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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 2015

TO: Specification Review Distribution List

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **4000200 Concrete Structures.**

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

The changes are proposed by Charles Boyd of the State Structures Design Office to incorporate specification language for stainless steel and FRP reinforcing and prestressing strand into the Standard Specifications.

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 online at <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ProgramManagement/Development/IndustryReview.aspx> . Comments received after **December 22, 2015**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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CONCRETE STRUCTURES.
(REV 11-616-15)

ARTICLE 400-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-2 Materials.

Meet the following requirements:

Concrete	Sections 346 and 347
Penetrant Sealer	Section 413
High Molecular Weight Methacrylate (HMWM)**	Section 413
Reinforcing <i>Steel for Concrete</i>	Section 415
Water	Section 923
Curing Materials*	Section 925
Epoxy Bonding Compounds**	Sections 926 and 937
Joint Materials**	Section 932
Bearing Pads	Section 932
Non-Shrink Grout**	Section 934
Class 5 Applied Finish Coatings**	Section 975
Galvanizing Compound**	Section 562
Dowel Bar Assembly**	Section 931
Filter Fabric.....	Section 985

*The Engineer will allow clean sand and sawdust for certain curing, when and as specified.

**Use products listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).

SUBARTICLE 400-5.7.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-5.7.1 General: Utilization of stay-in-place metal forms is permitted in lieu of removable forms to form concrete bridge decks between beams and between the webs of individual box girders when designated in the Plans. Stay-in-place metal forms may be of the cellular, non-cellular or non-cellular with top cover sheet type. The flutes of non-cellular stay-in-place metal forms may be filled with polystyrene foam or concrete. When polystyrene foam is used to fill the forms, fill form flutes completely; do not allow any portion of the polystyrene foam to extend beyond the limits of the flutes. Ensure that the polystyrene foam remains in its required position within flutes during the entire concrete placement process. Do not use reinforcing-*steel* supports or other accessories in such a manner as to cause damage to the polystyrene foam. Replace all damaged polystyrene foam to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Apply polymer sheeting to stay-in-place metal forms in accordance with the requirements in the following table. Apply polymer sheeting to all faces and edges (including sheared edges) of support angles used on bridges with Moderately and Extremely Aggressive Superstructure Environmental Classifications (as shown in the Plans). No polymer sheeting is required for beam attachment straps or clips partially embedded in concrete, and for support angles used on bridges with a Slightly Aggressive Superstructure Environmental Classification. Use polymer sheeting materials and application methods as described herein.

Polymer Sheeting Usage Requirements				
Form Type		Superstructure Environmental Classification (as shown in Plans)		
		Slightly Aggressive	Moderately Aggressive	Extremely Aggressive
Non-cellular form with concrete filled flutes		No polymer sheeting required	Polymer sheeting required on bottom side	Polymer sheeting required on bottom side
Non-cellular form with polystyrene foam filled flutes		Polymer sheeting required on inside	Polymer sheeting required on both sides*	Polymer sheeting required on both sides*
Non-cellular form with Top Cover Sheet	Top Cover Sheet	Polymer sheeting required on bottom side	Polymer sheeting required on bottom side	Polymer sheeting required on bottom side
	Non-cellular form	Polymer sheeting required on top side	Polymer sheeting required on both sides*	Polymer sheeting required on both sides*
Cellular form		No polymer sheeting allowed or required	Not permitted	Not permitted

* Polymer sheeting not required on bottom side of form located within box girders and U-beams.

Prior to using stay-in-place metal forms, submit detailed plans for approval of the forming system, including method of support and attachment and method of protecting the supporting structural steel components from welding effects. Submit design calculations for the forming system, which have been signed and sealed by the Specialty Engineer. Detail stay-in-place metal forms such that they in no way infringe upon the concrete outline of the slab shown on the Plans. Use stay-in-place metal forms that provide and maintain the dimensions and configuration of the original slab in regards to thickness and slope.

Do not weld stay-in-place metal form supports and connections to the structural steel components. Do not connect polymer coated angles or other hardware that support polymer coated metal forms to the beam attachment straps or clips by welding. Electrical grounding to ~~steel~~ reinforcing ~~steel~~-or-~~Carbon~~ Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) reinforcing is prohibited.

Protect structural steel components from damage by using a shield to guard against weld splatter, weld overrun, arc strikes, or other damaging effects of the welding process. Upon completion of welding, rest the metal form support flush on the supporting steel component. Should any weld spatter, weld overrun, arc strike, or other effects of the welding process be evident or occur to the structural steel component, immediately stop in-place welding of the metal form supports for the remainder of the work. In this event, weld all metal form supports off of the structure and erect the forms after prefabrication, or use an alternate approved method of attaching the form supports. Remove improper weldment, repair the supporting steel component for any improper welding. Perform all required verification and testing at no expense to the Department and to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Do not use stay-in-place metal forms until the forming system has been approved by the Engineer. The Contractor is responsible for the performance of the stay-in-place forms.

Structures designed, detailed, and dimensioned for the use of removable forms: Where stay-in-place metal forms are permitted, the Contractor is responsible and shall obtain the approval of the Engineer for any changes in design, etc. to accommodate the use of stay-in-place forms. The Engineer will compute pay quantities of the various components of the structure which are paid on a cubic yard basis from the design dimensions shown in the Plans with no allowance for changes in deflection or dimensions necessary to accommodate the stay-in-place forms or concrete to fill the form flutes. The Engineer will limit pay quantities of other Contract items that the Contractor increases to accommodate the use of stay-in-place forms to the quantity required for the original plan design.

Submit all changes in design details of bridge structural members that support stay-in-place forms, showing all revisions necessary to enable the supporting components to withstand any additional weight of the forms and the weight of any extra concrete that may be required to fill the forms. Include with the design calculations a comparative analysis of the stresses in the supporting components as detailed on the Contract Plans and as modified to support the forms. Use the identical method of analysis in each case, and do not allow the stresses in the modified components to exceed those of the component as detailed in the Contract Plans. Include with the design the adjusted cambers for any changes in deflection over those shown on the original Plans. Modify the beams to provide additional strength to compensate for the added dead loads imposed by the use of stay-in-place forms. Obtain the additional strength by adding strands to the pre-stressed beams or by adding steel material to increase the section modulus of steel girders. Substantiate the added strength by the comparative calculations. Do not use stay-in-place forms until the forming system and all necessary design revisions of supporting members have been approved by the Engineer.

Structures designed, detailed, and dimensioned for the use of stay-in-place metal forms:

Prior to using stay-in-place metal forms, submit detailed plans for approval of the forming system (including method of support and attachment) together with design calculations. Include an analysis of the actual unit weight of the proposed forming system over the projected plan area of the metal forms. If the weight thus calculated exceeds the weight allowance for stay-in-place metal forms and concrete required to fill the forms shown on the Plans, then modify the supporting components to support the excess weight as specified by the Contractor's Specialty Engineer.

For all structures utilizing structural steel supporting components, paint the vertical sides of the top flange prior to installation of the stay-in-place metal forms in accordance with Section 560.

For non-polymer sheeting form surfaces, use zinc paint coating in accordance with Section 562 to all accessories cut from galvanized sheets, which are not embedded in concrete.

SUBARTICLE 400-5.8.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-5.8.3 Design: Use the following criteria for the design of permanent bridge deck forms:

1. Design the forms on the basis of deadload of form, reinforcement, and plastic concrete plus an unfactored live load of 50 psf for construction loads. Meet the AASHTO design requirements for service loads and ultimate loads as applicable.

2. Deflection under the weight of the forms, reinforcement, and the plastic concrete shall not exceed 1/180 of the form span or 1/2 inch, whichever is less. In all cases, do not use a loading that is less than 120 psf total.

3. Use a design span of the form equal to the clear span of the form between supports. Measure the span of concrete forms parallel to the centerline of the form panels.

4. Compute physical design properties of concrete forms in accordance with current AASHTO design procedures.

5. Ensure that all ~~steel~~ reinforcement contained in the cast-in-place concrete has the minimum cover shown in the Plans or not less than one inch, whichever is greater. Measure the minimum cover normal to the plane of the bottom of the cast-in-place concrete. For stay-in-place concrete forms with other than plane surfaces in contact with the cast-in-place concrete, such as regularly spaced geometrical shapes projecting above the plane of the bottom of the cast-in-place concrete, meet the following special requirements:

a. Space geometrical shapes projecting above the bottom plane of the cast-in-place concrete used to provide support for reinforcement no closer than 3 feet apart and of sufficient height to maintain the required concrete cover on the bottom mat of reinforcing ~~steel~~ bars.

b. Construct all other geometrical shapes projecting above the plane of the bottom of the cast-in-place concrete to provide a minimum vertical clearance of 3/4 inch between the closest surface of the projections and the secondary longitudinal reinforcing ~~steel~~ bars in the deck slab.

c. Do not allow a minimum horizontal distance from the surface of any transverse reinforcing ~~steel~~ bars to surfaces of the stay-in-place form of less than 1 1/2 inches.

For all ~~steel~~ reinforcement for the stay-in-place form panels, provide a minimum of 1 inch concrete cover except that, for construction in a salt or other corrosive environment, provide a minimum of 1 1/2 inches concrete cover.

6. Maintain the plan dimensions of both layers of primary deck reinforcement from the top surface of the concrete deck. Measure the minimum cover of the bottom mat of ~~steel~~ reinforcement normal to the top of the precast concrete form panel.

7. Do not consider the permanent bridge deck form as lateral bracing for compression flanges of supporting structural members.

8. Do not use permanent concrete bridge deck forms in panels where longitudinal deck construction joints are located between stringers.

9. Do not allow the maximum weight of the concrete form to exceed 40 pounds per square foot of form surface.

SUBARTICLE 400-7.1.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-7.1.2 Concreting in Hot Weather: Meet the temperature requirements and special measures for mixing and placing concrete in hot weather as specified in Section 346.

When the temperature of the concrete as placed exceeds 75°F, incorporate in the concrete mix a water-reducing retarder or water reducer if allowed by Section 346.

Spray reinforcing ~~steel~~ bars and metal forms with cool fresh water just prior to placing the concrete in a method approved by the Engineer.

Assume all risks connected with the placing and curing of concrete. Although the Engineer may give permission to place concrete, the Contractor is responsible for satisfactory results. If the placed concrete is determined to be unsatisfactory, remove, dispose of, and replace the concrete at no expense to the Department.

SUBARTICLE 400-7.11.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-7.11.2 Vibrators: Provide adequate vibrators on the project that are approved by the Engineer before beginning concrete work. Generally, provide vibrators of the internal type. For thin sections, where the forms are especially designed to resist vibration, the Contractor may use external vibrators. Use a vibrator with a minimum frequency of 4,500 impulses per minute with sufficient intensity and duration to cause complete consolidation of the concrete without causing segregation of the materials. For vibrating thin, heavily reinforced sections, use heads of such size to secure proper vibration of the concrete without disturbance of either the reinforcing ~~steel~~*bars* or the forms.

SUBARTICLE 400-7.13.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-7.13.2 Screed Demonstration: Subsequent to the placement of all reinforcing ~~steel~~*bars* and prior to placing any slab or deck concrete, demonstrate that the proposed equipment and methods can finish the concrete to the specified grades while maintaining the specified cover over the reinforcement. Provide the demonstration over the entire length and width of the spans to be placed.

SUBARTICLE 400-9.6 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-9.6 Joints in Long Box Culverts: For long concrete box culverts, vertical construction joints may be placed at a spacing not less than 30 feet. When using transverse construction joints, ensure that longitudinal reinforcing ~~steel~~ is continuous through the joint and that the joint is vertical.

SUBARTICLE 400-22.2.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-22.2.3 Items not Included in Measurement for Payment: No measurements or other allowances will be made for work or material for forms, falsework, cofferdams, pumping, bracing, expansion-joint material, etc. The volume of all materials embedded in the concrete, such as structural steel, pile heads, etc., except reinforcing ~~steel~~*bars or mesh*, will be deducted when computing the volume of concrete to be paid for. For each foot of timber pile embedded, 0.8 cubic feet of concrete will be deducted. The cost of furnishing and placing dowel bars shall be included in the Contract unit price for the concrete.

SUBARTICLE 400-23.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-23.2 Precast Anchor Beams: Price and payment will be full compensation for the beams, including all reinforcing ~~steel~~ and materials necessary to complete the beams in place and accepted.

No separate prices will be allowed for the various types of anchor beams.

SUBARTICLE 400-23.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-23.3 Reinforcing-Steel: Reinforcing *bars, wires, and mesh* ~~steel~~ will be measured and paid for as provided in Section 415, except that no separate payment will be made for the welded wire reinforcement used in concrete jackets on steel piles or reinforcement contained in *traffic railings*, barriers, traffic separators or parapets. Where so indicated in the Plans, the Department will not separately pay for reinforcing ~~steel~~ used in incidental concrete work, but the cost of such reinforcement shall be included in the Contract unit price for the concrete.

SUBARTICLE 400-23.8 is deleted and the following substituted:

400-23.8 General: The above prices and payments will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section, including all forms, falsework, joints, weep holes, drains, pipes, conduits, bearing pads, setting anchor bolts and dowels, surface finish, and cleaning up, as shown in the Plans or as directed. Where the Plans call for water stops, include the cost of the water stops in the Contract unit price for the concrete.

Unless payment is provided under a separate item in the proposal, the above prices and payments will also include all clearing and grubbing; removal of existing structures; excavation, as provided in Section 125; and expansion joint angles and bolts.

The Department will not change the rate of payment for the various classes of concrete in which steel *or FRP* may be used due to the addition or reduction of reinforcing ~~steel~~.

The Department will not make an allowance for cofferdams, pumping, bracing, or other materials or equipment not becoming a part of the finished structure. The Department will not pay for concrete placed outside the neat lines as shown in the Plans.

When using stay-in-place metal forms to form bridge decks, the forms, concrete required to fill the form flutes, attachments, supports, shoring, accessories, and all miscellaneous items or work required to install the forms shall be included in the Contract unit price of the superstructure concrete.