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Monica Gourdine
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section **334**
Proposed Specification: **3340104 Superpave Asphalt Concrete. REVISED**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

The highlighted text was inadvertently omitted in the original submittal, which was approved by your office on August 4, 2011.

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

Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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

SUPERPAVE ASPHALT CONCRETE.
(REV ~~5-19-11~~*8-9-11*) ~~(FA 8-4-11) (1-12)~~

SUBARTICLE 334-1.4 (Pages 266 - 267) is deleted and the following substituted:

334-1.4 Thickness: The total thickness of the Type SP asphalt layer(s) will be the plan thickness as shown in the Contract Documents. Before paving, propose a thickness for each individual layer meeting the requirements of this specification, which when combined with other layers (as applicable) will equal the plan thickness. For construction purposes, the plan thickness and individual layer thickness will be converted to spread rate based on the maximum specific gravity of the asphalt mix being used, as well as the minimum density level, as shown in the following equation:

Spread rate (lbs/yd^2) $= t \times G_{mm} \times 43.3$

Where: t = Thickness (in.) (Plan thickness or individual layer thickness)

G_{mm} = Maximum specific gravity from the verified mix design

The weight of the mixture shall be determined as provided in 320-3.2. For target purposes only, spread rate calculations should be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Note: Plan quantities are based on a G_{mm} of 2.540, corresponding to a spread rate of 110 lbs/yd^2-in. Pay quantities will be based on the actual maximum specific gravity of the mix being used.

334-1.4.1 Layer Thicknesses - Fine Mixes: The allowable layer thicknesses for fine Type SP Asphalt Concrete mixtures are as follows:

Type SP-9.5.....1 - 1 1/2 inches
Type SP-12.5.....1 1/2 - 2 1/2 inches
Type SP-19.0.....2 - 3 inches

In addition to the minimum and maximum thickness requirements, the following restrictions are placed on fine mixes when used as a structural course:

Type SP-9.5 - Limited to the top two structural layers, two layers maximum.

Type SP-9.5 – May not be used on Traffic Level D and E applications.

Type SP-19.0 - May not be used in the final (top) structural layer.

334-1.4.2 Layer Thicknesses - Coarse Mixes: The allowable layer thicknesses for coarse Type SP Asphalt Concrete mixtures are as follows:

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334-1.4.3 Additional Requirements: The following requirements also apply to coarse and fine Type SP Asphalt Concrete mixtures:

1. A minimum 1 1/2 inch initial lift is required over an Asphalt Rubber Membrane Interlayer (ARMI).

2. When construction includes the paving of adjacent shoulders (≤5 feet wide), the layer thickness for the upper pavement layer and shoulder must be the same and paved in a single pass, unless called for differently in the Contract Documents.

3. All overbuild layers must be fine Type SP Asphalt Concrete designed at the traffic level as stated in the Contract. Use the minimum and maximum layer thicknesses as specified above unless called for differently in the Contract Documents. On variable thickness overbuild layers, the minimum allowable thickness may be reduced by 1/2 inch, and the maximum allowable thickness may be increased 1/2 inch, unless called for differently in the Contract Documents.

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