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July 17, 2012

Monica Gourdine  
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section **400**  
Proposed Specification: **4000300 Concrete Structures.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Steve Plotkin of the State Construction Office to remove unused language and include references for finishing of bridge and sidewalks, curing and cleaning of bridges and repair of deck cracks after grinding and grooving.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965TT or [trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4140.

Sincerely,

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State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**CONCRETE STRUCTURES.****(REV 74-1162-12)**

Article 400-3 (Page 373 - 374) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-3 Depth of Footing.**

*Refer to Section 455, "D. SPREAD FOOTINGS".* ~~Consider the elevations of the bottoms of footings, as shown in the plans, as approximate only. The Engineer may change dimensions or elevations of footings as necessary to secure a satisfactory foundation. If the elevation of a footing as shown in the plans is changed to a higher or lower elevation, the Engineer will not consider such change as a material change to the original Contract Documents, a waiver of any condition of the Contract, or an invalidation of any of the provisions of the Contract. If the excavation must be carried deeper than shown in the plans to obtain a satisfactory foundation, the Engineer will revise the plans in accordance with one of the following methods:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) The Engineer will keep the top of the footing at the elevation shown in the original plans and will increase the thickness to obtain a satisfactory foundation. The Engineer will follow this method when the change in bottom elevation of the footing is 12 inches or less. When this method is followed, place the reinforcing steel the same as if the footings, as shown in the original plans, were placed on a subfooting of plain concrete; make no alteration in the position of the reinforcing bars relative to the top of the footing.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) The Engineer will revise the plans and lower the footing, thereby increasing the height of stem, to obtain a satisfactory foundation. Generally, the Engineer will increase the thickness and width of footing over that shown in the original plans. If this method is followed, use the dimensions, sizes, and location of reinforcing steel shown in the revised plans. The Engineer will follow this method when the change in elevation of the bottom of footing exceeds 12 inches.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ The Engineer will determine which of the above methods to use.~~

SUBARTICLE 400-10.3 (Page 393) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-10.3 Joint System Installation:** Install expansion joints before or after the deck planing required by 400-15.2.5.5 following the manufacturer's instructions. When installed after deck planing, install the edge rail assemblies in the blockouts on a profile tangent between the ends of the deck and/or approach slab to within a *+plus* 0 and *-minus* 1/4 inch variation.

When installed before deck planing, install the edge rail assemblies 3/8 inch, *+plus or minus* 1/16 inch, below the top surface of the deck or approach slab to compensate for concrete removal during planing.

SUBARTICLE 400-11.3 (of the Supplemental specification) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-11.3 Bearing Pads:** Use bearing pads for seating bridge shoes, ends of beams, and slabs of the types specified or required in the ~~p~~**P**Plans.

Furnish and install Composite Neoprene Pads as detailed in the plans. Place neoprene pads, where specified or required, directly on masonry surfaces finished in accordance with the requirements of this Article. Ensure that pads, bearing areas of bridge seats, and metal bearing plates are thoroughly cleaned and free from oil, grease, and other foreign materials.

Exercise care in fabrication of related metal parts to avoid producing conditions detrimental to the performance of the pads, such as uneven bearing, excessive bulging, etc.

*The Engineer will evaluate the degree of deformation and condition of bearing pads in the completed bridge on or before the final inspection required by ~~Specification~~ 5-10 or when requested by the Contractor. As directed by the Engineer, correct horizontal bearing pad deformations that at the time of inspection exceed 50% of the bearing pad thickness or that the Engineer predicts will exceed 50% of the bearing pad thickness during future high or low temperature periods. Payment for this correction effort will be considered extra work in accordance with 4-3.*

SUBARTICLE 400-15.2.5.6 (Page 399) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-15.2.5.6 Grooving:** After the concrete surface profile, as required by 400-15.2.5, has been accepted by the Engineer, and prior to opening the bridge to traffic, groove the bridge deck and approach slabs perpendicular to the centerline of the structure. Do not groove the deck surface of pedestrian or trail bridges unless otherwise shown in the Contract Documents. Cut grooves into the hardened concrete using a mechanical saw device which will leave grooves nominally 1/8 inch wide and 3/16 inch deep. Space the grooves apart in random spacing center of grooves in the following sequence: 3/4 inch, 1 1/8 inch, 5/8 inch, 1 inch, 5/8 inch, 1 1/8 inch, 3/4 inch in 6 inch repetitions across the width to be grooved in one pass of the mechanical saw device. One 6 inch sequence may be adjusted by 1/4 sequence increments to accommodate various cutting head widths provided the general pattern is carried out. The tolerance for the width of the grooves is ~~±~~**plus** 1/16 to ~~±~~**minus** 0 inch and the tolerance for the depth of grooves is ~~±~~**plus or minus** 1/16 inch. The tolerance for the spacing of the grooves is ~~±~~**plus or minus** 1/16 inch.

Cut grooves continuously across the deck or approach slab to within 18 inches of gutter lines at barrier rail, curb line and median divider. At skewed metal expansion joints in bridge deck surfaces, adjust groove cutting by using narrow width cutting heads so that all grooves of the bridge deck surface or approach slab surface end within 6 inches, measured normal to centerline of the joint, leaving no ungrooved surface adjacent to each side of the joint greater than 6 inches in width. Ensure that the minimum distance to the first groove, measured normal from the edge of the concrete joint or from the junction between the concrete and the metal leg of the armored joint angle, is 1 inch. Produce grooves that are continuous across construction joints or

other joints in the concrete surface less than 1/2 inch wide. Apply the same procedure described above where the gutter lines at barrier rails, curb lines and median dividers are not parallel to the centerline of the bridge to maintain the 18 inches maximum dimension from the grooves to the gutter line. Cut grooves continuously across formed concrete joints.

SUBARTICLE 400-15.2.6.3 & 400-15.2.6.4 (Page 400) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-15.2.6.3 Surface Preparation:** Prepare the surface prior to the application of an applied finish coating by providing a surface finish in accordance with the requirements of 400-15.1. The Engineer will not require surface voids that are 1/4 inch or less in width and depth to be grouted prior to application of the finish coating. Fill surface void larger than 1/4 inch in width and depth an approved high strength, non metallic, non shrink grout meeting the requirements of Section 934, mixed and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Apply the grout by filling the surface voids using burlap pads, float sponges, or other acceptable methods. As soon as the grout has taken its initial set, brush the surface to remove all loose grout, leaving the surface smooth and free of any voids. Ensure that the surface to be coated is free from efflorescence, flaking coatings, curing compound, dirt, oil, and other substances deleterious to the applied finish coating. Prior to application of the finish coating onto precast or cast-in-place concrete surfaces, test the concrete surface at 30 foot intervals for the presence of curing compound using one or two drops of muriatic acid placed on the concrete surface. If curing compound is present, there will be no reaction between the acid and the concrete. If there is no reaction, remove the compound by pressure washing the concrete surfaces. Prepare the surfaces in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and ensure that they are in a condition consistent with the manufacturer's requirements. *Clean surfaces of existing structures in accordance with 400-19.*

**400-15.2.6.4 Application:** Apply the finish coating utilizing a method recommended by the manufacturer. When applying the finish coating by spraying, supply heavy duty spray equipment capable of maintaining a constant pressure necessary for proper application. Mix and cure all coating materials in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions. Apply the finished coating at a rate of 50 ~~±~~*plus or minus* 10 ft<sup>2</sup>/gal.

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**400-15.2.8 Finishing Bridge Sidewalks:** *Finish* ~~Provide~~ bridge sidewalks ~~, that are not finished~~ in accordance with the *applicable* requirements of Section 522, ~~a Class 4 finish.~~

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SUBARTICLE 400-21.5.2 (Pages 408 – 412) is deleted and the following substituted:

**400-21.5.2 Structural Cracks:** Provide a structural evaluation signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record that includes recommended repair methods and a determination of structural capacity and durability to the Engineer. Upon approval by the Engineer, repair the cracked concrete. Complete all repairs to cracks in a member inside a cofferdam prior to flooding the cofferdam.

[see separate Key of Abbreviations and Footnotes for Tables 1 and 2]

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	M	Methacrylate
	NT	No Treatment Required
	PS	Penetrant Sealer
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	SA	Slightly Aggressive
Reference Elevation	AMHW	Above Mean High Water
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Footnotes</u></p> <p>(1) Cracking Significance Range is determined by computing the ratio of Total Cracked Surface Area (TCSA) to Total Surface Area (TSA) per LOT in percent <math>[(TCSA/TSA) \times 100]</math> then by identifying the Cracking Significance Range in which that value falls. TCSA is the sum of the surface areas of the individual cracks in the LOT. The surface area of an individual crack is determined by taking width measurements of the crack at 3 representative locations and then computing their average which is then multiplied by the crack length.</p> <p>(2) Crack Width Range is determined by computing the width of an individual crack as computed in (1) above and then identifying the range in which that individual crack width falls.</p> <p>(3) When the Engineer determines that a crack in the 0.004 inch to 0.008 inch width range cannot be injected then for Table 1 use penetrant sealer unless the surface is horizontal, in which case, use methacrylate if the manufacturer's recommendations allow it to be used and if it can be applied effectively as determined by the Engineer.</p> <p>(4) (a) Perform epoxy injection of cracks in accordance with Section 411. Seal cracks with penetrant sealer or methacrylate as per Section 413. (b) Use only methacrylate or penetrant sealer that is compatible, according to manufacturer's recommendations, with previously applied materials such as curing compound or paint or remove such materials prior to application.</p> <p>(5) When possible, prior to final acceptance of the project, seal cracks only after it has been determined that no additional growth will occur.</p> <p>(6) Methacrylate shall be used on horizontal surfaces in lieu of penetrant sealer if the manufacturer's recommendations allow it to be used and if it can be applied effectively as determined by the Engineer.</p> <p><i>(7) Unless directed otherwise by the Engineer, repair cracks in bridge decks only after the grinding and grooving required by 400-15.2.5 is fully complete.</i></p>		

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