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**Problem statement:** The specification is ambiguous regarding concrete specification requirements and references AASHTO M 259 and M 273 which are based on out-dated ASTM specifications C789 and C850 that have been since been replaced with ASTM C 1433 for LRD designs and ASTM C 1577 for LRFD designs. Furthermore the design tables in all of these documents are not valid for 2" (slightly and moderately aggressive environments) and 3" (extremely aggressive environments) concrete cover as required by the *Structures Design Guidelines*.

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**Background data:** All projects let after June 30, 2006 should use LRFD design criteria as required by [Structures Temporary Design Bulletin C02-16](#) (dated 09/30/2002). The revised specification is based on the new



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 24, 2006

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Duane F. Brautigam, P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: 4100000 - Precast Concrete Box Culvert.**

Attached for your review and comments is a copy of the subject Special Provision for Precast Concrete Box Culvert.

This is a complete rewrite of this Section proposed by Steven Nolan of the State Structures Office to bring this Specification up to date.

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 to my attention via e-mail at SP965DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after April 21 2006 may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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## **PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT.**

(REV ~~4-19-04/1-21-05/3-24-06~~) (~~FA 4-22-04~~) (1-05)

SECTION 410 *of the Supplemental Specifications* is deleted and the following substituted:

### **SECTION 410 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT**

#### **410-1 Description.**

~~Before the manufacturing of the precast box culvert, submit details of the special units, modifications, and required devices for the Engineer's review and approval. Obtain the precast box culvert from a plant that is currently on the Department's list of qualified precast drainage structures plants and meet the requirements of Section 6.3 of the Materials Manual, which is available at the following URL:~~

~~www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/materialsmanual/section63.pdf~~

*Provide precast four-sided concrete box culverts as an alternative to the structure shown in the Contract Documents. Only monolithic segments, or two-piece segments with three-sided bottom sections and a simple support top slab section, are permitted. Two-piece segments are limited to installations with a minimum of two feet fill height above the top slab*

Construct headwalls, wingwalls and other special features using cast-in-place concrete. Precast wingwalls, cut-off walls or headwalls are not ~~allowed~~ *permitted unless approved by the District Structures Engineer.*

*Ensure that each shipment of the precast concrete box culverts to the project site includes the list of the products and signed statement, from a company **designated** representative, certifying that all shipped products meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. Provide this list and certification(s) to the Engineer.*

#### **410-2 Materials.**

~~Meet the requirements of AASHTO M 259 [AASHTO M 259M] for installations with fill height greater than 2 feet [0.6 m] and AASHTO M 273 [AASHTO M 273M] for installations with less than 2 feet [0.6 m] of fill height. The plans will note the appropriate table for the AASHTO specification to be used. Design the precast box culvert section for the same live load, hydraulic opening, fill height, and reinforcing steel cover as the plan details using the section dimensions shown in the appropriate tables in the AASHTO specifications. Alternatively, in lieu of a redesign, design the precast box culvert section identical to plan details including reinforcing steel quantity, grade and cover, concrete class, and slab and wall thicknesses. Ensure that a Specialty Engineer performs any redesign of the box culvert and signs and seals the plans. When used with headwalls, wingwalls, cut-off walls and other special features, provide special precast end sections having exposed reinforcement for tying headwall, wingwall and cut-off wall reinforcing steel. The Engineer will not allow field cutting of the sections for the purpose of exposing reinforcement. Ensure that the materials used have a certification statement from the source, showing that they meet the applicable requirements of the following Specifications:~~

*Portland Cement Concrete* ..... Section 346  
*Reinforcing Steel*..... Section 415  
*Wire for Site Cage Machines*.....ASTM A 82, ASTM A 496 or  
ASTM A 615 [ASTM A 615M]  
*Coarse Aggregate* ..... Section 901\*  
*Fine Aggregate*..... Section 902\*  
*Curing Materials for Concrete* ..... Section 925  
*Materials For Concrete Repair* ..... Section 930  
*Non-Shrink Grout*..... Section 934  
*Joint Materials* ..... ASTM C 443, ASTM C 877 or ASTM C 990  
*Geotextile Fabrics*..... Section 985  
\* *The gradation requirements of aggregates are not applicable when  
using dry-cast concrete.*

410-3 Trench, Foundation, Laying, and Backfill:

——— For the methods of construction of trench and foundation, and for laying and backfilling, meet the requirements specified in Section 430, and the following:

——— Lay all precast box culvert sections on a dry, unyielding foundation. Provide dewatering devices capable of maintaining a stable as well as surface dry trench bottom. Provide bedding that consists of a minimum 6 inch [150 mm] depth of coarse concrete sand or other suitable granular material placed below the culvert to a minimum width of 12 inches [300 mm] outside the exterior walls of the culvert. Set grade forms 12 inches [300 mm] outside each exterior wall of the box culvert. Uniformly compact this material as required in 120-9.3, and then grade off using the forms. Set the grade forms approximately 1/8 to 1/4 inch [3 to 6 mm] above the theoretical grade line to allow for soil compression. Adjust this distance to yield the proper grade, but do not use in lieu of the proper compaction of the granular bedding material. Remove the forms after placing the precast box culvert section. When required by the plans, provide other special bedding. Obtain the Engineer's approval of the method of controlling line and grade during culvert installation. Use a method that allows rapid checking of the previously laid sections. Maintain line and grade on sections previously set. The Engineer will consider sections which do not retain the plan line (within 0.10 foot [30 mm]) or grade (within 0.10 foot [30 mm]) during laying of subsequent sections as not having been laid to line and grade. Take up and relay sections not to line and grade without additional compensation. Begin backfilling only after the Engineer determines that the culvert sections are to line and grade and will not be affected by subsequent laying procedures. Seal holes provided for lifting or joint restraint by using an approved non-shrink mortar, applied in conjunction with an approved epoxy bonding compound, mixed, applied, and cured in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.

410-4 Joints:

——— Make field joints for precast concrete box culvert sections with a butyl rubber based preformed plastic gasket material or as detailed in the plans. For culverts to be laid with joints made from preformed plastic gasket material, meet the requirements outlined in 430-7.3, and the following:

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Furnish to the Engineer a written recommendation of the size (cross-sectional area) of gasket material which will create a watertight seal. Ensure that this amount is the minimum quantity of gasket material used.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ In addition, completely wrap the outside of each joint with either a woven or non-woven filter fabric. Use fabric having a minimum width of 2 feet [0.6 m] and secure the fabric tightly against the box culvert section with metal strapping. The Contractor may use other methods which, in the opinion of the Engineer, would hold the fabric securely against the wall of the culvert until the Contractor places and compacts the backfill. When specified in the plans, secure the joint by a suitable device capable of holding the sections to line and grade as well as fully home. Remove these devices after placing and compacting sufficient backfill to secure the sections.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Construct headwalls, wingwalls, cut-off walls and other special features in place, leaving a sufficient length of steel exposed for connection to endwalls or cast in-place sections.~~

#### **410-3 Materials Acceptance and Testing of Precast Box Culverts.**

**410-3.1 General:** Meet *the* requirements of Section 346, *except* as modified herein:

*Prepare, cure, and test the test cylinders in accordance with ASTM C 31 [ASTM C 31M] and ASTM C 39 [ASTM C 39M] test methods. The use of 4 x 8 inch [100 x 200 mm] test cylinders is allowed for the testing of precast concrete box culverts, provided that it meets the requirements of 450-4.1. Follow the alternative method of compaction, in accordance with ASTM C 497 [ASTM C 497], if the consistency of concrete is too stiff for compaction by rodding or internal vibrations. Expose shipping strength test cylinders to the same curing conditions as the precast concrete box sections. Cure the 28-day strength test cylinders in accordance with Section 346.*

*The second sentence of 346-9.2 (The Engineer will randomly verify one of every four consecutive LOTS of each design mix based on a random number generator, and may perform additional Independent Verification tests.) does not apply, also, 346-9.2.1, and 346-9.5 do not apply.*

*Meet the requirements of 105-5 and Section 6.3 of the Materials Manual for QC personnel. Test all QC samples for compressive strength in a laboratory meeting the requirements of 6-9.*

**410-3.2 Special Requirements for Dry-Cast Concrete:** *Dry-cast concrete is defined as a very low slump concrete that requires continuous and intense vibration to compact the concrete, enabling immediate removal of the side forms without detrimental effects to the concrete when used in a dry-cast manufacturing process.*

*The target slump and air content ranges of 346 - Table 2 and the plastic property tolerances of 346 - Table 6 are not applicable to dry-cast concrete.*

*Perform absorption tests on specimens from each LOT of dry-cast production in accordance with the test methods in ASTM C 497. The absorption of each specimen must not exceed 9.0 percent of the dry mass for Test Method A procedure or 8.5 percent for Test Method B procedure. All specimens must be free of visible cracks and must represent the full thickness of the product. Test specimens after 28-days of standard curing, or prior to the date of shipping if the precast box sections are to be shipped before to the completion of the 28-day curing period.*

*Core three specimens for Test Method B in accordance with ASTM C 42 and meet the sampling location and size requirements of ASTM C 497. Prepare or core a minimum of one specimen for Test Method A in accordance with the test cylinder requirements of ASTM C 497. When the initial absorption specimen from a concrete box section fails to conform to this Specification, the absorption test may be made on another specimen from the same box section and the results of the retest may be substituted for the original test results for acceptance of the LOT. The manufacturer may test each box section within a LOT and cull the box sections not meeting absorption requirements marking them as deficient with waterproof paint or other approved means. Deficient box sections must not be shipped to the project. Reduce the frequency of absorption tests to one test every five LOTs when the results of five consecutive LOTs meet the specified limit.*

**410-4 Joints:**

~~Make field joints for precast concrete box culvert sections with a butyl rubber based preformed plastic gasket material or as detailed in the plans. For culverts to be laid with joints made from preformed plastic gasket material, meet the requirements outlined in 430-7.3, and the following:~~

~~Furnish to the Engineer a written recommendation of the size (cross-sectional area) of gasket material which will create a watertight seal. Ensure that this amount is the minimum quantity of gasket material used.~~

~~In addition, completely wrap the outside of each joint with either a woven or non-woven filter fabric. Use fabric having a minimum width of 2 feet [0.6 m] and secure the fabric tightly against the box culvert section with metal strapping. The Contractor may use other methods which, in the opinion of the Engineer, would hold the fabric securely against the wall of the culvert until the Contractor places and compacts the backfill. When specified in the plans, secure the joint by a suitable device capable of holding the sections to line and grade as well as fully home. Remove these devices after placing and compacting sufficient backfill to secure the sections.~~

~~Construct headwalls, wingwalls, cut off walls and other special features in place, leaving a sufficient length of steel exposed for connection to endwalls or cast-in-place sections.~~

**410-4 Design of Precast Concrete Box Sections.**

**410-4.1 General:** *In lieu of a cast-in-place concrete box section or if specified in the Contract Documents, provide precast box culverts in accordance with Design Standards Index No. 291 and the following:*

*Segment lengths must be between 4 feet and 16 feet [1.219 m and 4.877 m]. Short-side wall lengths for end segments of skewed culverts, may be less than 4 feet [1.219 m] when approved by the Engineer.*

*Provide tongue and groove joints at the ends of segments. For two-piece box culvert segments, provide keyed joints for the top slab-to-wall connection to prevent lateral displacement at the top of the walls, and double-sided tongue and groove joints in the bottom slab to minimize differential settlement between segments. Alternate methods to prevent differential settlement may be used when included in the Contract Documents or approved by the Engineer. Concrete cover at the joints may be reduced from the nominal cover shown in the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Design*

*Standards, but not less than 1 inch [25 mm] clear to the ends or inside mating surfaces of the joints or 1 1/2 inches [38 mm] clear to the outside surface of the joint for slightly and moderately aggressive environments, or 2 inches [50 mm] clear to the outside surface for extremely aggressive environments.*

*Meet one of the following design options:*

**410-4.1.1 Equivalent to Cast-In-Place Designs:** *Provide precast box segments identical to the plan details, including reinforcing steel grade, sizes and spacings, concrete cover, concrete class, and slab and wall dimensions. Reinforcing bar sizes and spacings may be reduced provided the equivalent area of reinforcing is provided in each layer. Haunch dimensions may be increased with the approval of the Engineer.*

**410-4.1.2 Standard Precast Designs:** *Provide precast box segments in accordance with Design Standards Index No. 292 with the same hydraulic opening, fill height and reinforcing steel cover as shown in the plans, for the most critical design loading combination.*

**410-4.1.3 Modified or Special Designs:** *Provide Modified Designs which differ from the standard precast designs in 410-4.1.2 with modifications to the wall and slab thickness, or haunch dimensions. Provide Special Designs for sizes, elements and loads other than those referenced in 410-4.1.2. Redesign box culverts using the same AASHTO design specification, live load, hydraulic opening, fill height, minimum concrete class and concrete cover as shown in the Contract Documents. Special Designs will be required for all two-piece concrete box culvert segments. Provide a minimum member thickness not less than 75 percent of the thickness of the corresponding member of an equivalent Index No. 292 box culvert, but not less than 7 inches [175 mm] for culverts with 2 inch [50 mm] concrete cover or 8 inches [200 mm] for 3 inch [75 mm] concrete cover. Perform a bridge load rating in accordance with the Structures Design Guidelines, for any redesign with total combined clear spans equal to or greater than 20 feet [6.096 m].*

**410-4.2 Design Submittals:** *Submit shop drawings for all design options in accordance with 410.12. Submit design calculations, revised plans and loading rating when required for approval in accordance with Section 5 for Modified or Special Designs. Ensure that a Specialty Engineer performs the design for Modified Designs of the box culvert and signs and seals the calculations.*

*Ensure that the Contractor's Engineer of Record performs any bridge load rating and the design for any Special Designs and signs and seals the revised plans, calculations and load rating.*

#### **410-5 Other Elements of a Precast Box Culvert System.**

*Extend reinforcing from precast sections to provide adequate splice lengths or utilize a mechanical rebar splicing system listed on the Department's Qualified Products List (QPL) for securing reinforcing dowels for headwalls, toewalls and wingwalls.*

*Cast all elements of the headwalls and wingwalls (footing and stem) in-place unless otherwise approved by the District Structures Engineer. Cast all toe walls for precast box end segments in-place only. Bedding material and compaction requirements for wingwalls and toe walls are the same as required for precast box sections, except that*

*the granular material may be placed to the inside edge of the toe wall, unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.*

*All requirements of Section 400 and Section 415 apply to the fabrication of these elements. Backfill the locations behind the walls in accordance with the requirements of Section 125.*

#### **410-6 Fabrication.**

**410-6.1 Casting:** *Cast precast elements in unyielding beds and forms. Ensure bearing surfaces in casting forms are level and straight, and vertical surfaces are plumb prior to casting. Ensure surfaces within the forms against which concrete will be cast, are clean and free from rust and hardened residual concrete. Provide full concrete cover clearance to all form wires and other miscellaneous pieces of metal, except as permitted by Section 415. Bend all tie wires away from the form surface to provide maximum concrete cover. Embedded metal lifting devices may be positioned 1/2 inch [25 mm] below the concrete surface, provided blockouts are backfilled with an epoxy mortar within a 1 1/2 inch [38 mm] perimeter of the metal device located within the concrete cover.*

**410-6.2 Surface Finish:** *Finish the precast elements in accordance with 400-15.1.*

**410-6.3 Curing:** *Perform the curing by any method prescribed in Sections 400 and 450, or by any other Department approved alternate curing method included in the approved Quality Control Plan (QCP), or combinations thereof that have provided satisfactory results.*

#### **410-6.4 Fabrication Tolerances:**

**410-6.4.1 Internal Dimensions:** *Ensure the internal dimensions do not vary more than 1 percent from the design dimensions, with a maximum of 3/4 inch [19 mm]. Ensure the haunch dimensions do not vary more than 1/4 inch [6 mm] from the design dimensions.*

**410-6.4.2 Slab and Wall Thickness:** *Ensure the slab and wall thickness are not be less than that shown in the plans or approved shop drawings by more than 5 percent or 3/16 inch [5 mm], whichever is greater. A thickness more than that required in the design will not be a cause for rejection although payment will be for plan quantity only.*

**410-6.4.3 Length of Opposite Surfaces:** *Ensure the variations in laying lengths of two opposite surfaces of the box section are not be more than 1/8 inch/ft [1 mm/meter] of clear span, with a maximum of 5/8 inch [16 mm] for precast boxes with a clear span of up to 7 feet [2.134 m] and a maximum of 3/4 inch [19 mm] for boxes with a clear span greater than 7 feet [2.134 m]. The exception to this is when beveled ends, for the purpose of laying curves, or skewed ends are specified by the Engineer.*

**410-6.4.4 Length of Section:**— *Ensure the under run in length of sections is not more than 1/8 inch/ft [1 mm/meter] of length with a maximum of 1/2 inch [13 mm] in any box section.*

**410-6.4.5 Tongue and Groove Joints or Ends:** *Ensure the planes formed by the ends of box sections does not vary perpendicular from the joint axis by more than 1/4 inch [6 mm] for internal spans or heights less than 5 feet [1.524 m], or more than 3/8 inch [10 mm] for internal spans or heights of 5 feet [1.524 m] or greater.*

**410-6.4.6 Position of Reinforcement:** *Meet the requirements of 415-5.10.2 for the maximum variation in the position of slab steel. Meet the requirements of 415-5.8.2 for the maximum variation of wall steel, except that the concrete cover must not be less than 1/4 inch nor more than 1/2 inch from the design dimensions.*

**410-6.4.7 Area of Reinforcement:** *Provide the area of reinforcement as indicated in the plans or approved shop drawings as a minimum. If welded wire reinforcement is utilized in lieu of mild steel reinforcement, the provisions of 415-6 apply.*

**410-6.5 Removal of Forms:** *Remove forms after the concrete has attained the minimum compressive strength requirements included as part of the QCP, but not less than the following:*

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| <i>Vertically cast walls and slabs for four-sided sections.....</i>        | <i>1000 psi [10 MPa]</i> |
| <i>Three-sided box culvert bottom section .....</i>                        | <i>2500 psi [17 MPa]</i> |
| <i>Horizontally cast self-supporting slabs or walls .....</i>              | <i>2500 psi [17 MPa]</i> |
| <i>Products manufactured with dry-cast concrete, are exempt from these</i> |                          |

*requirements.*

**410-6.6 Lifting and Removal From Casting Area:** *Handle all products, including those manufactured with dry-cast concrete, after the concrete attains sufficient compressive strength as determined by the manufacturer but not less than the following, unless otherwise approved in the QCP:*

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| <i>Vertically cast and stored elements (walls and slabs).....</i>               | <i>1000 psi [7 MPa]</i>  |
| <i>Form/pallet supported elements (walls or slabs).....</i>                     | <i>1000 psi [7 MPa]</i>  |
| <i>Self-supporting four-sided sections.....</i>                                 | <i>1000 psi [7 MPa]</i>  |
| <i>Self-supporting horizontal slabs or three-sided sections.....</i>            | <i>2500 psi [17 MPa]</i> |
| <i>Limit the flexural tension stresses from handling to a maximum allowable</i> |                          |

*stress of three times the square root of the concrete compressive strength in psi, prior to the concrete attaining the required 28-day strength.*

#### **410-7 Handling, Storage, and Shipping.**

*Handle, store, and ship precast box culverts in a manner that prevents chipping, cracks, fractures, and excessive bending stress. Do not ship precast box culverts before the concrete attains the required 28-day strength.*

*The manufacturer is permitted to verify the shipping strength test, before 28 days, by testing compressive strength cylinders that are cured under the conditions similar to the product or by testing temperature match cured cylinders. The manufacturer may use the maturity method, ASTM C 1074, pulse velocity method in accordance with ASTM C 597, or any other approved nondestructive test method to estimate the strength of concrete for determining form removal and handling strengths or before verification of shipping strength by test cylinders.*

*Curing temperature and cycle must be monitored on a minimum of one box culvert curing cell from each day of production when nondestructive test methods or temperature match cured cylinders are used to determine concrete strengths.*

*The shipping strength test is the average compressive strength of two test cylinders. Do not ship any products until the Quality Control Manager's (QCM) stamp is affixed to the product. The QCM's stamp indicates certification that the product was fabricated in conformance with the manufacturer's QCP and Contract Documents.*

#### **410-8 Repairs and Rejection.**

Evaluate cracks, spalls and other deficiencies in accordance with 450-12, except that cracks will be classified in accordance with 400-21. Classify fractures and cracks passing through the wall or slab, except for a single end crack that does not exceed the depth of the joint, as structural cracks. Repair nonstructural cracks in accordance with 400-21 (substructure requirements), and all other deficiencies in accordance with 450-13 or the plant's approved repair methods that are included as part of the QCP. Ensure that the original performance and durability of the repaired box culverts are maintained.

Use materials for concrete repair that will meet or exceed the strength requirement of the class of concrete used. Materials meeting the requirements of Section 930 may be substituted for non-shrink grout when required by 450-13. Precast box culvert elements **are** subject to rejection if they fail to conform to any of the Specification requirements after repair or when damaged ends would prevent making a satisfactory joint.

#### **410-9 Marking.**

Ensure each section of Precast Box Culvert has permanently **and** clear marking on an inside face by indentation, waterproof paint, or **as specified in the QCP**, showing the manufacture date, serial number, project number, and manufacturer's name or symbol. The top of the box culvert must also be clearly indicated with waterproof paint or **as specified in the QCP**.

#### **410-10 Trench, Foundation, Laying, and Backfill.**

**410-10.1 General:** Meet the requirements of Section 125 and/or Section 121, for trench excavation, foundation construction, laying and backfilling and the following:

Lay all precast box culvert sections on a dry, unyielding foundation.

Provide dewatering devices, if applicable, in accordance with 455-29, capable of maintaining a stable and surface-dry trench bottom. Construct any temporary sheet piling used in cofferdams, retaining walls and to incorporate the Contractor's specific means and methods, in accordance with 125-3.

**410-10.2 Bedding:** Provide bedding that consists of a minimum 12 inch [300 mm] depth of No. 57, 67 or 68 stone coarse aggregate or other granular material approved by the Engineer, placed below the culvert to a minimum width of 12 inches [300 mm] outside the exterior walls of the culvert. Obtain the Engineers approval before using flowable fill for bedding material.

Provide other special bedding material, when required by the Contract Documents.

Set grade forms 12 inches [300 mm] outside each exterior wall of the box culvert. Uniformly compact this material as required in 120-9.3, and then grade off using the forms. Set the grade forms approximately 1/8 to 1/4 inch [3 to 6 mm] above the theoretical grade line to allow for soil compression. Adjust this distance to yield the proper grade, but do not use in lieu of the proper compaction of the granular bedding material. Remove the forms after placing the precast box culvert section.

**410-10.3 Placement of Precast Box Culvert Sections:** Obtain the Engineer's approval of the method of controlling line and grade during culvert installation. Use a method that allows rapid checking of the previously laid sections. Maintain line and grade on sections previously set. The Engineer will consider sections which do not retain

*the plan line within 0.10 foot [30 mm] or grade within 0.10 foot [30 mm] during laying of subsequent sections, as not having been laid to line and grade. Take up and relay sections not to line and grade without additional compensation.*

**410-10.4 Placement of Multiple Barrel Culverts:** *For multiple barrel installations using single-cell precast box sections, provide positive lateral support between the precast box culverts consisting of non-shrink grout, Class I (Nonstructural) concrete or non-excavatable flowable fill prior to backfilling. Provide partial height backfill or bracing to maintain alignment, when approved by the Engineer.*

**410-10.5 Backfilling:** *Begin backfilling only after the Engineers approval. Seal blockouts and holes provided for lifting or joint restraint by plugging using an epoxy mortar or non-shrink grout in accordance with Sections 926 or 934 and properly cure to ensure a sound and watertight plug, prior to backfilling.*

#### **410-11 Joints.**

**410-11.1 General:** *Make field joints for precast concrete box culvert sections with either profile rubber gaskets or preformed joint sealants, unless otherwise detailed in the plans or approved shop drawings. Joint performance must meet the requirements of ASTM C 990, and joint openings must not exceed 1 inch [25 mm] in the assembled position at any location along the joint perimeter inclusive of all tolerances in 410-6.*

*Completely wrap the outside of each joint with geotextile filter fabric. Use fabric meeting the physical requirements of Class D, Type 3 specified on Design Standards, Index No. 199. Provide fabric with a minimum width of 2 feet [0.6 m] and a length sufficient to ensure a minimum overlap of 24 inches [600 mm]. The filter fabric must extend a minimum of 12 inches [300 mm] beyond each side of the joint. Secure the fabric tightly against the box culvert sections with metal or plastic strapping. Other methods which will hold the fabric securely against the wall of the culvert until the backfill is placed and compacted, may be used when approved by the Engineer. When specified in the plans, secure the joint by a suitable device capable of holding the sections to line and grade as well as fully home. Remove these devices and repair locations as necessary if intrusive into the concrete after placing and compacting sufficient backfill to secure the sections.*

**410-11.2 Profile Rubber Gaskets:** *Install field joints in accordance with the joint manufacturer's instructions and meet the following:*

- 1. Meet the requirements of Article 6.1.1 of ASTM C 443,*
- 2. Store all gaskets in a cool place prior to use,*
- 3. Furnish to the Engineer written details regarding configuration of the joint and gasket required to create a soil-tight seal. Do not apply mortar, joint compound or other filler which would restrict the flexibility of the joint.*

**410-11.3 Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants:** *Install field joints in accordance with the joint manufacturer's instructions and meet the following:*

- 1. Meet the requirements of ASTM C 990,*
- 2. Furnish to the Engineer a written recommendation of the size (cross-sectional area) of joint sealant which will create a soil-tight seal. Ensure that this amount is the minimum quantity of bitumen sealant used. Do not brush or wipe joint surfaces which are to be in contact with the joint sealant with cement slurry. Fill minor voids with non-shrink grout,*

*3. Thoroughly clean and dry all joint surfaces which are to be in contact with the sealant material. When recommended by the sealant manufacturer, apply a primer of the type recommended to all joint surfaces which are to be in contact with the sealant material.*

*4. Apply sealant to form a continuous seal around each joint. The sealant must be protected by a removable wrapper. Do not remove the paper wrapper on the exterior surface of the preformed flexible joint sealant until immediately prior to joining the precast sections. Apply the joint sealant only to dry surfaces. When the atmospheric temperature is below 60°F [15°C], either store the joint sealant in an area above 70°F [20°C], or artificially warm the joint sealant to 70°F [20°C] in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer. After assembly ensure that there is full contact and compression of the sealant for the entire perimeter of the joint, as evidenced by the presence of minor bulging along any visible edges of the sealant. Neatly trim any extruded sealant flush with the concrete surface.*

**410-11.4 Water-tight Joint Treatment:** *Provide water-tight joints when shown in the Contract Documents. Utilize an external sealing band in accordance with ASTM C 877 in addition to the requirements of 410-11.2 or 410-11.3. Determine the minimum width of sealing bands by substituting the larger of the clear rise or span of the precast concrete box section, for the equivalent pipe diameter in ASTM C 877 Tables 1 and 2. Install external sealing band wrap in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions prior to wrapping the joint with geotextile filter fabric.*

#### **410-12 Shop Drawings.**

*Submit details of all precast box culvert elements for approval to the Engineer prior to manufacturing in accordance with 5-1.4. These shop drawings must include the proposed layout, lifting devices, and a note describing the casting method for the precast box culverts and any modifications to cast-in-place sections or connections thereto.*

#### **410-513 Method of Measurement.**

~~The quantity to be paid for will be the length, in feet [meters], installed in place, completed and accepted, measured along the centerline of the structure, from end to end with proper deduction in length for cast-in-place headwalls, wingwalls and cut-off walls or other cast-in-place sections. As an exception to the deduction in length requirement, short cast-in-place sections which are used in lieu of standard field joints as specified in 410-4 will not be deducted. Measurement for multiple barrel precast box culvert installations will be the total of measurements along each barrel.~~ *The quantity to be paid for will be plan quantity for the structure shown in the Contract Documents in accordance with 400-22 and 415-7.*

#### **410-614 Basis of Payment.**

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including the cost of ~~the~~ special bedding material and its placement, ~~temporary sheet piling~~, graded forms, ~~sealing hoses, preformed plastic gasket~~ joint materials, filter fabric material, attachment of the filter fabric, ~~dewatering, excavation, channel excavation and lining, backfilling, and~~ restraining devices ~~when required~~ and any other materials or equipment necessary to make a complete and accepted installation. ~~The price will also~~

~~include all excavation except the volume included in the items for the grading work specified for separate payment in Section 125.~~

~~Cast in place transitions, wingwalls, cut-off walls and headwalls will be paid for under the~~ *Payment will be made under* pay items for concrete (culverts) and reinforcing steel (roadway).

~~As an exception to the above, when precast construction of a concrete box culvert is substituted for cast in place construction, payment will be made for concrete and steel at the Contract unit prices. Prices and payments will be full compensation for all work specified herein. The quantities to be paid for will be those quantities which would be paid for if cast in place construction was utilized.~~

~~Payment will be made under:~~

~~Item No. 410 70 Precast Concrete Box Culvert per foot.~~

~~Item No. 2410 70 Precast Concrete Box Culvert per meter.~~

ASTM C 1577 (LRFD) specification with modifications for the concrete requirements to conform to Section 346 and other FDOT specific criteria.

Design Standards Index No. 291 will supplement this specification for supplemental details and connection details to cast-in-place headwalls, wingwalls etc. (Interim release in January 2006).

Design Standards Index No. 292 will provide standard design tables similar to those in ASTM C 1577 for the FDOT concrete cover requirements (Interim release in July 2006). This design standard is not necessary for implementation of the revised Section 410.

**Recommended**

**Usage Note:**

All projects with concrete box culverts:

Pay Item Nos. 0400-X-1 Concrete Class X (Culverts), [X = 1,2,3,4]

Pay Item Nos. 2400-X-1 Concrete Class X (Culverts), [X = 1,2,3,4]

Pay Item Nos. 410-70-AAB & 2410-70-AAB Precast Concrete Box Culvert, should be blocked by 7/1/06.

**Desired  
implementation  
date:**

Beginning with the July 2006 letting.