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Director, Office of Technical Services
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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section **334**
Proposed Specification: **3340102 Superpave Asphalt Concrete.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

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

The changes are proposed by Greg Sholar of the State Materials Office (SMO) to modify the language for current Department practice.

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

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4140.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Mark Wilson, P.E.
Acting Manager, Program Management Office

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

SUPERPAVE ASPHALT CONCRETE.**(REV 2-12-16)**

SUBARTICLE 334-1.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

334-1.2 Traffic Levels: The requirements for Type SP Asphalt Concrete mixtures are based on the design traffic level of the project, expressed in 18,000 pound Equivalent Single Axle Loads (ESAL's). The five traffic levels are as shown in Table 334-1.

Traffic Level	Traffic Level (1x10 ⁶ ESAL's)
A	<0.3
B	0.3 to <3
C	3 to <10
D	10 to <30
E	≥30

The traffic levels for the project are as specified in the Contract Documents. A Type SP mix one traffic level higher than the traffic level specified in the Contract Documents may be substituted, at no cost to the Department (i.e., Traffic Level B may be substituted for Traffic Level A, etc.). As an exception, the same traffic level and binder type that is used for the mainline traffic lanes may be placed in the shoulder at no additional cost to the Department.

SUBARTICLE 334-5.1.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

334-5.1.2 Acceptance Testing Exceptions: When the total combined quantity of hot mix asphalt for the project, as indicated in the Plans for Type SP and Type FC mixtures only, is less than 2000 tons, the Engineer will accept the mix on the basis of visual inspection. The Engineer may require the Contractor to run process control tests for informational purposes, as defined in 334-4, or may run independent verification tests to determine the acceptability of the material.

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