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Re: State Specifications and Estimates Office
Section **663**
Proposed Specification: **6630000 Signal Priority and Preemption Systems.**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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

These changes were proposed by Jeff Morgan to establish minimum requirements for priority and preemption systems.

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,

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State Specifications Engineer

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cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

SIGNAL PRIORITY AND PREEMPTION SYSTEMS.**(REV 11-14256-143)**

The following new Section is added after Section 660.

SECTION 663
SIGNAL PRIORITY AND PREEMPTION SYSTEMS

663-1 Description.

Furnish and install a signal priority and preemption system as shown in the plans. ~~The system must activate traffic signal controller priority and preemption plans.~~ The signal preemption system must recognize and respond to the priority of each user. Meet the requirements of Section 603.

663-2 Materials.

Use signal priority and preemption system equipment listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). Ensure that all materials furnished, assembled, fabricated or installed are new products.

Signal priority and preemption system equipment may utilize Optical, GPS, and Radio Frequency based technologies.

663-2.1 Functional Requirements: *Ensure that in-vehicle equipment operates without requiring any action from the vehicle operator or occupants once power is applied.*

663-2.1.1 Security: *The system must include features that secure the system and restrict its configuration and operation to authorized users and vehicles only.*

663-2.1.2 Vehicle Identification: *The system must be able to assign a unique identifier for each authorized vehicle. The system must be able to associate the identifier with vehicle information such as vehicle classification (e.g.: fire, police, rescue, transit), owner/operator, and priority level.*

663-2.1.3 Configuration and Management: *The system must allow authorized local and remote users to set and read all user-programmable features and retrieve data collected by the system. The manufacturer must provide computer software required to configure, operate, and maintain the system at no additional cost to the Department.*

663-2.1.4 Logging: *The system installed in the field cabinet must store a record of events, including time, vehicle ID, class, priority level, and approaching direction for all vehicles detected. The log must operate on a first-in, first out (FIFO) principle with a minimum capacity of 5000 events.*

663-2.1.5 Detection Range and Accuracy: *The priority and preemption system must be capable of detecting and identifying multiple authorized vehicles at various ranges up to 2500 Feet. The system must be able to determine the approaching direction of authorized vehicles. The detection range and programming of emergency (high priority) and transit signal (low priority) preemption shall be adjustable from within the traffic signal cabinet. High priority calls must override low priority calls.*

The system must service preemption calls having equal priority on a first come first served basis.

663-2.2 Preemption System Cabinet Electronics: *The priority and preemption system must be compatible with NEMA TS-1, NEMA TS-2, Type 170, and Type 2070 traffic signal controllers and their respective cabinets.*

The system must be able to provide calls to the controller via input file and detector rack. The system must include 2-channel or 4-channel detector card units compatible with NEMA TS 2-2003 v02.06. The system must include a shelf mount option.

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663-2.2.1 Serial Interface: *Ensure that the serial ports support data rates up to 115 kbps; error detection procedures utilizing parity bits (i.e., none, even, and odd); and stop bits (1 or 2). Serial interface ports may utilize RJ-45 connectors, D-sub connectors, or screw terminals.*

663-2.2.2 Network Interface: *Ensure that local area network (LAN) connections support the requirements detailed in the IEEE 802.3 standard for 10/100 Ethernet connections. Ensure that the connector complies with applicable EIA and TIA requirements.*

663-2.3 Optical Preemption Detectors: *Optical preemption detectors must respond to light impulses generated from a visible or infrared light source.*

663-2.4 Intersection Radio/GPS Modules: *Radio/GPS preemption systems must include radio/GPS modules that transmit a beacon signal and receive data transmitted by Radio/GPS vehicle equipment.*

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Installation of materials must be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Install the emergency preemption system including installation of detectors with all necessary hardware and software, mounting hardware, cabling, and all other associated electronics in cabinet necessary to create a fully functional emergency preemption system.

~~*Ensure that the priority and preemption system does not terminate an active pedestrian clearance interval.*~~

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Payment will be made under:

Item No. 663-1- Signal Priority and Preemption System

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