

## ORIGINATION FORM

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**Specification Title:** Overloaded Equipment

**Specification Section, Article, or Subarticle Number:** 7-7.2

**Why does the existing language need to be changed?** The current specification does not state that the load limits in effect for permanent roadways and bridges must also apply to Department owned temporary bridges.

**Summary of the changes:** The change requires that load limits apply to Department owned temporary bridges.

**Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs?** Yes

**Will these changes result in an increase or decrease in project costs?** No

**With who have you discussed these changes?** Jeff Pouliotte, John Clark and Rudy Powell

**What other offices will be impacted by these changes?** None

**Are changes needed to the PPM, Design Standards, SDG, CPAM or other manual?** Yes, CPAM is being revised to provide guidance regarding this change.

**Is a Design Bulletin, Construction Memo, or Estimates Bulletin needed?** No

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

**DATE:** October 9, 2013

**TO:** Specification Review Distribution List

**FROM:** Daniel Scheer, P.E., State Specifications Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Specification: 0070202 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public – Overloaded Equipment

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

The changes are proposed by Steve Plotkin of the State Construction Office to require that load limits in effect for permanent roadways and bridges also apply to Department owned temporary bridges.

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 to my attention via e-mail at SP965DS, or [daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.scheer@dot.state.fl.us). Comments received after **November 6, 2013**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC –  
OVERLOADED EQUIPMENT.**

(REV ~~7-30-13~~ 6-13)

SUBARTICLE 7-7.2 (Page 62) is deleted and the following substituted:

**7-7.2 Overloaded Equipment:** Do not operate on any road, ~~or~~ street *or bridge*; *including a Department owned temporary bridge used during a construction project*, any hauling unit or equipment loaded in excess of: (1) the maximum weights specified in the *Florida Highway Patrol, Commercial Motor Vehicle Manual* ~~at the following internet link:~~ <http://www.flhsmv.gov/flhp/OMCC/2013TruckingManual.pdf> ~~Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law~~, or (2) lower weights legally established *and posted* for any section of road or bridge by the Department or local authorities. The governmental unit having jurisdiction over a particular road or bridge may provide exceptions by special permit under the provisions of 7-7.3. This restriction applies to all roads and bridges inside and outside the Contract limits as long as these roads and bridges are open for public use. The Contractor may overload roads and bridges which are to be demolished after they are permanently closed to the public. The Contractor is responsible for all loss or damages resulting from equipment operated on a structure permanently closed to the public.