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Re: State Specifications and Estimates Office
Section **346**
Proposed Specification: **3460303 Portland Cement Concrete.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Dan Hurtado of the State Construction Office to revise for clarity and style and to allow for Contractors to omit mass concrete measurements for certain concrete elements with a low probability of cracking due to thermal stresses.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965DS or daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Daniel Scheer, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE.(REV ~~2-12203-26-15~~)

SUBARTICLE 346-3.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-3.3 Mass Concrete: *When mass concrete is designated in the Contract Documents, utilize a Specialty Engineer to develop and administer a Mass Concrete Control Plan (MCCP). Develop the MCCP in accordance with Section- 207 of the ACI Manual of Concrete Practice to ensure concrete core temperatures for any mass concrete element do not exceed the maximum allowable core temperature of 180°F and that the temperature differential between the element core and surface do not exceed the maximum allowable temperature differential of 35°F. Submit the MCCP to the Engineer for approval at least 14 days prior to the first anticipated mass concrete placement. Ensure the MCCP includes and fully describes the following:*

1. — Concrete mix design proportions,
2. — Casting procedures,
3. — Insulating systems,
4. — Type and placement of temperature measuring and recording devices,
5. — Analysis of anticipated thermal developments for the various mass concrete elements for all anticipated ambient temperature ranges,
6. — Names and qualifications of all designees who will inspect the installation of and record the output of temperature measuring devices, and who will implement temperature control measures directed by the Specialty Engineer,
7. — Measures to prevent thermal shock, and
8. — Active cooling measures (if utilized).

Fully comply with the approved MCCP. The Specialty Engineer or approved designee shall personally inspect and approve the installation of temperature measuring devices and verify that the process for recording temperature readings is effective for the first placement of each size and type mass component. The Specialty Engineer shall be available for immediate consultation during the monitoring period of any mass concrete element. Record temperature measuring device readings at intervals no greater than six hours, beginning at the completion of concrete placement and continuing until decreasing core temperatures and temperature differentials are confirmed in accordance with the approved MCCP. Leave temperature control mechanisms in place until the concrete core temperature is within 50°F of the ambient temperature. Within three days of the completion of temperature monitoring, provide a report to the Engineer which includes all temperature readings, temperature differentials, data logger summary sheets and the maximum core temperature and temperature differentials for each mass concrete element.

Upon successful performance of the MCCP, reduced monitoring of similar elements may be requested. Submit any such requests to the Engineer for approval at least 14 days prior to the requested date of reduced monitoring. If approved, the Specialty Engineer may monitor only the initial element of concrete elements meeting all of the following requirements:

1. — All elements have the same least cross sectional dimension,
2. — All elements have the same concrete mix design,
3. — All elements have the same insulation R value and active cooling measures (if utilized), and

4. —Ambient temperatures during concrete placement for all elements is within minus 10°F or plus 5°F of the ambient temperature during placement of the initial element.

Install temperature measuring devices for all mass concrete elements. Resume the recording of temperature monitoring device output for all elements if directed by the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for any impacts associated with reduced monitoring of mass concrete elements.

Mass concrete control provisions are not required for drilled shafts supporting sign, signal, lighting or intelligent transportation (ITS) structures. At the Contractor's option, instrumentation and temperature measuring may be omitted for any mass concrete substructure element meeting all of the following requirements:

1. —Least cross sectional dimension of six feet or less,
2. —Insulation R value of at least 2.5 provided for at least 72- hours following the completion of concrete placement,
3. —The environmental classification of the concrete element is Slightly Aggressive or Moderately Aggressive,
4. —The concrete mix design meets the ~~M~~mass ~~C~~concrete proportioning requirements of ~~Section~~ 346-2.3, and
5. —The total cementitious content of the concrete mix design is 750 lb/cyd³ or less.

If either the maximum allowable core temperature or temperature differential of any mass concrete element is exceeded, implement immediate corrective action as directed by the Specialty Engineer to remediate. The approval of the MCCP shall be revoked. Do not place any mass concrete elements until a revised MCCP has been approved by the Engineer. Submit an ~~Engineering Analysis Report~~ prepared by a Specialty Engineer to the Engineer for approval which addresses the structural integrity and durability of any mass concrete element which is not cast in compliance with the approved MCCP or which exceeds the allowable core temperature or temperature differential. Provide all analyses and test results requested by the Engineer for any noncompliant mass concrete element to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for the analyses ~~or~~and tests or any impacts upon the project. ~~When mass concrete is designated in the Contract Documents, provide an analysis of the anticipated thermal developments in the mass concrete elements for all expected project temperature ranges using the selected mix design, casting procedures, and materials.~~

~~Use a Specialty Engineer competent in the design and temperature control of concrete in mass elements. The Specialty Engineer shall follow the procedure outlined in Section 207 of the ACI Manual of Concrete Practice to formulate, implement, administer and monitor a temperature control plan, making adjustments as necessary to ensure compliance with the Contract Documents. The Specialty Engineer shall select the concrete design mix proportions that will generate the lowest maximum temperatures possible to ensure that a 35°F differential temperature between the concrete core and the exterior surface is not exceeded. The mass concrete maximum allowable temperature is 180°F. If either the differential temperature or the maximum allowable temperature is exceeded, the Specialty Engineer shall be available for immediate consultation.~~

~~Describe the measures and procedures intended for use to maintain a temperature differential of 35°F or less between the interior core center and exterior surface(s) of the designated mass concrete elements during curing. Submit both the mass concrete mix design and~~

~~the proposed mass concrete plan to monitor and control the temperature differential to the Engineer for acceptance. Provide temperature monitoring devices to record temperature development between the interior core center and exterior surface(s) of the elements in accordance with the accepted mass concrete plan.~~

~~—————The Specialty Engineer, or a person designated by the Specialty Engineer, must personally inspect and approve the installation of monitoring devices and verify that the process for recording temperature readings is effective for the first placement of each size and type mass component. Submit to the Engineer for approval the qualification of all technicians employed to inspect or monitor mass concrete placements. Designate an employee(s) approved by the Specialty Engineer, as qualified to inspect monitoring device installation, to record temperature readings, to be in contact at all times with the Specialty Engineer if adjustments must be made as a result of the temperature differential or the maximum allowable temperature being exceeded, and to immediately implement adjustments to temperature control measures as directed by the Specialty Engineer. Read the monitoring devices and record the readings at intervals no greater than 6 hours. The readings will begin when the mass concrete placement is complete and continue until the maximum temperature differential and the temperature is reached and a decreasing temperature differential is confirmed as defined in the temperature control plan. Do not remove the temperature control mechanisms until the core temperature is within 50°F of the ambient temperature. Furnish a copy of all temperature readings to the Engineer. Provide determined temperature differentials, the summary sheet from the data logger, which includes the maximum temperature, the maximum temperature differential and a final report within three calendar days of completion of monitoring of each element.~~

~~—————Request approval of reduced monitoring of same least dimensioned mass concrete elements containing the same mix design, concrete placement temperatures (within plus 3°F), and insulation thermal resistance value. The Specialty Engineer may monitor and record the temperature for the first element only. Each subsequent element must be started within one hour of the first placement and be completed within one hour of the completion of the first element. Each mass concrete element must be instrumented with monitoring devices in case of failure in meeting the one hour time limit.~~

~~—————Changes or adjustments made to the monitored element must be made to all elements. Failure to follow this will require an Engineering Analysis Report (EAR) for the elements not monitored even if the element that was monitored had a temperature differential well below the maximum allowed. The reduced monitoring option will not be allowed by the Engineer if the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements.~~

~~—————If the 35°F differential or the 180°F maximum allowable temperature has been exceeded, take immediate action as directed by the Specialty Engineer to retard further growth of the temperature differential. Describe methods of preventing thermal shock in the temperature control plan. Use a Specialty Engineer to revise the previously accepted plan to ensure compliance on future placements. Do not place any mass concrete until the Engineer has accepted the mass concrete plan(s). When mass concrete temperature differentials or maximum allowable temperature has been exceeded, provide all analyses and test results deemed necessary by the Engineer for determining the structural integrity and durability of the mass concrete element, to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Department will make no compensation, either monetary or time, for the analyses or tests or any impacts upon the project.~~

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