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Mr. Donald Davis
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section 527
Proposed Specification: 5270000.D04

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Detectable Warnings on Walking Surfaces.

This change was proposed by Dean Perkins of the State Structures Office to specify requirements for detectable walking surfaces.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane F. Brautigam, State Specifications Engineer at 414-4110.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Duane F. Brautigam, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

**DETECTABLE WARNINGS ON WALKING SURFACES.
(REV 11-23-04)**

PAGE 597. The following new Section is added after Section 526:

**SECTION 527
DETECTABLE WARNINGS ON WALKING SURFACES**

527-1 Description.

Furnish and install preformed Detectable Warning devices on newly constructed and/or existing concrete curb ramps and sidewalks constructed in accordance with the Design Standards, where indicated in the plans.

527-2 Materials.

527-2.1 Detectable Warning: Provide Detectable Warnings in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) Section 4.29.2 - Detectable Warnings on Walking Surfaces. Use Detectable Warnings consisting of weather-resistant tiles, pavers or mats that bond to concrete mechanically or use a heat-set adhesive. Use Detectable Warnings with size and pattern shown in the plans comprised of truncated domes aligned in parallel rows in accordance with Index No. 304 of the Design Standards. Do not use detectable warnings with a diagonal pattern.

527-2.2 Material Properties: Provide Detectable Warnings that meet the following minimum material property requirements when tested in accordance with the indicated Standard.

PROPERTY	STANDARD	MINIMUM THRESHOLD
Slip Resistance	ASTM C1028, F609, F1677, F1678, F1679; E303	Dry Coefficient of Friction – 0.8 min. and Wet Coefficient of Friction – 0.65 min.; Or 35 BPN (include recessed areas between truncated domes)
Wear Resistance	ASTM D658	Average wear depth on dome ≤0.030" after 1000 abrasion cycles.
Water Absorption ¹	ASTM D570	Not to exceed 5%.
Adhesion/Bond Strength	ASTM C482	No adhesion failure
Fade (UV) Resistance	ASTM G151/G154	ΔE ≥3 after 2000 hrs.
Non-Hazardous Classification	RCRA Subtitle C	Non-Hazardous
¹ Applies only to pavers and tiles consisting of concrete materials.		

527-2.3 Color/Contrast: Use Detectable Warnings providing a light-on-dark or dark-on-light color contrast with adjoining surfaces that meet a 70% contrast ratio as described in ADAAG Appendix Section A4.29.2. Acceptable colors are: black, brown, brick-red, green, or safety yellow (US-ANSI Z535.1-1991, 6.3; International-ISO 3864-1984(3)) as described in the drawings or as approved by the Engineer. The color must be integral with and consistent throughout the material. Do not use the color blue.

527-2.4 Qualified Products List: Use Detectable Warnings listed on the Department Qualified Products List (QPL). Manufacturers of Detectable Warnings seeking evaluation of

their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6. Submit Applications that include certified test reports from an independent laboratory that shows the Detectable Warning meets the material properties and all requirements specified herein. Application must also include manufacturer's installation drawings that describe special materials and/or equipment; recommendations for cleaning/preparing substrate surfaces; bonding method describing thickness, spread rate and/or curing time(s) of grout or adhesive materials; mechanical anchorage; and protection of Detectable Warning materials during set-up/curing period.

527-3 Installation Procedures.

527-3.1 Surface Preparation and Installation: Prepare the surface in accordance with the Detectable Warning manufacturer's recommendations. Install Detectable Warnings in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, using materials and/or equipment recommended and approved by the Detectable Warning manufacturer for adherence to cementitious substrate surfaces.

527-4 Method of Measurement.

Detectable Warnings applied to newly constructed concrete sidewalk/curb ramps will be included in the cost of the concrete sidewalk/curb ramp. Detectable Warnings applied to existing curb ramps will be paid per each Detectable Warning that is furnished, installed and accepted.

527-5 Basis of Payment.

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including all labor, surface preparation, materials and incidentals necessary to complete the work for Detectable Warnings installed on each curb ramp.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 522-	1	Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick - per square yard
Item No. 2522-	1	Concrete Sidewalk, 100 mm Thick - per square meter
Item No. 527-	1	Detectable Warnings on Walking Surfaces - Each
Item No. 2527-	1	Detectable Warnings on Walking Surfaces - Each