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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: 330
Proposed Specification: **3300904 Hot Mix Asphalt - General Construction Requirements**
Associated Specification: **3340500**

Dear Ms. Kendall:

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

The changes are proposed by Richard Hewitt to add language to clarify Straightedge Exceptions for roundabout intersections.

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

**HOT MIX ASPHALT - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS
(REV 5-23-24)**

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3. ~~t~~Tapers;
4. ~~e~~Crossovers;
5. ~~s~~Sidewalks;
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