

## **ORIGINATION FORM**

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Specification Title: **PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POLES**

Specification Section, Article, or Subarticle Number: 641

Why does the existing language need to be changed? This is an update of Section 641 to include content for concrete CCTV poles and camera lowering devices previously contained in Section 785 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (SSRBC). The move of these requirements is part of the Consolidation of Products and Specifications (COPS) effort being undertaken within FDOT central office.

Summary of the changes: Moved existing content for concrete CCTV poles and camera lowering devices from Section 785 to Section 641.

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs? If not, what are the restrictions? This requirement is typically applicable to all projects.

Will these changes result in an increase or decrease in project costs? If yes, what is the estimated change in costs? No increase or decrease in project costs is expected.

With who have you discussed these changes? In-house stakeholders (Traffic Engineering and Operations Office staff, Specifications Office staff).

What other offices will be impacted by these changes? Specifications and Estimates, Construction, Maintenance, and Roadway Design.

Are changes needed to the PPM, Design Standards, SDG, CPAM or other manual? No.  
Is a Design Bulletin, Construction Memo, or Estimates Bulletin needed? Estimates bulletin may be necessary since 785- items previously used for concrete cctv poles will be replaced with new 641- pay item to correspond with specification content move.

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

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 25, 2014  
**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List  
**FROM:** Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: **6410000 Prestressed Concrete Poles.**

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

This change was proposed by Allen El-Urfali of the State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office to consolidate material requirements from the Minimum Specifications for Traffic Control Signals and Devices (MSTCSD) and the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (SSRBC). This activity is a planned part of an ongoing specification consolidation effort.

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/SpecificationsEstimates/Development/IndustryReview.aspx> . Comments received after **July 23, 2014**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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**PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POLES.**

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SECTION 641 is deleted and the following substituted:

**SECTION 641  
PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POLES**

**641-1 Description.**

Furnish and install prestressed concrete poles ~~for service pole applications, luminaire support, and strain poles for span wire support of traffic signals, signs, and other devices (multiple types)~~ *as shown in the Plans and Design Standards, Index No. 18113.*

-Obtain precast, prestressed concrete poles from a manufacturing plant that is currently on the Department's list of Producers with Accepted Quality Control Programs. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of 105-3.

Ensure that each pole is constructed and permanently and legibly marked in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 17725, including the date cast. *Concrete CCTV poles must be constructed and permanently and legibly marked in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 18113.* The marking shall be visible after installation. ~~Ensure each Concrete CCTV poles is constructed and permanently and legibly marked in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 18113.~~

Ensure that the shipment of the products to the job site meets the requirements of 450-16.3 and 105-3.2.

**641-2 Materials.**

**641-2.1 Poles:** Meet the following requirements:

Portland Cement Concrete .....	Section 346 Class V Special
.....	or Class VI
Reinforcing Steel .....	931-1
Prestressed Strands.....	933-1
Spiral Reinforcing.....	ASTM A 82

**641-2.2 Camera Lowering Device:** ~~Use lowering devices is that are listed on the Department's APL. Ensure camera lowering device is and in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 18110. The lowering device must be p~~ *Permanently marked the lowering device with manufacturer name or trademark, model/ or part number, and date of manufacture, and serial number.*

~~Ensure that t~~ *The lowering device must provides the electrical connections between the control cabinet and the equipment installed on the lowering device without reducing the function or effectiveness of the equipment installed on the lowering device or degrading the overall system in any way. The lowering device system support arm must be capable of withstanding service tension and shear up to 1 kip (kilopound) minimum.*

~~Ensure that t~~ *The lowering device must includes a disconnect unit and power, data, and video cables (as applicable) for connecting equipment, a divided support arm, pole attachment provisions, a rotatable pole-top tenon, and a pole-top junction box, unless otherwise shown in the Plans.*

~~Ensure that all of the lowering device's~~All external components are to be made of corrosion resistant materials that are powder-coated, galvanized, or otherwise protected from the environment ~~by industry accepted coatings that withstand exposure to a corrosive environment.~~ All finished castings must have a smooth finish free from cracks, blow-holes, shrinks, and other flaws. All roller fairlead frames ~~shall~~must be corrosion resistant stainless steel or aluminum. ~~Ensure a~~All pulleys used in the lowering device and portable lowering tool must have sealed, self-lubricated or oil-tight bearings, ~~oil-tight bronze bearings,~~ or sintered bronze bushings.

~~The lowering device must be p~~Provided with a minimum of 100 feet of composite power and signal cable prewired to the lowering device at the factory unless otherwise shown in the Plans. ~~Ensure there are no s~~Splices in prewired cable will not be allowed.

~~Ensure the~~Use only lowering devices ~~is~~ designed to withstand the design wind speeds defined in the ~~FDOT~~Department's Structures Manual, Volume 9.

**641-2.2.1 Equipment Connection Box:** ~~The equipment connection box must~~  
~~i~~Include a 1 1/2 inch National Pipe Thread (NPT) pipe connection point for attaching a camera. Ensure that the equipment connection box has an ingress protection rating of no less than IP55.

**641-2.2.2 Disconnect Unit:** ~~Ensure that the~~Use only disconnect units ~~thats~~ have a minimum load capacity of 600 pounds with a 4:1 safety factor and is capable of securely holding the lowering device and any installed equipment. ~~Ensure that t~~Install a stainless steel or aluminum locking mechanism between ~~T~~the fixed and movable components ~~of the disconnect unit must have a locking mechanism between them,~~ with at least ~~Provide a minimum of two~~ mechanical latches for the movable assembly, and the fixed unit has a heavy-duty cast tracking guide that allows latching in the same position each time. ~~Ensure that a~~All load ~~is~~must be transferred from the lowering cable to the mechanical latches when the system is in the latched position. ~~and~~Ensure that the fixed unit has a heavy-duty cast tracking guide and a means to allow latching in the same position each time.

~~Ensure that~~The disconnect unit must ~~be~~is capable of securely holding the lowering device and the equipment installed on the lowering device. Use interface and locking components that are stainless steel or aluminum.

**641-2.2.2.1 Disconnect Unit Housing:** ~~Ensure that the~~Provide ~~a~~The disconnect unit housing ~~is provided with a gasket to seal the interior from dust and moisture~~must be weather-proof with. ~~Ensure that the disconnect unit housing has an ingress protection rating of no less than IP55.~~

**641-2.2.2.2 Connector Block:** Provide modular, self-aligning and self-adjusting female and male socket contact halves in the connector block. Equip the lowering device with enough contacts to permit operation of all required functions of the camera, up to a maximum of 20 contacts. ~~Provide~~ and include at least two spare contacts. Provide contact connections between the fixed and movable lowering device components that are capable of passing EIA-232, EIA-422, EIA-485, and Ethernet data signals and 1 volt peak to peak (Vp-p) video signals, as well as 120 V<sub>AC</sub>, 9-24 V<sub>AC</sub>, and 9-48 V<sub>DC</sub> power. ~~Ensure that~~The lowering device connections ~~are~~must be capable of carrying the signals, voltages, and current required by the device(s) connected to them under full load conditions. Submit documentation showing pin assignment for approval.

~~Provide~~Use only corrosion-resistant stainless steel hardware. ~~Ensure~~Lubricate all components, including the connector block and contacts, ~~are lubricated~~ in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Ensure that male contacts used for grounding

mate first and break last. ~~Ensure that a~~All contacts and connectors ~~are~~ must be self-aligning and self-adjusting mechanical systems. Provide a spring-assisted contact assembly to maintain constant pressure on the contacts when the device is in the latched position.

Provide connector pins made of brass- or gold-plated nickel, or gold-plated copper.

Ensure that the current-carrying male and female contacts are a minimum of 0.09 inch in diameter and firmly affixed to the connector block. Ensure mated connectors do not allow water penetration.

**641-2.2.3 Lowering Tool:** Provide a portable metal-frame lowering tool manufactured of corrosion resistant materials with winch assembly and a cable with a combined weight less than 35 lbs; that is capable of securely supporting itself and the load. The lowering tool must include a quick release cable connector, and a torque limiter that will prevent over-tensioning of the lowering cable and be equipped with gearing that reduces the manual effort required to operate the lifting handle to raise and lower a capacity load. Ensure that the lowering tool can be powered using a 1/2 inch chuck, variable-speed reversible industrial-duty electric drill ~~to~~ capable of matching the manufacturer-recommended revolutions per minute; Provide an adapter with a clutch mechanism and torque limiter for use with the drill. ~~or~~ As an alternative, ~~supply~~ provide a drill motor for the lowering tool as shown in the Plans.

~~Ensure~~Make sure that the lowering tool securely supports itself and the load. ~~Ensure that the lowering tool is equipped with a~~The winch assembly must have ~~with a~~ minimum drum size width of 3.75 inch and a positive braking mechanism to secure the cable reel during raising and lowering operations, and to prevent freewheeling. ~~Ensure t~~The lowering cable must winds evenly ~~and does not bind on the lowering tool~~ winch drum during operation. ~~Ensure t~~The winch must includes Provide a manual winch handle that incorporates a non-shear pin type torque limiter that can be used repeatedly and will ~~prevent~~not damage ~~to~~ the lowering system.

~~Use a lowering tool equipped with gearing that reduces the manual effort required to operate the lifting handle to raise and lower a capacity load. Provide the lowering tool with an adapter for operating the lowering device with the portable 1/2 inch chuck drill using a clutch mechanism and torque limiter.~~

~~Ensure that t~~The lowering tool must beis manufactured of durable, corrosion resistant materials that are powder coated, galvanized, or otherwise protected from the environment by industry accepted coatings that withstand exposure to a corrosive environment.

Provide a minimum of one lowering tool ~~plus~~and any additional tools as required in the Plans. ~~Upon a project's final acceptance, d~~Deliver the lowering tool to the Department after final acceptance.

**641-2.2.4 Lowering Cable:** ~~Provide a~~The lowering cable must be 0.125 inch minimum diameter stainless steel Type 316 aircraft type (7 strands x 19 gauge) with a minimum breaking strength of 1,760 pounds~~with a minimum diameter of 0.125 inch. The cable must be stainless steel Type 316 aircraft type (7 strands x 19 gauge) with a minimum breaking strength of 1,760 lbs. Ensure~~Additionally, the lowering cable assembly (as installed with thimble and crimps on one end and a cable clamp inside the latch on the lowering device end), ~~has~~ must have a minimum breaking strength of 1,760 lbs.

~~Ensure a~~All lowering cable accessories, such as connecting links, must have a minimum workload rating that meets or exceeds that of the lowering cable.

~~Ensure that the~~ ~~All p~~ Prefabricated components for the lift unit support system must preclude the lifting cable from contacting the power or video cables.

~~641-2.2.5 Wiring: Ensure that a~~ All wiring must meet NEC requirements and follows is installed in accordance with the equipment manufacturers' recommendations for each device connected on the pole, at the lowering device, and in the field cabinet.

~~641-2.2.6 External-Mount Lowering System Enclosure for Mounting to Existing Structures: Furnish and install an external mount lowering system enclosure for mounting to existing structures, as shown in the Plans. Ensure that t~~ The system must include external conduit, cabling, and upper mounting/junction box, winch assembly and all external conduit and cabling that is able to accept the lowering device necessary for mounting to existing structures.

~~Ensure that t~~ This system must include a Provide a NEMA 4 rated lower lockable pole-mounted cabinet, constructed of corrosion resistant 5052 sheet aluminum with a minimum thickness of 1/8 inch, to house the winch assembly permanently housed in a corrosion-resistant lower lockable pole-mounted winch cabinet. ~~Ensure Also t~~ The winch cabinet must allow for unobstructed operation of the winch, and access for servicing and. The winch cabinet must provide sufficient clear area for operation of the winch manually and with an electric drill. The winch cabinet must be NEMA 4 rated. The outside surface of the cabinet must have a smooth, uniform natural aluminum finish. All inside and outside edges of the winch cabinet must be free of burrs, and all welds must be neatly formed, free of cracks, blow holes, and other irregularities. Cabinet hinges must be vandal resistant and constructed of 14 gauge diameter stainless steel or 1/8 inch diameter aluminum with stainless steel hinge pins.

~~The winch cabinet must be constructed of 5052 sheet aluminum with a minimum thickness of 1/8 inch. All inside and outside edges of the winch cabinet must be free of burrs. The outside surface of the winch cabinet must have a smooth, uniform natural aluminum finish. All welds must be neatly formed, free of cracks, blow holes, and other irregularities. Winch cabinet hinges must be vandal resistant and made of 14 gauge diameter stainless steel or 1/8 inch diameter aluminum and include stainless steel hinge pins.~~

~~The winch cabinet door must not sag. The winch cabinet door must be double flanged and include neoprene closed-cell gaskets permanently secured on the interior door surfaces that contact the door opening. The cabinet door must not sag. The winch cabinet door opening must be double flanged. The winch cabinet door must i~~ Include a pin tumbler lock keyed for use with a #No. 2 key and two keys, unless otherwise directed by the Plans. Provide two keys with each winch cabinet. The winch cabinet door handle must include a lock hasp that will accommodate a padlock with a 7/16 inch diameter shackle.

~~Ensure t~~ The upper mounting/junction box must include a maintenance access door with captive attachment hardware. Provide all necessary mounting hardware, conduits, standoffs, and conduit mounts required for a complete and functional system.

~~Ensure~~ The external conduit used to connect the winch cabinet to the upper mounting/junction box must be galvanized schedule- 40 with NPT threads. The conduit must and have a minimum ID of 3 inches at the lower winch cabinet entrance and allow the lowering cable to wind evenly on the winch drum without binding. All conduit couplings and connections between the pole-mounted cabinet and upper mounting/junction box must be watertight.

### 641-3 Concrete Pole Construction.

Construct concrete poles in accordance with Section 450. Assume responsibility for performance of all quality control testing and inspections required by Sections 346 and 450, however; the PCI personnel and plant certifications are not required.

### 641-4 Installation Requirements.

**641-4.1 General:** Furnish poles of the type and length shown in the Plans. Provide catenary cable of the size shown in the Plans. Ground poles in accordance with Section 620. Install span wire assemblies in accordance with Section 634.

Do not consider the poles acceptable for use if the camber of the pole, measured as the maximum deviation between the centerline of the pole and a straight line connecting the centroids of the cross-sections at each end of the pole, is greater than the total pole length in inches divided by 140.

**641-4.2 Footings:** Provide footings 3 feet 6 inches in diameter and of the depth specified in the Plans for strain poles used for span wire support of traffic signals. *Provide footings for concrete CCTV poles in accordance with Design Standards, Index No. 18113.* Provide footings for all other pole applications as specified in the Plans. Construct the footings with concrete as specified in Section 347.

For the excavation and backfill of the footing, meet the requirements specified in 125-4 and 125-8.2 with the exception of the backfill density. In lieu of the requirements for obtaining the specified density, the Contractor may hand tamp the backfill in 4 inch maximum layers or machine tamp the backfill in 6 inch maximum layers. When performing such operations, ensure that the material is neither dry nor saturated. The Contractor may backfill with concrete.

Use forms, when required, meeting the requirements of 400-5. If the footing is cast in an oversize hole, place the concrete in the top 6 inches in a form. Trowel all exposed surfaces to a smooth finish.

**641-4.3 Orientation of Poles:** For poles supporting one catenary wire, orient the pole so that the load face is perpendicular to the catenary wire. For poles supporting two catenary wires, orient the pole so that the load face is perpendicular to a line bisecting the angle between the two catenary wires.

Rake pole back from the span wire as necessary to achieve a final rake of 1/2 inch per foot, plus or minus 1/4 inch.

**641-4.4 Camera Lowering Device:** *Install the lowering device in a manner that does not place the operator directly under the device when it is being raised or lowered.*

*Ensure that the divided support arm and receiver brackets must self-align the contact unit with the pole centerline during installation. Additionally, the lowering device support arm must self-align the disconnect unit and attached device with the pole centerline and remain centered after installation, without moving or twisting.*

*House the stainless steel lowering cable inside the pole. Provide a 1.25 inch diameter PVC conduit in the pole for the lowering cable, and provide a conduit mount adapter for the interface between the conduit and the internal back side of the lowering device.*

*Ensure that the lowering device can be safely operated and is installed in a manner that does not place the operator directly under the device when it is being raised or lowered.*

*Ensure the lowering device support arm self-aligns the disconnect unit and attached device with the pole centerline and remains centered after installation without moving*

~~or twisting. Ensure~~ *The connection between the lowering device and tenon must be weather resistant to prevent the entrance of water. Use conduit straps to secure lowering cable conduit to the pole. For externally-mounted lowering systems, use conduit straps to secure lowering cable conduit to the pole. Do not use stainless steel bands to secure conduit to the pole will not be allowed. Place the stainless steel lowering cable inside conduit. Ensure that only the lowering cable is in motion inside the pole when the lowering device is operated. Ensure that all other cables must remain stable and secure during lowering and raising operations. Label all wire leads with their function, label spares as spares. Install the correct length of lowering cable to prevent cable slack and prevents cable from jumping off the winch spool. The lowering cable strands must not twist or unwind when the lowering device is operated.*

~~Ensure that crimps and other cable connection hardware associated with the lowering cable cannot do not come in direct contact with the winch tool or guides when operating the system. Ensure Install the correct length of lowering cable is installed and that the installed length to prevents cable slack and prevents cable from jumping off the winch spool. Ensure The lowering cable strands must do not twist or unwind when the lowering device is operated.~~

~~– Provide~~ *Furnish the Engineer with the manufacturer recommended field installation instructions, inspection instructions (including recommended schedules and procedures), and operating instructions.*

#### **641-5 Method of Measurement.**

**641-5.1 General:** Measurement for payment will be in accordance with the following work tasks.

**641-5.2 Furnish and Install:** The Contract unit price for prestressed concrete poles, furnish and install, will consist of the pole plus all labor, concrete for the foundation and other materials necessary for a complete and accepted installation as specified in the Contract Documents.

**641-5.3 Furnish:** The Contract unit price for prestressed concrete poles, furnish, will include the cost of the pole and shipping, handling, and delivery of the pole to the site designated in the Contract Documents.

**641-5.4 Install:** The Contract unit price for prestressed concrete poles, install, will include all labor, concrete for the foundation and other materials necessary for a complete and accepted installation as specified in the Contract Documents. The Engineer will supply the poles.

#### **641-6 Basis of Payment.**

Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section.

Payment will be made under:

Item No. 641-	Prestressed Concrete Poles - each.
<i>Item No. 641-</i>	<i>Concrete CCTV Pole – each.</i>