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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 711
Proposed Specification: **7110201 Thermoplastic Pavement Markings**
Associated Specification: **7100300 Painted Pavement Markings**

Dear Mr. Holt:

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

The changes are proposed by Ryan Gray to allow for durable paint contrast markings placed with longitudinal solid white thermoplastic lines.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks (10 business days). Comments should be sent via email daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at (850) 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Daniel Strickland, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS (REV 6-23-26)

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1. Capable of traveling at a uniform, predetermined rate of speed, both uphill and downhill, to produce a uniform application of pavement marking material and capable of following straight lines and making normal curves in a true arc.

2. Capable of applying glass spheres to the surface of the completed white and yellow pavement marking by a double drop application for standard thermoplastic pavement markings and a single drop application for recapping and refurbishment thermoplastic pavement markings. The bead dispenser for the first bead drop shall be attached to the pavement marking machine in such a manner that the beads are dispensed closely behind the installed line. The second bead dispenser bead shall be attached to the pavement marking machine in such a manner that the beads are dispensed immediately after the first bead drop application. Use glass spheres dispensers equipped with an automatic cut-off control that is synchronized with the cut-off of the thermoplastic material and applies the glass spheres uniformly on the entire thermoplastic pavement markings surface with 50 to 60% embedment. Prevent retroreflective elements from bonding with or adhering to contiguous black contrast pavement markings.

3. Equipped with a special kettle for uniformly heating and melting thermoplastic pavement marking material. The kettle must be equipped with an automatic temperature control device and material thermometer for positive temperature control and to prevent overheating or scorching of the thermoplastic material.

4. Meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, state, and local authorities.

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Before applying pavement markings, remove any material that would adversely affect the bond of the pavement markings by a method approved by the Engineer.

Before applying pavement markings to any portland cement concrete surface, apply a primer, sealer, or surface preparation adhesive of the type recommended by the manufacturer. Offset white and yellow longitudinal lines at least 2 inches from any longitudinal joints of portland cement concrete pavement.

Apply thermoplastic material thickness according to 711-4.2. Application of thermoplastic pavement marking materials on open graded friction surfaces may require more thermoplastic material to achieve the required thickness above the pavement surface.

Apply pavement markings to dry surfaces only. For thermoplastic pavement markings, apply only when the ambient air and surface temperature is at least 50°F and rising for asphalt surfaces and 60°F and rising for concrete surfaces. Apply durable paint contrast markings according to 710-4.1.

Apply pavement markings to the same tolerances in dimensions and in alignment specified in 710-5. When applying thermoplastic pavement markings over suitable existing markings, ensure that no more than 2 inches on either end and not more than 1 inch on either side of the existing line is visible. Do not apply thermoplastic markings over durable paint contrast markings.

Apply thermoplastic material to the pavement by extrusion or other means approved by the Engineer.

When thermoplastic pavement markings are to be removed and replaced, apply new thermoplastic pavement markings prior to opening to traffic.

Conduct field tests in accordance with FM 5-541 Part A. Take test readings representative of the pavement marking performance. Remove and replace pavement markings not meeting the requirements of this Section at no additional cost to the Department.

With the exception of short-term raised rumble strips, wait at least 14 days after constructing the final asphalt surface course to place thermoplastic pavement markings. Installation of thermoplastic on concrete requires a clean, dry surface. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for surface preparation for thermoplastic on concrete. Provide temporary white and yellow pavement markings during the interim period prior to opening the road to traffic.

711-4.1.1 Preformed Thermoplastic: Apply markings to dry surfaces only and when ambient air temperature is at least 32°F. Prior to installation, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for pre-heating. For railroad dynamic envelopes, keep all equipment and personnel out of the foul area.

SUBARTICLE 711-4.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

711-4.2 Thickness:

711-4.2.1 Hot-Applied Standard Thermoplastic Markings: Apply or recap standard thermoplastic pavement markings for longitudinal lines to attain a minimum thickness of 0.10 inch or 100 mils and a maximum thickness 0.15 inch or 150 mils when measured above the pavement surface. When applying durable paint as contrast markings contiguous to hot-applied standard thermoplastic, attain a minimum wet film thickness in accordance with 710-4.2.

Thermoplastic markings other than longitudinal lines, wherever located, will have a thickness of 0.09 inch or 90 mils to 0.12 inch or 120 mils when measured above the pavement surface.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541.

The Engineer will verify the thickness of the pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 within 30 days of receipt of the Contractor's certification.

711-4.2.2 Hot-Applied Refurbishment Thermoplastic Markings: Apply a minimum of 0.06 inch or 60 mils of thermoplastic material. Ensure that the combination of the existing marking and the overlay after application of glass spheres does not exceed the maximum thickness of 0.150 inch or 150 mils for all lines. When refurbishing durable paint contrast markings contiguous to refurbishment thermoplastic, attain a minimum wet film thickness in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 Part A.

The Engineer will verify the thickness of the pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 Part A within 30 days of receipt of the Contractor's certification.

711-4.2.3 Preformed Thermoplastic Markings: Apply 0.125 inch or 125 mils of preformed thermoplastic material.

Use preformed thermoplastic for bicycle markings, shared use path markings, 24-inch markings on special emphasis crosswalks, route shields, ramp exit numbers, railroad dynamic envelopes, white dotted lines (2'-4') with trailing black contrast, 12-inch transverse crosswalk lines with black contrast, 24-inch stop line with black contrast, and black contrast arrows, messages, and symbols.

Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the thickness of the pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 Part A.

SUBARTICLE 711-4.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

711-4.3 Retroreflectivity:

711-4.3.1 General: Measure, record and certify on Department approved form and submit to the Engineer, the retroreflectivity of white and yellow pavement markings in accordance with FM 5-541 Part A. Black contrast pavement markings must have a retroreflectance of less than 20 mcd/m²/lx.

711-4.3.2 Longitudinal Lines: Apply hot-applied standard and refurbishment thermoplastic pavement markings that will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 450 mcd/m²/lx and not less than 350 mcd/m²/lx for white and yellow, respectively.

711-4.3.3 Markings Other Than Longitudinal Lines: Apply hot-applied standard and refurbishment thermoplastic markings that will attain an initial retroreflectivity of not less than 300 mcd/m²/lx and 250 mcd/m²/lx for white and yellow, respectively.

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711-4.4.3 Preformed Markings: These markings are factory supplied with glass spheres and friction elements. Apply additional glass spheres and friction elements in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

ARTICLE 711-5 is deleted and the following substituted:

711-5 Contractor's Responsibility for Notification.

Notify the Engineer prior to the placement of the materials. At the time of notification, submit a certification to the Engineer with the APL number and the batch or LOT numbers of the pavement marking materials and glass spheres to be used. Packaging labels that contain the information required by 971-1.1 will be accepted in place of a certification.

ARTICLE 711-7 is deleted and the following substituted:

711-7 Observation Period.

Longitudinal pavement markings are subject to a 180 day observation period under normal traffic. The observation period shall begin with the satisfactory completion and acceptance of the work.

The longitudinal pavement markings shall show no signs of failure due to blistering, excessive cracking, chipping, discoloration, poor adhesion to the pavement, loss of retroreflectivity (excluding contrast markings) or vehicular damage. The retroreflectivity shall

meet the initial requirements of 711-4.3. The Department reserves the right to check the retroreflectivity any time prior to the end of the observation period.

Replace, at no additional expense to the Department, any longitudinal pavement markings that do not perform satisfactorily under traffic during the 180 day observation period.

SUBARTICLE 711-9.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

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2. The length, with or without contrast, in linear feet, of transverse lines, diagonal lines, chevrons, parking spaces, special emphasis crosswalk markings, and railroad dynamic envelope markings.

3. The number of pavement messages, symbols, and arrows. Each arrow is paid as a complete marking, regardless of the number of "points" or directions.

The gross mile measurement will be taken as the distance from the beginning of the thermoplastic line to the end of the thermoplastic line and will include the unmarked gaps for skip and dotted lines. The gross mile measurement will not include designated unmarked lengths at intersections, turn lanes, etc.

ARTICLE 711-10 is deleted and the following substituted:

711-10 Basis of Payment.

Prices and payments will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including, all cleaning and preparing of surfaces, furnishing and application of all materials (including painted contrast markings), curing and protection of all items, protection of traffic, furnishing of all tools, machines and equipment, and all incidentals necessary to complete the work. Final payment will be withheld until all deficiencies are corrected.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 711	Thermoplastic Pavement Markings
	Solid - per gross mile.
	Solid - per linear foot.
	Skip - per gross mile.
	Dotted - per gross mile.
	Message or Symbol - each.
	Arrows - each.
	Yield Line - per linear foot.
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	Remove - per square foot.

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