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Khoa Nguyen  
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545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: State Specifications and Estimates Office  
Section **108**  
Proposed Specification: **1080000 Protection of Existing Structures.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Juan Castellanos of the State Construction Office to add new Section 108 to address protection of existing structures. Until now, Section 455 addressed this, but referred to only construction of foundations. This new section will address protection of existing structures during any construction operation including roadway compaction and other work that is not related to foundation construction.

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](mailto: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

**PROTECTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES.****(REV ~~11-6-712-18-14~~)**

The following new Section is added after Section 107.

**SECTION 108**  
**PROTECTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES**

**108-1 Description.**

*Provide settlement, vibration and groundwater monitoring in accordance with the requirements of this Section.*

*Evaluate the need for, design of, and provide any necessary precautionary features to protect existing structures from damage. Employ construction methods that will not produce damaging vibrations, soil movement, soil loss, or instability of existing structures.*

*Preserve all property from damage in accordance with 7-11.1.*

**108-2 Construction.****108-2.1 Inspection and Settlement Monitoring:**

**108-2.1.1 Miscellaneous Structures:** *When constructing foundations for miscellaneous structures such as sign, signal, lighting, or intelligent transportation system structures, inspect and document the condition of the existing structures shown in the Plans, and survey and monitor for settlement the existing structures shown in the Plans.*

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- 1. as shown in the Plans.*
- 2. within a distance of five shaft or auger cast pile diameters, or the estimated depth of drilled shaft or auger cast pile excavation, whichever is greater, measured from the center of these foundation elements.*

- 3. within a distance of three times the depth of any other excavations.*
- 4. within 200 feet of sheet pile installation and extraction operations.*
- 5. within 100 feet of steel soldier pile installation and extraction*

*operations.*

- 6. for projects with pile driving operations, inspect and document the condition of all structures within a distance, in feet, of pile driving operations equal to 0.25 times the square root of the impact hammer energy, in foot-pounds. Survey and monitor for settlement all structures within a distance, in feet, of pile driving operations equal to 0.5 times the square root of the impact hammer energy, in foot-pounds.*

**108-2.1.3 Roadway Compaction Operations:** *When performing embankment and asphalt compaction, inspect and document the condition of the following existing structures, and survey and monitor for settlement the following existing structures:*

- 1. as shown in the Plans.*

- 2. within 75 feet of vibratory compaction (in any mode) operations.*

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*The Department will make the necessary arrangements to provide right of way entry to the existing structures.*

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- 3. daily, during compaction*
- 4. daily, during foundation drilling*
- 5. weekly, for two weeks after stopping pile driving*
- 6. during excavation*
- 7. during blasting*
- 8. or, as directed by the Engineer*

*Upon either detecting movement of 0.005 feet or damage to the structure, immediately stop the construction operations affecting the structure, backfill any open excavations, notify the Engineer and provide a corrective action plan for acceptance by the Engineer.*

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- Item No. 108- 1      Protection of Existing Structures - Inspection and Settlement Monitoring - lump sum.*
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