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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 634
Proposed Specification: 6340203 Span Wire Assembly

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

This change was proposed by Chester Henson of the State Roadway Design Office to only restrict movement of the heads under a low wind condition. The “S” hooks used to attach the tether wire to the pole should have a limited capacity.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965RP 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,

Signature on File

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State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment
cc: Gregory Jones, Chief Civil Litigation
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

SPAN WIRE ASSEMBLY.
(REV 11-4-10)

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Use an alloy steel eyebolt (ASTM F 541, Type 2) and a matching heavy hex nut (ASTM A 563, Grade C or D), both zinc coated in accordance with ASTM A 153, Class C, to connect the automatic compression dead-end clamp of the catenary wire or messenger wire to the wood or concrete strain poles. Sizes of eyebolts, supplied with nuts and washers, are as following: Use a 3/4 inch diameter bolt for maximum of one 7/16 inch diameter catenary (or messenger) wire, or maximum of two 3/8 inch diameter catenary (or messenger) wires. Use a 1 inch diameter bolt for maximum of one 1/2 inch diameter catenary (or messenger) wire, or maximum of two 7/16 inch diameter catenary (or messenger) wires. Use 1-1/4 inch diameter bolt for maximum of two 1/2 inch diameter catenary (or messenger) wires. For two point attachments, connect the messenger wire at the lower attachment location. Do not use thimbleye bolts for these connections.

Only use thimbleye and eye bolts, 3/4 inch in diameter, minimum, to connect the automatic compression dead-end clamps of tether wires to wood or concrete strain poles.

Only use *stainless steel (Grade 316)* "S" hooks *with a material gauge of 11/32 inch*~~, 5/16 inch in diameter, minimum~~, when connecting the tether wire to all poles.

Ensure that other hardware and fittings, as required for the attachment of a span wire assembly to support poles or structures, are in accordance with the details shown in the Design Standards.

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(b) Attach the span wire assemblies to the support poles or structures by means of automatic compression clamps and accessory hardware.

(c) Assemble the washer and nut on the oval eye bolt with the flat washer next to the pole. Tighten the nut sufficiently to prevent the oval eye bolt from rotating.

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3/8	340.0
7/16	500.0
1/2	645.0

(e) The catenary wire shall be tensioned to provide a 5% ~~±~~*plus or minus* 0.5% sag *for two point span wire attachments*. *The catenary wire shall be tensioned to provide a 3% ~~±~~plus or minus 0.5% sag for single point span wire attachments.*

(f) Install the span wire assemblies in accordance with the Design Standards, Index No. 17727, and at a height on the support poles which will provide a clearance from the roadway to the bottom of the signal head assemblies as shown in Index 17727.

(g) Connect all span wires to the pole grounding system in accordance with Section 620.

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