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Monica Gourdine
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Re: Office of Design, Specifications
Section **536**
Proposed Specification: **5360201 Guardrail.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

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

These changes were proposed by Tim Ruelke to clarify the certification requirements for all steel components.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via Email to RD967DB or duane.brautigam@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call Duane Brautigam, Director, Office of Design at 414-4175.

Sincerely,

Duane Brautigam, P.E.
Director, Office of Design

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

GUARDRAIL.**(REV 042-098-12)**

SUBARTICLE 536-2.1 (Page 673) is deleted and the following substituted:

536-2.1 Guardrail: Construct guardrail of the standard W-beam or thrie beam type. Use *steel* materials for the rail and rail elements meeting the steel requirements of 967-1.

SUBARTICLE 536-2.2.3 (Page 673) is deleted and the following substituted:

536-2.2.3 Steel Posts ~~and Offset Blocks:~~ Use steel posts ~~and offset blocks~~ meeting the requirements of ASTM A36 steel. Galvanize the *steel* posts in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A 123, with 2 oz/ft² of zinc coating. Drill the *steel* posts prior to galvanizing. ~~Ensure that the manufacturer furnishes certification showing physical and chemical properties of each heat, the amount of spelter coating, and conformance to ASTM A 123.~~

The Contractor may use steel guardrail posts of either a rolled section or a welded structural shape with nominal dimensions as shown in the Design Standards.

For welded structural shapes, meet the following requirements:

(1) Ensure that the design properties of the shape meet or exceed the design properties for a W 6 x 9 shape as contained in the AISC Manual of Steel Construction.

(2) Weld in accordance with the requirements of ASTM A 769.

(3) After cutting *steel* posts to length, place a weld to seal the spaces between the web plate and flange plates.

(4) Galvanize as specified above after completing all drilling and welding.

SUBARTICLE 536-2.4 (of the Supplemental Specification) is deleted and the following substituted:

536-2.4 Offset Blocks: Use guardrail offset blocks of either timber, steel, recycled plastic, or rubber, and of the sizes specified in the Design Standards.

Treat timber blocks in accordance with the requirements for posts in 955-5.3. Ensure that penetration of preservative is in accordance with requirements for round piles and fence posts in 955-6.2. For timber offset blocks, meet the requirements of the latest edition of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, for No.1 grade timber. Dress all timber offset blocks on all four sides (S4S). Ensure that timber offset blocks do not vary more than 0.25 inch from the specified length.

Use rubber or recycled plastic blocks that have a minimum Durometer hardness of 50 (ASTM D 2240), show no cracking at the end of an ozone exposure of 100 plus or minus 10 pphm for 15 hours at 100°F (ASTM D 1149 mounting type A), do not exceed 15 points change in Durometer hardness in oven ageing for 70 hours at 158°F (ASTM D 573), and show no cutting or tearing under a 6,500 lb load applied through a guardrail section. Ensure that the blocks present a neat appearance and have plane surfaces. Provide rubber or recycled plastic blocks that are 6 inches wide, 8 inches deep and 14 inches high. Allow dimensional tolerances of plus or minus 5/8 inch in height, plus or minus 3/8 inch in width, and plus or minus 3/8 inch in depth.

Use recycled plastic offset blocks that meet the requirements of Section 972 and are listed on the Qualified Products List (QPL). Manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include certified test reports from an approved independent test laboratory that shows the material meets all the requirements of this Section and Section 972.

Use steel offset blocks that meet the requirements of 536-2.2.3.

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For steel rail and rail elements, provide the Engineer with a certified mill analysis from the manufacturer meeting the requirements of Section 967.

For steel posts and steel offset blocks furnish the Engineer a certified mill analysis from the manufacturer showing the physical and chemical properties of each heat meeting the requirements of ASTM A-36, the amount of spelter coating, and galvanization meeting the requirements of ASTM A-123.

Also furnish the Engineer a Certificate of Compliance certifying that the guardrail system, materials and construction practices comply with applicable Design Standards and Specifications.

Acceptance of furnished material will be based on the Certificate of Compliance, material certification and visual inspection by the Engineer.

ARTICLE 536-7 (of the Supplemental Specification) is deleted and the following substituted:

536-7 Basis of Payment.

536-7.1 Guardrail: Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified under this Section, including furnishing and installing acrylic plastic reflectors, posts, all panels, and all other materials as specified. Payment will be made under the items as follows:

a. Where the Contractor furnishes all materials for the guardrail, and the Engineer does not require shop-bent rails, payment will be made under the basic item of Guardrail.

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