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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: 526  
Proposed Specification: **5260000 Architectural Pavers**

Dear Ms. Kendall:

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

The changes are proposed by David Cerlanek to add language to differentiate dimensions between brick and concrete pavers, add final base layer requirements, and allow reuse of pavers in good condition for repair projects. Also added language commonly used by Modified Special Provision requests.

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

## ARCHITECTURAL PAVERS (REV 9-26-24)

SECTION 526 is deleted and the following substituted:

### 526-1 Description.

Furnish and install architectural pavers, base materials, concrete curbs, and bedding and joint materials in accordance with this Section and as indicated in the Contract Documents.

### 526-2 Materials.

**526-2.1 General:** Architectural pavers shall meet the following requirements:

Table 526-1 Architectural Paver Requirements			
Proposed Use	ASTM C902 (Brick Paver)	ASTM C1272 (Brick Paver)	ASTM C936 (Concrete Paver)
Local Side Streets ( $\leq$ 35 mph Design Speed)	Do Not Use	X	X
Commercial Driveways	Do Not Use	X	X
Sidewalks and Medians	X	<del>Do Not Use</del> X	X
Residential Driveways	X	<del>Do Not Use</del> X	X

Ensure that the pavers are consistent in color, size, and appearance. Architectural paver type, pattern, shape and ~~or~~ color will be in accordance with plan details, when specified. Existing pavers to be reinstalled must be uncut and unbroken except along edges and to fill gaps, use due care when removing and storing existing pavers identified for reinstallation. Pavers with hairline cracks or spalls greater than 1/4 inch shall be discarded and replaced with a type matching the existing paver.

**526-2.2 Architectural Pavers - Roadway:** For installations on roadways and commercial driveways, provide concrete architectural pavers having a minimum thickness of 3-1/8 inches or brick architectural pavers having a minimum thickness of 2-5/8 inches. Reinstalling existing pavers as roadway pavers requires Engineer written approval.

**526-2.3 Architectural Pavers - Sidewalk:** For installations on sidewalks, medians and residential driveways, provide concrete architectural pavers having a minimum thickness of 2-3/8 inches or brick architectural pavers having a minimum thickness of 2-1/4 inches. Reinstalling existing pavers as roadway pavers requires Engineer written approval.

**526-2.4 Base Materials:** For Architectural Pavers – Roadway, the minimum base as established per the Contract Documents shall include, in part, 1-1/2 inches of Superpave Asphalt Base meeting the requirements in Section 234 or 4 inches of Cement Concrete Pavement meeting the requirements of Section 350, placed as the final lift of base material.

**526-2.5 Bedding and Joint Sands:** Provide clean, non-plastic bedding and joint sand, free from deleterious or foreign matter, natural or manufactured from crushed rock.

Ensure the bedding sand meets the grading requirements of ASTM C33 Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregate with no more than 1% passing the No. 200 sieve.

Ensure the joint sand meets the grading requirements of ASTM C144 Standard Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar with no more than 5% passing the No. 200 sieve.

Bedding sand may be used for joint sand. Do not use joint sand for bedding sand.

**526-2. 56 Bedding and Joint Grouts:** A suitable grout, in thickness specified by the manufacturer and approved for use by the architectural paver manufacturer, may be substituted for either bedding sand, joint sand or both when specified in the PlansContract Documents and approved by the Engineer. Bedding and joint grouts shall only be used for non-vehicular applications.

**526-2.7 Concrete Curbs:** Concrete curbs to restrain the pavers, bedding and base layers shall conform to Section 520.

### **526-3 Construction Methods.**

#### **526-3.1 General:**

**526-3.1.1 Submittals:** For Architectural Pavers – Roadway, furnish full size samples to the Engineer for approval prior to beginning placement. For Architectural Pavers — Sidewalk, submit to the Engineer a certification that the architectural pavers meet the requirements of this Section. In addition, for all architectural pavers except existing pavers approved for reinstallation, submit a certified sieve analysis for gradation comparing results of the bedding sand and joint sand with the requirements of ASTM C33 or ASTM C144 as applicable.

**526-3.1.2 Mock-ups:** Prior to beginning placement, install a 6 foot by 6 foot paver area following these specifications. This area will be used to determine surcharge of the bedding material layer, joint sizes, lines, laying patterns and colors of the job. This area will be adjacent to an edge treatment, incorporated into the work, and will be the standard from which the work will be judged.

**526-3.1.3 Environmental Conditions:** Cover stockpiled materials with waterproof covering to prevent exposure to rainfall. Do not install bedding materials or architectural pavers during heavy rains or over wet substrata.

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2. Spread the bedding ~~sand~~ material evenly over the base course and screed to plan thickness, not to exceed a thickness of 1-1/2 inches. Do not disturb the screeded bedding material. Ensure placement of sufficient bedding material to stay ahead of the laid architectural pavers. Do not use the bedding material to fill depressions in the base course.

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4. Joints between the architectural pavers, on average, will be between 1/16 to 3/16 inch wide.

5. Fill gaps at the edges of the paved area with cut or edge architectural pavers. For vehicular applications, no cut paver subject to tires shall be less than one-third of a whole paver.

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Item No. 526- 1- - ~~Pavers~~, Architectural ~~Pavers~~ per square yard.

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