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Chad Thompson
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Re: State Specifications and Estimates Office
Section **200**
Proposed Specification: **2000702 Rock Base (REVISED3).**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification. These changes, with the exception of the highlighted text, were approved by your office on May 29, 2014.

These changes were proposed by John Shoucair to introduce a new bold/innovative initiative from upper management to save cost and time on roadway construction projects using base rock.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965DS or daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment
cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

ROCK BASE.

(REV ~~5-20~~7-~~18~~22-14) ~~(FA 5-29-14) (1-15)~~

SUBARTICLE 200-7.2 is deleted by the following substituted:

200-7.2 Acceptance Criteria:

200-7.2.1 Density: Within the entire limits of the width and depth of the base, obtain a minimum density in any LOT of 98% of modified Proctor maximum density as determined by FM 1-T 180, Method D or the Pit Proctor when using the Pit Proctor option. For shoulder only areas and bike/shared use paths, obtain a minimum density of 95% of the modified Proctor maximum density as determined by FM 1-T 180, Method D *or the Pit Proctor when using the Pit Proctor option*.

200-7.2.2 Frequency: Conduct QC sampling and testing at a minimum frequency listed in the table below. The Engineer will perform Verification sampling and tests at a minimum frequency listed in the table below.

Mainline Pavement Lanes, Turn Lanes, Ramps, Parking Lots, Concrete Box Culverts and Retaining Wall Systems		
Test Name	Quality Control	Verification
Modified Proctor Maximum Density	One per eight consecutive LOTs	One per 16 consecutive LOTs
Density	One per LOT	One per four LOTs
Roadway Surface	Ten per LOT	Witness
Roadway Thickness	Three per LOT	Witness

Shoulder-Only, Bike/Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Construction		
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Modified Proctor Maximum Density	One per two LOTs	One per four LOTs
Density	One per LOT	One per two LOTs
SURFACE	**FIVE PER 500 FEET**	**WITNESS**
Thickness	Three per 1000 consecutive feet	Witness

200-7.2.3 Pit Proctor: In lieu of Modified Proctor Maximum Density testing at the roadway, notify the Engineer in writing of a Contractor option to use the Pit Proctor supplied by the Department. The Modified Proctor maximum density frequency requirements of 200-7.2.2 shall not apply. The Department will determine the Pit Proctor from statistical analysis of the base rock Modified Proctor maximum density at Department approved mines. For posting of Mines and Pit Proctors for each calendar quarter refer to the State Materials Office internet website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statematerialsoffice/ . Use the current posted Pit Proctor value in lieu of the Modified Proctor maximum density required by 200-7.2.1. Use the current posted Pit Proctor value for density acceptance during the quarter corresponding to the posting. Notify the Engineer in writing if returning to the provisions of 200-7.2 and 200-7.2.2 but do not re-elect to use the Pit Proctor until the start of the next calendar quarter.

SUBARTICLE 200-7.4 is deleted and the following substituted:

200-7.4 Verification Comparison Criteria and Resolution Procedures:

200-7.4.1 Modified Proctor Maximum Density: The Engineer will compare the Verification test results of 200-7.3.2.1 to the corresponding Quality Control test results. If the test result is within 4.5 lb/ft^3 of the QC test result, the LOTs will be verified. Otherwise, the Engineer will collect the Resolution split sample corresponding to the Verification sample tested. The State Materials Office or an AASHTO accredited laboratory designated by the State Materials Office will perform Resolution testing. The material will be sampled and tested in accordance with FM 1-T 180, Method D.

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200-7.4.2 Pit Proctor: When using the Pit Proctor option, the Engineer will, at a minimum frequency of one per 16 LOTS, select a random location to collect an Independent Verification (IV) sample and test material to obtain a Modified Proctor maximum density as determined by FM 1-T 180, Method D. The Engineer will collect enough material to split and hold a sample for Resolution testing. The Engineer will compare the IV results with the Pit Proctor. If the IV result is lower than or equal to the Pit Proctor *plus 4.5 pcf*, keep the option to use the Pit Proctor. If the IV result is more than 4.5 pcf higher than the Pit Proctor the Engineer will test the Resolution sample and compare the Resolution result with the Pit Proctor. If the Resolution result is higher than but within 4.5 pcf of the Pit Proctor, keep the option to use the Pit Proctor. Otherwise return to the provisions of 200-7.2.2, 200-7.3.1.1, 200-7.3.2.1, and 200-7.4.1.

Comment [dt1]: This was added in revision 2000702.D03, dated 7-18-14.

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