

## ORIGINATION FORM

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**Specification:** SECTION 534

**Subject:** 534 Concrete Sound Barriers.

**Origination date:** September 20, 2011

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**Problem statement:**

The AASHTO design requirements for Sound Barriers have changed requiring a redesign of the Department's Sound Barrier Design Standard. Rather than require the three current manufacturers listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL) to resubmit drawing and calculations, the Department has decided to remove Sound Barriers as a QPL item.

The Basis of Payment includes charges for power stoppages that are covered in the project utility agreement.

**Proposed solution:**

The Specification will no longer require Sound Barriers to be a QPL item. New and innovative Sound Barrier Systems will be reviewed and evaluated through the Department's Innovative Product Evaluation List (IPEL).

The cost for charges for power stoppages will be removed from the Basis of Payment section in the Specification. Also, for consistency, a note on the 2011 Design Standard dealing with construction methods was moved to the Specification.

**Information source:** Structures Design Office, District Structures Design Engineers

**Recommended Usage Note:**

**Estimated fiscal impact, if implemented:** None

**Implementation of these changes, if and when approved, will begin with July 2012 lettings.**

**For State Specifications Office Use Only**

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 12, 2011

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Rudy Powell, Jr., P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: **5340000 Concrete Sound Barriers.**

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

This change was proposed by Andre Pavlov of the State Structures Design Office to remove Sound Barriers from the QPL list due to an AASHTO design requirement that has changed requiring a redesign of the Department's Sound Barrier Design Standard. Rather than require the three current manufacturers listed on the QPL to resubmit drawing and calculation, the Department has decided to remove Sound Barriers as a QPL item. Added language about shimming of wall panels above the pile collar and beneath the bearing pads.

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 SP965RP or rudy.powell@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after **November 9, 2011** may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

RP/cah  
Attachment

**CONCRETE SOUND BARRIERS.**

**(REV 9-22-11)**

Section 534 (of the Supplemental Specification) is deleted and the following substituted:

**SECTION 534  
CONCRETE SOUND BARRIERS**

**534-1 Description.**

Furnish and install concrete sound barriers with pile, posts and panels constructed in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 5200; ~~or with pre-approved concrete alternatives listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL),~~ unless the Plans ~~otherwise indicate limitations otherwise,~~ based on specific design or aesthetic criteria unique to the project.

Obtain Precast Concrete Sound Barrier 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 Concrete .....Section 346
- Reinforcing Steel .....Section 415

**534-3 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 panel and 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 Concrete Sound Barrier Panels and Systems.**~~

~~Proprietary concrete sound barrier panels or systems listed on the QPL that have been pre-determined by the Engineer to be in compliance with the project design and aesthetic criteria 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 No. 5200, and the Concrete Sound Barrier Qualified Products List (QPL) Acceptance Criteria contained in the State Structures Design Office's Structures Manual.~~

~~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.~~

**534-54 Shop Drawing Submittal.**

*Submit only the information requested, Do not include shop drawings of the basic concrete 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~~
63. Panel locations
  - a. *Graphic details and graphic panel locations*
  - b. *Fire hose access hole locations*
  - c. *Drainage panel locations and type*
74. Post locations
85. Elevations of top of panel, bottom of panel, and panel joints
96. Existing and proposed ground elevations
- ~~107. Utility locations~~
- ~~118. Special-Non-standard~~ post and panel details
- ~~129. Non-standard P~~post and pile connection details
- ~~1310. Non-standard~~ Post Cap Details
- ~~1411. Lifting devices~~

**534-65 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 walls. Use these elevations to develop the shop drawings, 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. All posts shall be held plumb in auger cast piles with an installation template. The template shall be adjustable for horizontal placement, vertical placement and plumbness of posts. The template shall be such that the installation tolerances can be held. The template shall remain in place for a minimum of 12 hours after post installation.*

*C. Shimming of wall panels above the pile collar and beneath the bearing pads is permitted, up to a maximum of 1-1/2 inches. Shims must be either Type 304 or 316 stainless steel, or engineered copolymer or multi-polymer plastic. Plastic shims must have a minimum compressive strength of 8,000 psi, without any fractures. Stacked shim plates must be bonded together with a compatible epoxy adhesive. Stacking of shims is permitted as follows:*

- 1. for shimming heights of one inch or less, provide up to four 1/4 inch shims*
- 2. for shimming heights greater than one inch, use a minimum of one 3/4 inch shim and a maximum of three 3/4 inch shims.*

~~BD. Do not mix wall types or colors at any one site.~~ Install the walls in accordance with the Plans, and ~~in accordance with~~ *the* shop drawings submitted to and approved by the Engineer. Secure joints and connections in such a manner as to be structurally sound and without visible openings in the system allowing sound transmission.

**EE.** 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.

**EF.** 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 to the satisfaction of the Engineer *and* at no expense to the Department.

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

**FH.** 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.

**GI.** 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 Plans.

**HJ.** Erection Tolerances:

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

**IK.** 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.

**JL.** Provide the concrete wall (~~Precast or Cast in Place~~) with a uniform color, pattern, and texture *as shown in the Plans*.

### **534-76 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.

### **534-87 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 *with* the plant's approved repair methods that are included as part of the *Quality Control Plan (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.

**534-98 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.

**534-109 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- Concrete Sound Barrier - per square foot.