimeter Walls.

Recommended

Usage Note: Use for projects with non-crash tested sound barriers

**Estimated fiscal
impact, if
implemented:**

None



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2010
TO: Specification Review Distribution List
FROM: Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E., State Specifications Engineer
SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **5340000 Sound Barriers**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Gevin McDaniel of the State Structures Design Office to include an additional material requirement, reference all applicable Design Standards, and general editing of the existing language.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or to my attention via e-mail at ST986RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after **June 30, 2010**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

RP/dt
Attachment

SOUND BARRIERS.
(REV ~~643-220140-10~~)

Section 534 (Pages 669 – 672) is deleted and the following substituted:

SECTION 534
SOUND BARRIERS

534-1 Description.

Furnish and install sound barriers with pile, posts and panels constructed in accordance with Design Standards, Index Nos. 5200 thru 52074 or with pre-approved alternatives listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL), unless the ~~P~~*plans* otherwise indicate limitations based on specific design or aesthetic criteria unique to the project.

Obtain Precast Concrete Sound Barrier ~~c~~*Components* from a manufacturing plant that is currently on the list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of 105-3.

534-2 Materials.

Meet the following requirements:

Portland Cement ConcreteSection 346
Reinforcing Steel.....*Section 415*

534-3 ~~Concrete Sound Barrier Component Construction.~~

Construct concrete components in accordance with Section 400. Precast wall components are produced using certification acceptance; therefore, assume responsibility for performance of all quality control testing and inspections required by Sections 346 and 400 for the precast component construction. Perform all Quality Control Testing using *Construction Training and Qualification Program (CTQP)* qualified testing personnel. Perform compressive strength testing in a laboratory inspected by *the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL)* or *Construction Materials Engineering Council (CMEC)*, with all deficiencies corrected.

Ensure that each ~~Precast Concrete Sound Barrier~~*p*Panel and *p*Post is permanently and clearly marked by ink stamping the tongue and groove portion of the panel and post. Mark the panel with the panel type, date cast, project number, manufacturer's name or symbol and the post with the date cast, project number and manufacturer's name or symbol.

534-4 Approved Proprietary Sound Barrier Panels and Systems.

~~Use only approved P~~*proprietary panels or systems listed on the QPL shown in Design Standards, Index Nos. 5200 thru 5204* that have been pre-determined by the Engineer to be in compliance with the project design and aesthetic criteria ~~and are listed on the QPL~~ *shown in the Plans may be used.*

Manufacturers seeking evaluation of products for inclusion on the QPL must submit an application in accordance with Section 6, independently certified test reports, and written certification that the product meets the requirements of this Section, Design Standards, Index Nos. 5200 thru 52074, and the Sound Barrier Evaluation Criteria contained in the State Structures Design Office's Structures Manual, ~~which may be viewed at the following URL:~~

www.dot.state.fl.us/structures/StructuresManual/CurrentRelease/QualifiedProductsList/QPLChapter2SoundBarriers.htm.

Provide written certification from the manufacturer of the panels that the product meets the requirements of this Section and is the same product listed on the QPL.

534-5 Product Certification.

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534-56 Shop Drawing Submittal.

Do not include shop drawings of the basic panel details, submit only the information requested. Submit shop drawings in accordance with Section 5, showing a plan and elevation of the sound walls with the following project specific information provided:

1. Begin and end wall stations with offsets
2. Horizontal and vertical alignments of the wall
3. Fire hose access hole locations
4. Drainage panel locations and type
5. Graphic details and graphic panel location
6. Panel locations
7. Post locations
8. Elevations of top of panel, bottom of panel, and panel joints
9. Existing and proposed ground elevations
10. Utility locations
11. Special post and panel details
12. Post and pile connection details
13. *Post Cap Details*
14. Lifting devices

534-67 Construction Methods.

A. Prior to beginning earthwork on the project, stake the wall location in the field, and establish the final ground line elevations at the ~~base of the~~ *base of the* walls. Use these elevations to develop the shop ~~drawings~~ *plans*, including a complete elevation view of each wall indicating top and bottom elevations as well as the roadway grade. Protect the final ground elevations established in the field for the duration of the project, and do not adjust without prior approval of the Engineer. Keep to a minimum the clearing and grubbing, and trimming of trees as necessary to construct the walls.

B. Do not mix wall types or colors at any one site. Install the walls in accordance with the ~~P~~ *P* plans, and in accordance with shop drawings submitted to and approved by the Engineer. Secure joints and connections in such a manner as to be structurally sound *and* ~~without~~ *no* visible openings *in the system allowing* ~~for~~ sound transmission. Ensure metal walls do not produce a secondary source of noise transmission due to vibration.

C. Repair marred, chipped, scratched, or spalled areas of walls at no expense to the Department in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or at the Engineer's direction.

D. The Contractor may substitute welded for fixed bolt connections or vice versa on metal walls, where applicable, provided load calculations are submitted for the specific modified connection and uses a minimum safety factor of 3.0.

E. Place trench backfill for wall construction in accordance with 125-8. Use select materials for the trench backfill.

If, in the opinion of the Engineer, the trench is too narrow to compact, backfill the trench excavation with *flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121 or concrete meeting the requirements of Section 346 or 347* ~~grout~~ to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no expense to the Department.

F. Dispose of all excess excavation in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer.

G. Keep right-of-way fence that is scheduled to be salvaged in place until completing the wall or, in the opinion of the Engineer, as long as possible.

H. *Provide a Class 5 Applied Finish Coating in accordance with Section 400 as shown in the Plans. Provide an anti-graffiti coating system in accordance with Section 563 as ~~Stain~~ concrete walls the color shown in the Pplans.*

I. After erecting the wall, leave the disturbed area in a finished condition at the direction of the Engineer, and grass or sod the area as indicated in the *Pplans*.

J. Erection Tolerances:

1. Variation from plumb: *plus or minus* $\pm 1/4$ inch/ *post height*
2. Panel alignment: *plus or minus* $\pm 1/4$ inch
3. Top of panel elevation: *plus or minus* $\pm 3/4$ inch
4. Elevation difference of adjacent panels: *plus or minus* $\pm 1/2$ inch
5. Joint taper over panel length: *plus or minus* $\pm 1/2$ inch
6. Top of collar elevation: *plus or minus* $\pm 3/4$ inch
7. Post alignment: *plus or minus* ± 1 inch
78. Post placement:
 - a. Variation from specified location *plus or minus* $\pm 1/2$ inch
 - b. variation from specified elevation *plus or minus* $\pm 1/4$ inch
98. Continuity of graphics, fracture fins, etc across joints: 1/4 inch

K. When building sound barriers on top of earth berms, construct the berms of fill material compacted to 95% of the maximum density as determined by AASHTO T 99.

L. Provide the concrete wall (Precast or Cast-in-Place) with a uniform color, pattern, and texture.

534-78 Test Wall.

Erect a test wall section not less than 50 feet in length before starting general wall construction at the project site. The Engineer will use the erection of the test wall to determine if the Contractor's methods and equipment are sufficient to produce a sound barrier that meets the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor may revise his methods and equipment as necessary, at any time during the positioning of the test wall, in order to satisfactorily meet all Contract requirements. Build the test wall at a permanent wall location, as directed by the Engineer. If the test wall does not meet the construction tolerances, remove and dispose of it at no expense to the Department. Include the cost of the test wall in the cost of the sound barrier.

534-89 Repairs or Rejection.

For precast concrete sound barrier components that have not been installed, evaluate cracks, spalls and other deficiencies in accordance with 450-12. Repair deficiencies in

accordance with 450-13 or the plant's approved repair methods that are included as part of the QCP. Ensure that the original performance and durability of repaired sound barrier components are maintained. Use materials for concrete repair that will meet or exceed the strength requirement for the class of concrete used. Materials meeting the requirements of Section 930 may be substituted for non-shrink grout when required by 450-13. Precast concrete sound barrier components are subject to rejection if they fail to conform to any of the requirements after repair. For precast concrete sound barrier components that have been installed, the disposition of concrete cracks shall be in accordance with 400-21.

534-910 Method of Measurement.

The quantity to be paid for will be the plan quantity, in square feet, measured in place, completed and accepted, of the area bounded by the top of the top panel and the bottom of the bottom panel without deductions for openings in the panels, and the beginning to end limits shown in the control drawings. ~~The pay area for anti-graffiti coating will be the plan quantity, in square feet, measured in place, completed and accepted, of the wall without allowances for striations or openings.~~

534-101 Basis of Payment.

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including but not limited to: furnishing all materials, labor, panels, special panels, posts, *post caps*, collars, reinforcing steel, foundations, drain holes, fire hose access holes, grating, neoprene pads, equipment, alignment pins, etc. necessary to construct the sound barriers. Include in this price, the cost of any charges for power stoppages, sound barrier wall realignments, special erection methods, etc. required to construct the wall.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 534- 72- Sound Barrier - per square foot.

Implementation of these changes, if and when approved, will begin with the January 2011 letting.