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Re: State Specifications Office
Section: 990
Proposed Specification: **9900301 Temporary Traffic Control Device Materials**

Dear Ms. Kendall:

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

The changes are proposed by Ronald Meyer to modify language to generally reference the MUTCD as well as removing a requirement concerning the strength of fenders on trailers.

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

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cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MATERIALS
(REV 5-28-24)

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4. ~~The controllers and associated on-board circuitry shall meet the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Title 47, Subpart B, Section 15 regulations concerning the emission of electronic noise by Class A digital devices.~~ All electronic assemblies shall meet the environmental requirements of NEMA TS~~-~~ 4~~ 2016 Section 2~~.

5. The controller and associated on-board circuitry shall not be affected by mobile radio, or any other radio transmissions.

6. An operator's manual shall be furnished with each unit.

7. All portable devices shall be permanently marked with, manufacturer's name or trademark, model/part number, and date of manufacture or serial number.

8. Portable devices and trailers shall be delineated on a permanent basis by affixing retroreflective sheeting in a continuous line on the face of the trailer as seen by oncoming road users.

990-3.1.1 Electrical Systems: Meet the following:

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2. An external battery charge level indicator shall be provided.

3. Automatic recharging of batteries shall be provided using a charge controller that includes charging status and battery charge level indicators.

4. An AC/DC battery charger unit shall be provided.

5. Batteries, charge controllers, and power panels shall be protected from the elements and vandalism.

990-3.1.1.1 Solar Power~~ed Unit~~Systems: ~~The s~~Solar power~~ed~~ systems~~unit~~ shall meet the following:

1. ~~The unit shall p~~Provide automatic recharging of power supply batteries to normal operating levels with meters showing charge.

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3. Arrow boards and changeable message signs shall be designed to provide 180 days of continuous operation with minimum onsite maintenance.

990-3.1.1.2 Battery Life ~~Test~~: ~~Meet the following:~~

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~~2. The battery shall be equipped with a battery controller to prevent overcharging and over-discharging. An external battery level indicator shall be provided.~~

~~3. The battery, controller, and power panel shall be designed to be protected from the elements and vandalism.~~

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990-3.1.2 Display Panel and Housing:

1. The display housing assembly shall be weather-tight.

2. Except for Automated Flagger Assistance Devices, the display assembly shall be equipped with an automatic dimming operational mode capable of a minimum of 50% dimming and a separate manual dimmer switch

3. The display panel background and frame for the display assembly shall be painted flat black and shall meet Federal Specification TT-E-489.

4. The display panel for arrow boards and changeable message signs, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground, in accordance with the MUTCD. The display panel for radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, will have a minimum height of 5 feet from the bottom of the panel to the ground.

5. The regulatory speed sign panel for regulatory signs and radar speed display units, when raised in the upright position, shall have a minimum height of 7 feet from the bottom of the regulatory sign panel to the ground.

6. The unit shall have an accessible mechanism to easily raise and lower the display assembly. A locking device shall also be provided to ensure the display panel will remain in the raised or lowered position.

7. The display panel for changeable message signs shall have a safety system to protect against the panel falling from the trailer to the roadway should the panel separate from the lift system.

990-3.1.3 Controller: The Controller shall meet the following:

1. Controller and control panel shall be housed in a weather, dust, and vandal resistant lockable cabinet.

~~2. Controller and associated on-board circuitry shall meet the requirements of the FCC Title 47, Subpart B, Section 15 regulations concerning the emission of electronic noise by Class A digital devices.~~

~~3~~2. For changeable message signs and arrow boards ensure that the sign control software provides an on-site graphical representation that visibly depicts the message displayed on the sign face.

~~4~~3. For changeable message signs, if remote communication is included, ensure that the sign controller is addressable through the Ethernet communications network using software that complies with the National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol (NTCIP) 1101 base standard, including all amendments as published at the time of contract letting, the NTCIP Simple Transportation Management Framework, and conforms to Compliance Level 1. Ensure that the software implements all mandatory objects in the supplemental requirement SR-700-4.1.1-01, FDOT Dynamic Message Sign NTCIP Requirements, as published on the FDOT State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office web site at the time of contract letting. Ensure that the sign complies with the NTCIP 1102v01.15, 2101 v01.19, 2103v02.07, 2201v01.15, 2202 v01.05, and 2301v02.19 standards. Ensure that the sign complies with NTCIP 1103v02.17, section 3. Ensure that additional objects implemented by the software do not interfere with the standard operation of mandatory objects.

990-3.1.4 Support Chassis: The support chassis shall meet the following:

1. The support chassis shall be self-contained and self-supporting without the use of additional equipment or tools.

2. Both trailer and truck-mounted units are allowed for arrow boards and changeable message signs. Trailer mounted units are required for regulatory signs and radar speed display units. Automated Flagger Assistance Devices may be trailer or non-trailer units.

a. Trailer mounted unit:

1. The sign, power supply unit and all support systems shall be mounted on a wheeled trailer.

2. The trailer shall be equipped with Class A lights, using a plug adaptor.

3. The trailer shall be equipped with adjustable outrigger leveling pads, one on each of the four frame corners.

4. The trailer shall be designed to be set up at the site with its own chassis and outriggers, without being hitched to a vehicle.

5. The trailer shall be equipped with fenders over the tires ~~and shall be made from heavy-duty material sufficient to allow a person to stand and operate or perform maintenance on the unit~~.

6. The trailer shall meet all equipment specifications set forth in Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, and by such rule, regulation or code that may be adopted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

SUBARTICLE 990-3.3.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

990-3.3 Portable Changeable Message Sign:

990-3.3.1 Message Matrix:

1. Message matrix panel shall be a maximum height of 7 feet by a maximum width of 146 inches.

2. The matrix must be capable of displaying three lines of 8 characters using an 18 inch or 12 inch font. PCMS with a minimum font size of 18 inches shall be used on any speed facility. PCMS with a minimum font size of 12 inches may be used on facilities with speed limits of 45 mph or less.

3. The matrix must display characters that meet or exceed the numeral and letter sizes prescribed in the MUTCD and SHS (Standard Highway Signs) companion document. Fonts and graphics must mimic the characteristics of fonts and graphics defined in NEMA TS4, the MUTCD, and SHS.

4. ~~Similar components~~LED modules used to form the message matrix panel shall be interchangeable.

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1. The matrix shall utilize light emitting diodes (LED).

2. LEDs used shall be amber (590 nm dominant~~e~~ wavelength) and shall meet the visibility requirements of this specification. LEDs shall have a viewing angle no less than 30 degrees. LED intensity shall not fall below 80 percent within ~~three~~3 years.

3. All display modules shall be identical and interchangeable.

4. The matrix shall be capable of displaying a minimum of two lines of eight characters each, using a 10 inch font that meets the height to width ratio and character spacing requirements in the MUTCD~~, Section 2L.04 (paragraphs 05, 06, and 08) and Section 6F.60, paragraph 15~~.

5. The matrix shall provide variable letter, graphic and symbol sizes from 10 to 36 inches. The matrix must display characters that meet or exceed the numeral and letter sizes prescribed in the MUTCD and SHS companion document. Fonts and graphics must mimic the characteristics of fonts and graphics defined in NEMA TS4, the MUTCD, and SHS.

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~~following~~Portable Traffic Signal Systems shall meet the requirements of NEMA TS 5 and the following:

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2. The traffic signal heads on this device will be approved by the Department.

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a. Eight feet above finished grade at the point of their installation for "pedestal" type application or

b. Seventeen to 19 feet above pavement grade at the center of roadway for "overhead" type application.

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b. The Controller will force the traffic signal to display red toward the traffic approach in case of radio failure or interference.

10. The trailer and supports will be painted construction/maintenance orange enamel in accordance with the MUTCD color.

11. Ensure the certification number is engraved or labeled permanently on equipment.

12. Ensure the device has an external, visible, water resistant label with the following information: "Certification of this device by the Florida Department of Transportation allows for its use in Construction Zones Only".

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