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Khoa Nguyen
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Federal Highway Administration
3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section **330**
Proposed Specification: **3300904 Hot Mix Asphalt – General Construction Requirements**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Richard Hewitt of the State Construction Office to clarify that on roadways with a design speed equal to or greater than 55 mph, areas unsuitable for laser profiler testing are to be tested and accepted using the straightedge.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to 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

**HOT MIX ASPHALT - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.
(REV 11-5-15)**

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