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Dr. Leslie McCarthy, PhD, P.E. Program Operations Engineer Federal Highway Administration 545 John Knox Road, Suite 200 Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications Section 346 Proposed Specification: 3460024-Portland Cement Concrete-Coarse Aggregate Gradation

Dear Dr. McCarthy:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of a proposed Supplemental Specification for Portland Cement Concrete-Coarse Aggregate Gradation.

This change was proposed by Andre Pavlov of the State Structures Office to correct references to the old AASHTO Bridge Specifications.

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,

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

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Attachment cc: General Counsel

Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc. State Construction Engineer

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE-COARSE AGGREGATE GRADATION. (REV 6-25-07)

SUBARTICLE 346-2.4 (of the Supplemental Specifications) is deleted and the following substituted:

346-2.4 Coarse Aggregate Gradation: Produce all concrete using Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. With the Engineer's approval, Size No. 8 or Size No. 89 may be used either alone or blended with Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. The Engineer will consider requests for approval of other gradations individually. Submit sufficient statistical data to establish production quality and uniformity of the subject aggregate gradations sized larger than nominal maximum size of 1.5 inch as two components. Ensure the maximum coarse aggregate size does not violate the reinforcement spacing provisions given for reinforced concrete in the AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway BridgesLRFD Bridge Design Specifications.

For Class I (Special) and Class II, excluding Class II (Bridge Deck), the coarse and fine aggregate gradation requirements set forth in Sections 901 and 902 are not applicable and the aggregates may be blended; however, the aggregate sources must be approved by the Department. Do not blend the aggregate if the size is smaller than Size No. 78.

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