

# ORINATION FORM

## Proposed Revisions to the Specifications

(Please provide all information - incomplete forms will be returned)

Date: Specification Section:

Originator: Articles/Subarticles:

Telephone:

email:

Will the proposed revision involve Design Standard Index changes? Yes No

Roadway Design staff contacted (name):

Structures Design staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve PPM changes? Yes No

Roadway Design staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve CPAM changes? Yes No

Construction staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve Pay Item changes? Yes No

Estimates staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve SDG changes? Yes No

Structures staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve APL changes? Yes No

Product Evaluation staff contacted (name):

Will the proposed revision involve Material Manual changes? Yes No

State Materials Office staff contacted (name):

Will this revision necessitate any of the following:

Design Bulletin Construction Bulletin Estimates Bulletin Materials Bulletin

Are all references to external publications current? Yes No

If not, what references need to be updated? (Please include changes in the redline document.)

Why does the existing language need to be changed?

Summary of the changes:

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs? Yes No

If not, what are the restrictions?

Contact the State Specifications Office for assistance in completing this form.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 5, 2015

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: **6870300 Highway Advisory Radio.**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Amy Tootle of the State Construction Office to require all construction-related documentation to be submitted by electronic means for consistency with the State Construction Office e-Construction initiative.

Please share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or online at <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ProgramManagement/Development/IndustryReview.aspx> . Comments received after **December 3, 2015**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

DS/dt  
Attachment

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO.**  
**(REV 10-16-15)**

ARTICLE 687-3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**687-3 Installation Requirements.**

Obtain all required licenses to operate the HAR as per FCC requirements. Coordinate frequency selection and licensing with the HAR manufacturer, the maintaining agency, and the State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office. Ensure that each application for a station or system satisfies 47 CFR, Ch.1, §90.242(a)(2). ~~Submit~~Provide the application with a map in accordance with 47 CFR, Ch.1, §90.242(a)(2)(iii) showing an estimate of the signal strength of each station at the contour of the desired coverage area, and the 0.5 mV/m contour of co-channel and first adjacent channel AM broadcast stations that might be affected. Perform all necessary on-site testing to select the clearest and most appropriate operating frequency for all HAR transmitters at the proposed locations. Submit the results of the frequency search, testing, and the recommended frequency selection to the Engineer for approval prior to application for FCC licenses.

Provide all utility coordination, power design and power service installations to obtain power for the HAR and flashing beacon sites.

Ensure that any public network connections (PSTN, cellular, or other connections) used for system interconnect are approved by the Engineer.

Ensure that the synchronization eliminates interference and audio distortion within possible overlapping areas. Ensure the antenna is tuned to the frequency of the transmitter.

Provide a field measurement for RF forward and reflected power after the HAR system has been installed.

**687-3.1 Antenna Ground Plane:** Use a minimum of American Wire Gauge (AWG) #20 wire for any radial ground planes. Install these wires extending outward from the base of the antenna, at a minimum of 6 inches below ground, forming a circular pattern with a radius of 30 to 100 feet, unless otherwise shown in the plans or manufacturer's recommendations.

ARTICLE 687-4.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

**687-4.2 System Tests:** Conduct approved HAR system tests on at least one HAR system, including the operations center, one sign and flashing beacon, and one transmitter. Perform, at a minimum, all remote control functions. Complete approved data forms and submit them to the Engineer for review, and as a basis for rejection or acceptance.

If the system test fails because of any subsystem component, correct that component or substitute another in its place, then repeat the test. If a component has been modified as a result of a system test failure, prepare a report and ~~submit~~deliver it to the Engineer prior to retesting.