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Cathy Kendall  
Director, Office of Technical Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: 285  
Proposed Specification: **2850200 Optional Base Course**

Dear Ms. Kendall:

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

The changes are proposed by John Shoucair to add Calcarenite rock as an approved base material.

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](mailto: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

**OPTIONAL BASE COURSE  
(REV 8-27-24)**

ARTICLE 285-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

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Limerock .....	Section 911
Shell Base.....	Section 911
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Cemented Coquina.....	Section 911
<u>Calcarenite .....</u>	<u>Section 911</u>
Recycled Concrete Aggregate (RCA) * <sup>§</sup> .....	Section 911
<u>Bituminous Materials.....</u>	<u>Section 916</u>

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Table 285-1 Optional Base Groups 1 through 7							
Base Materials	Base Group (Base Group Pay Item)						
	1 (701)	2 (702)	3 (703)	4 (704)	5 (705)	6 (706)	7 (707)
Limerock, LBR 100	4"	5"	5-1/2"	6"	7"	8"	8-1/2"
Cemented Coquina, LBR 100	4"	5"	5-1/2"	6"	7"	8"	8-1/2"
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Bank Run Shell, LBR 100	4"	5"	5-1/2"	6"	7"	8"	8-1/2"
<u>Calcarenite, LBR 100</u>	<u>4"</u>	<u>5"</u>	<u>5-1/2"</u>	<u>6"</u>	<u>7"</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>8-1/2"</u>
Recycled Concrete Aggregate, LBR 150 <sup>(1)</sup>	4"	5"	5-1/2"	6"	7"	8"	8-1/2"
Graded Aggregate Base, LBR 100	4-1/2"	5-1/2"	6-1/2"	7-1/2"	8-1/2"	9"	10"
Type B-12.5	4" <sup>(3)</sup>	4" <sup>(3)</sup>	4" <sup>(3)</sup>	4" <sup>(3)</sup>	4-1/2"	5"	5-1/2"
B-12.5 and 4" Granular Subbase, LBR 100 <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RAP Base <sup>(4)</sup>	5" <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Base Materials	Base Group (Base Group Pay Item)							
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Limerock, LBR 100	9-1/2"	10"	11"	12"	12-1/2"	13-1/2" <sup>(5)</sup>	14" <sup>(5)</sup>	-
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Shell, LBR 70	5"	6-1/2"	8"	9"	10"	11"	12-1/2"	-
Shell Stabilized, LBR 70	7"	8-1/2"	9-1/2"	10-1/2"	12"	-	-	-
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Soil Cement (300 psi) (Plant Mixed)	5"	5-1/2"	6-1/2"	7-1/2"	8-1/2"	9"	10"	11"
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Shell Base.....	Section 200

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