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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 990
Proposed Specification: 9900202 Temporary Traffic Control Devices and Materials

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

The highlighted portion of 990-3.1 was inadvertently left out when the Supplemental Specification was implemented in January 2011. The text has been included to avoid confusion. A web link was corrected in 990-3.1.5.

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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Attachment

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND MATERIALS.**(REV ~~8-10-10~~~~11-22-10~~)-(FA ~~8-12-10~~)-(1-11)**

ARTICLE 990-2 (Page 956) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-2 Retroreflective Sheeting for Temporary Traffic Control Devices.

990-2.1 Qualified Products List: Sheeting for use on Temporary Traffic Control Devices shall be one of the products listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6.

990-2.1.1 Sign Panels, Bands for Tubular Markers, Vertical Panels, Barricades and other Devices: Sign Panels, Bands for Tubular Markers, Vertical Panels, Barricades and other Devices shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4956 for Type III or higher retroreflective sheeting materials identified in Section 994 except for mesh signs shall meet the color, daytime luminance and nonreflective property requirements of Section 994, Type VI.

990-2.1.2 Collars for Traffic Cones: Collars for Traffic Cones shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4956 Type VI.

990-2.1.3 Drums: Drums shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4956 for Type III or higher retroreflective sheeting materials identified in Section 994 including Supplementary requirements for Reboundable Sheeting.

SUBARTICLE 990-3.1 (Pages 956 - 959) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-3.1 General: All portable devices shall meet the physical display and operational requirements of the MUTCD and be listed on the Approved Products List (APL). Manufacturers seeking approval of their portable devices shall provide a working sample to be evaluated by the Department that meets all requirements specified herein.

990-3.1.1 Electrical Systems:

990-3.1.1.1 Diesel Engine: The Diesel Engine shall meet the following:

(a) The power supply and electrical system shall be self-contained within the unit.

(b) The engine shall have an electrical starting system.

(c) The power source furnished shall be of sufficient size to provide the required maximum load energy plus 25%.

(d) The electrical system shall meet the National Electrical Code where applicable.

(e) A backup power system that will operate the unit for a minimum of three hours automatically when the motor driven generator fails to operate.

(f) The starting batteries and back-up power supply system batteries shall be automatically charged when the generator is operating.

(g) The engine shall be supplied with an ammeter and the generator shall be supplied with a voltmeter showing voltage to the sign assembly.

990-3.1.1.2. Solar Powered Unit: The Solar Powered Unit shall meet the following:

- (a) The unit shall provide automatic recharging of power supply batteries to normal operating levels with meters showing charge.
- (b) Solar array recovery time for Arrow Boards and Regulatory Signs shall be accomplished in a maximum of three hours.
- (c) Arrow Boards and Changeable Variable Message Signs shall be designed to provide 180 days of continuous operation with minimum onsite maintenance.

990-3.1.1.3 Battery Life Test: Meet the following:

- (a) The photovoltaic unit shall be designed to provide 21 days of continuous operation without sunlight with a minimum of onsite maintenance for arrow boards and changeable message signs, or 10 days of continuous operation without sunlight with a minimum of onsite maintenance for regulatory signs and radar speed display units.
- (b) The battery shall be equipped with a battery controller to prevent overcharging and over-discharging. An external battery level indicator shall be provided.
- (c) The battery, controller, and power panel shall be designed to be protected from the elements and vandalism.
- (d) Automatic recharging of power supply batteries shall be provided with charge indicator meter.
- (e) An AC/DC battery charger unit shall be provided.

990-3.1.2 Display Panel and Housing:

- (a) The display housing assembly shall be weather-tight.
- (b) All nuts, bolts, washers and other fasteners shall be of corrosion resistant material.
- (c) The display assembly shall be equipped with an automatic dimming operational mode capable of a minimum of 50% dimming and a separate manual dimmer switch
- (d) The display panel background and frame for the display assembly shall be painted flat black and shall meet Federal Specification TT-E-489.
- (e) The display panel for arrow boards and changeable message signs, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground, in accordance with the MUTCD. The display panel for radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, will have a minimum height of 5 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground.
- (f) The regulatory speed sign panel for regulatory signs and radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the regulatory sign panel to the ground.
- (g) The unit shall have an accessible mechanism to easily raise and lower the display assembly. A locking device shall also be provided to ensure the display panel will remain in the raised or lowered position.

990-3.1.3 Controller: The Controller shall meet the following:

- (a) Controller and control panel shall be housed in a weather, dust, and vandal resistant lockable cabinet.

(b) Controller and associated on-board circuitry shall meet the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Title 47, Subpart B, Section 15 regulations concerning the emission of electronic noise by Class A digital devices.

(c) For Changeable Variable Message Signs and Arrow Boards ensure that the sign control software provides an on-site graphical representation that visibly depicts the message displayed on the sign face.

(d) For Changeable Variable Message Signs, if remote communication is included, meet the following National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol (NTCIP) requirements: Ensure that the sign controller software implements all mandatory objects as defined in the FDOT Standard Global MIB v01 in Appendix A, all mandatory objects as defined in the FDOT Standard DMS MIB v01 in Appendix B, and all mandatory objects as defined in the FDOT Specific DMS MIB v01 in Appendix C. Ensure that additional objects implemented by the software do not interfere with the standard operation of mandatory objects.

990-3.1.4 Support Chassis: The Support Chassis shall meet the following:

(a) The support chassis shall be self-contained and self-supporting without the use of additional equipment or tools.

(b) Both trailer and truck-mounted units are allowed for arrow panels. Trailer mounted units are required for changeable message signs, regulatory signs and radar speed display units.

(1) Trailer mounted unit:

(a) The sign, power supply unit and all support systems shall be mounted on a wheeled trailer.

(b) The trailer shall be equipped with Class-A lights, using a plug adaptor.

(c) The trailer shall be equipped with adjustable outrigger leveling pads, one on each of the four frame corners.

(d) The trailer shall be designed to be set up at the site with its own chassis and outriggers, without being hitched to a vehicle.

(e) The trailer shall be equipped with fenders over the tires and shall be made from heavy-duty material sufficient to allow a person to stand and operate or perform maintenance on the unit.

(f) The trailer shall meet all equipment specifications set forth in Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, and by such rule, regulation or code that may be adopted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

(g) The trailers should be delineated on a permanent basis by affixing retroreflective material, known as conspicuity material, in a continuous line on the face of the trailer as seen by oncoming road users.

(2) Truck mounted unit:

(a) The truck-mounted assembly shall be designed to fit on a 1/2 ton or greater duty truck.

(b) The unit shall be self-contained with its own power supply, controls, raising and lowering device and shall be capable of being operated by one person.

(c) The unit shall be secured in the vehicle for normal operation.

990-3.1.5 Other Requirements: Meet the following:

(a) The portable device assembly shall be designed to function in dry, wet, hot or cold weather (ambient temperature ranges from -30 to 165°F. Other environmental requirements shall be as specified in Section A-615 of the Minimum Specifications for Traffic Control Signal Devices, which can be located at the following URL: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations/Traf_Sys/terl/apl4.shtm (www.dot.state.fl.us/TrafficOperations/Traf_Sys/terl/minspec/A615.pdf), Sections ~~A-615-4 Temperature and Humidity, A-615-5 Vibration, and A-615-6 Shock.~~

(b) The controller shall not be affected by mobile radio, or any other radio transmissions.

(c) An operator's manual shall be furnished with each unit.

(d) The manufacturer's name and FDOT approval number shall be affixed on the equipment.

SUBARTICLE 990-4.1 (Page 962) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-4.1 Composition: Removable Tape shall be one of the products listed on the QPL. The pavement stripes and markings shall consist of high quality plastic materials, pigments, and glass spheres or other retroreflective materials uniformly distributed throughout their cross-sectional area, with a reflective layer of spheres or other retroreflective material embedded in the top surface. No foil type materials shall be allowed.

ARTICLE 990-4.10 (Page 963) is deleted and is replaced by the following:

990-4.10 Color: Meet the requirements of 971-1.6.

ARTICLE 990-4 (Pages 962 and 963) is expanded by the following:

990-4.11 Removability: Ensure that the manufacturer shows documented reports that the removable tape is capable of being removed intact or in substantially large strips after being in place for a minimum of 90 days and under an average daily traffic count per lane of at least 5,000 vehicles per day.

ARTICLE 990-5 (Pages 963 and 964) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-5 Temporary Retroreflective Pavement Markers.

Temporary Retroreflective Pavement Markers (RPM's) shall meet the requirement of 970-1.2.1, be one of the products listed on the QPL and be certified as meeting the following:

(a) Composition: Use markers made of plastic, ceramic or other durable materials. Markers with studs or mechanical attachments will not be allowed.

(b) Dimensions: Marker minimum and maximum surface dimensions is based on an x and y axis where the y dimension is the axis parallel to the centerline and the x axis is 90 degrees to y. Class E markers shall be 4 inch (W) by 2 inch (H) by 1 inch (D).

The x and y dimension of Class D markers shall be a maximum of 5 inches. The x dimension shall be a minimum of 4 inches and the minimum y dimension will be 2.25 inches.

The maximum installed height of Class D markers shall be 1 inch. The maximum installed height of Class E markers shall be 2 inches. Use Class D markers having a minimum reflective face surface of 0.35 square inches. Use Class E markers having a minimum reflective surface area of 1 square inch.

The marker's reflective face shall be completely visible and above the pavement surface after installation, measured from a line even with the pavement perpendicular to the face of the marker.

(c) Optical Performance: Ensure that the specific intensity of each white reflecting surface at 0.2 degrees observation angle shall be at least the following when the incident light is parallel to the base of the marker:

Horizontal Entrance Angle	Specific Intensity
0 deg.	3
20 deg.	1.2

For yellow reflectors, the specific intensity shall be 60% of the value for white.

For red reflectors, the specific intensity shall be 25% of the value for white. Reflectivity of all RPM's shall not be less than 0.2 Specific Intensity (SI) any time after installation.

(d) Strength requirements: Markers shall support a load of 5,000 pounds. Three markers per lot or shipment will be randomly tested as follows:

Position the marker base down, between the flat, parallel 0.5 inch steel plates of a compression testing machine. Place on top of the marker, a flat piece of 60 (Shore A) durometer rubber, 6 inch by 6 inch by 0.37 inch, centered on the marker. Apply the compressive load through the rubber to the top of the marker at a rate of 0.1 inches per minute.

Either cracking or significant deformation of the marker at any load less than 5,000 pounds will constitute failure.

(e) Adhesion: Use bituminous adhesive materials for bonding the markers to the pavement that meet the requirements of Section 970 and are listed on the QPL.

(f) Removability: Ensure that the pavement marker is removable from asphalt pavement and portland cement concrete pavement intact or in substantially large pieces, either manually or by mechanical devices at temperatures above 40°F, and without the use of heat, grinding or blasting.

SUBARTICLE 990-6-1 (Pages 964 – 965) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-6.1 Design and Installation: Meet the following requirements:

(a) Glare screen units shall be manufactured in lengths such that when installed the joint between any one modular unit will not span barrier sections. Color shall be green, similar to Federal Color Standard 595-34227.

(b) Blades, rails and/or posts shall be manufactured from polyethylene, fiberglass, plastic, polyester or polystyrene, and be ultraviolet stabilized and inert to all normal atmospheric conditions and temperature ranges found in Florida.

(c) For paddle type designs, the blade width shall not be more than 9 inches. Blades or screen for individual or modular systems shall be 24 to 30 inches high and capable of being locked down at an angle and spacing to provide a cut-off angle not less than 20 degrees.

(d) For glare screen mounted on temporary barrier wall, a strip (6 by 12 inches) of reflective sheeting as specified in 994-2 shall be placed on a panel, centered in each barrier section (at a spacing not to exceed 15 feet) and positioned in such a manner as to permit total right angle observation by parallel traffic. When glare screen is utilized on temporary concrete barriers, warning lights will not be required.

(e) Prior to approval an impact test shall be performed by the manufacturer to verify the safety performance of the proposed system. The minimum impact strength of the posts, blades, rail and the barrier attachment design shall be sufficient to prevent the unit from separating from the barrier when impacted by a 3 inches outside diameter steel pipe traveling at 30 mph and impacting mid-height on the glare screen assembly.

(f) All hardware shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A-123 or stainless steel in accordance with AISI 302/305.

Alternative designs for temporary glare screen may be submitted as a Cost Savings Initiative Proposal in accordance with 4-3.9.

SUBARTICLE 990-7.1 (Pages 965 and 966) is deleted and the following substituted:

990-7.1 General: Temporary Traffic Control Signals shall be one of the products listed on the APL. Meet the physical display and operational requirements of conventional traffic signal described in the MUTCD for portable traffic signals. The standard includes but is not limited to the following:

(a) Use signal heads having three 12 inch vehicular signal indications (Red, Yellow and Green). Ensure there are two signal heads for each direction of traffic.

(b) The traffic signal heads on this device will be approved by the Department.

(c) Department approved lighting sources will be installed in each section in accordance with the manufacturer's permanent directional marking(s), that is, an "Up Arrow", the word "UP" or "TOP," for correct indexing and orientation within a signal housing.

(d) The masts supporting the traffic signal heads will be manufactured with the lowest point of the vehicular signal head as follows:

(1) Eight feet above finished grade at the point of their installation for “pedestal” type application or

(2) Seventeen to 19 feet above pavement grade at the center of roadway for “overhead” type application.

(e) The yellow clearance interval will be programmed three seconds or more. Under no condition can the yellow clearance interval be manually controlled. It must be timed internally by the controller as per Department specifications.

(f) The green interval must display a minimum of five seconds before being advanced to the yellow clearance interval.

(g) The controller will allow for a variable all red clearance interval from 0 to 999 seconds.

(h) Portable traffic control signals will be either manually controlled or traffic actuated. Indicator lights for monitoring the signal operation of each approach will be supplied and visible from within the work zone area.

(i) When the portable traffic control signals are radio actuated the following will apply:

(1) The transmitter will be FCC Type accepted and not exceed 1 watt output per FCC, Part 90.17. The manufacturer must comply with all “Specific limitations” noted in FCC Part 90.17.

(2) The Controller will force the traffic signal to display red toward the traffic approach in case of radio failure or interference.

(j) The trailer and supports will be painted construction/maintenance orange enamel in accordance with the MUTCD color.

(k) The device will meet NEMA environmental standard. The test report certified by an independent laboratory will be provided.

(l) Ensure the certification number is engraved or labeled permanently on equipment.

(m) Ensure the device has an external, visible, water resistant label with the following information: “Certification of this device by the Florida Department of Transportation allows for its use in Construction Zones Only.”

SECTION 990 (Pages 956 -966) is expanded by the following new Articles:

990-8 Work Zone Signs.

Provide steel flanged U-channel or Square Tube steel meeting the mechanical requirements of ASTM A 499, Grade 60. For each U-channel or Square Tube, punch or drill 3/8 inch diameter holes on 1 inch centers through the center of the post, starting approximately 1 inch from the top and extending the full length of the post. Ensure that the weight per foot of a particular manufacturer’s post size does not vary more than $\pm 3 \frac{1}{2}\%$ of its specified weight per foot. Taper the bottom end of the post for easier installation. Machine straighten the U-channel to a tolerance of 0.4% of the length. Use only non-corrosive metal, aluminum, or galvanized steel attachment hardware. Work zone sign systems shall be one of the products listed on the QPL.

990-9 Temporary Raised Rumble Strips:

990-9.1 General: Temporary Raised Rumble Strips shall be one of the products listed on the QPL. Meet the physical display and operational requirements in the MUTCD for Temporary Raised Rumble Strips. The Temporary Raised Rumble Strip may be either a removable polymer striping tape type or a molded engineered polymer material type as described below:

990-9.1.1 Removable Polymer Striping Tape:

Characteristic	Requirement
Composition:	Removable Polymer Striping Tape with pre-applied adhesive
Color:	White, Black or Orange
Cross-section:	0.25 in. to 0.50 in. (height) x 4 in. (wide)

990-9.1.2 Molded Engineered Polymer Material:

Characteristic	Requirement
Composition:	Molded Engineered Polymer Material
Weight	Internally ballasted to provide proper weight to maintain position in use without the use of adhesives or mechanical fasteners
Color:	White, Black or Orange
Shape	Beveled on the leading edge
Cross-section:	0.625 in. to 0.875 in. (height) x 12 in. (wide)

990-10 Automated Flagger Assistance Devices (AFAD):

990-10.1 General: AFAD's shall be one of the products listed on the APL. Meet the physical display and operational requirements in the MUTCD for the AFAD as well as the detailed requirements below.

990-10.1.1 Stop/Slow Automated Flagger Assistance Devices: Provide a Stop/Slow AFAD including a Stop/Slow sign that alternately displays the stop face and the slow face of a Stop/Slow paddle without the need for a flagger in the immediate vicinity of the AFAD or on the roadway.

Ensure that the Stop/Slow AFAD includes a gate arm that descends to a down position across the approach lane of traffic when the stop face is displayed and then ascends to an upright position when the slow face is displayed.

Ensure the Gate arm is fully retroreflectorized on both sides, with vertical alternating red and white stripes at 16-inch intervals measured horizontally in accordance with the MUTCD. When the arm is in the down position blocking the approach lane:

A. The minimum vertical aspect of the arm and sheeting shall be 2 inches; and,

B. The end of the arm shall reach at least to the center of the lane being controlled.

990-10.1.2 Red/Yellow Lens Automated Flagger Assistance Devices:

Provide a Red/Yellow Lens AFAD that alternately displays a steadily illuminated circular red lens and a flashing circular yellow lens to control traffic without the need for a flagger in the immediate vicinity of the AFAD or on the roadway.

Ensure that the Red/Yellow Lens AFAD includes a gate arm that descends to a down position across the approach lane of traffic when the steady circular red lens is illuminated and then ascends to an upright position when the flashing circular yellow lens is illuminated.

Ensure that the gate arm is fully retroreflectorized on both sides, with vertical alternating red and white stripes at 16-inch intervals measured horizontally in accordance with the MUTCD. When the arm is in the down position blocking the approach lane:

A. The minimum vertical aspect of the arm and sheeting shall be 2 inches; and,

B. The end of the arm shall reach at least to the center of the lane being controlled.

Do not provide a change interval between the display of the steady circular red indication and the display of the flashing circular yellow indication. Provide a steady illuminated circular yellow indication, with at least a 5 second duration, between the transition from flashing circular yellow indication and the display of the steady circular red indication. The Engineer may approve a different duration, provided it falls within the range recommended by the MUTCD.