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June 19, 2013

MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

New Specification Revisions. The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 31 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions were open for comment during the month of June, 2013. Each specification was briefly discussed.

Supplemental Specifications

1. 106.02.2 Prospected Sources

2. 108.03.1 General

3. 108.03.3 CPM Schedules

Contractors questioned the need for the paper copy mentioned in Part A of the specification. If the paper copy is necessary, could the size be smaller to allow printing in a normal office environment?

4. 201.04.2 Area Basis

5. 202.03.2 Removal of pipe culverts

MCA question what the difference is between a Major and Minor drainage structure.

6. 212.03 Construction Requirements

A discussion about which laws apply and how they apply to plant mix surfacing was had.

7. 301.03.9 Bridge End Backfill (New)

8. 401.02.4 Additives for Warm Mix

MDT will make sure the QPL is updated with the ones we've used in the past.

9. 401.02.6 Emulsion

10. 401.03.21 Compaction

11. 401.04.5 Rumble Strip

12. 501 PCCP

Contractors asked if the use of a Bunyan screed would be allowable where appropriate.

13. 551 Hydraulic Cement Concrete

Comments on this spec will be handled through the separate MCA Concrete Industry Subcommittee.

14. 553.03.19 Precast Deck Sections (New)

A Contractor requested MDT make sure the tolerances called out in the proposed specification match appropriate PCI requirements.

15. 555.02 Reinforcing Steel

16. 601.01 Water Service Lines

17. 602.04.1 Remove Pipe Culvert

18. 603.02 Materials

19. 619 Signing

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MCA made a general comment, but also related to this proposed specification, regarding where to include the cost of materials and when separate bid items are warranted.

20. 620.04.4 Preformed Plastic Markings

21. 701.01.3 Conc Agg

22. 701.13 Bridge End Backfill

MCA mentioned these gradations were similar but not the same as our 5A/6A CAC specifications. Contractors asked if there was a need for the difference. It will be a more expensive material.

23. 703.04.6 Welding Steel

24. 704.01.13 Hardware

25. 704.03 Flexible Delineators

26. 708.07 HDPE corrugated

27. 708.08 HDPE pipe (New)

28. 710.04 Anti-Graffiti Coating

MCA questioned why MDT had added materials requirements for this without construction/payment information.

29. 711.01.2 Epoxy Coated Rebar

A Contractor commented about a shortage of rebar suppliers.

30. 713.03 Chlorides

31. 713.08-12 Seeding/RECP

A Contractor commented on the RECP section, mentioning some of the values in the tables and other specs seemed incorrect.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Changes to MDT's Contract Finalization Process.** MDT is looking at our finalization process in general and with regard to HB 494. MDT stated that this is a work in progress. We have removed one form and discussed at length the SWPPP transfer process
- 2. SWPPP Transfer.** Various issues were discussed. A Contractor asked about removal of BMPs prior to the permit being terminated. MDT usually closes the permit. Contractors mentioned occurrences when MDT has requested BMPs be removed during the final walk-through, this puts more risk of the Contractor. MDT stated that our direction should be within a few days of the transfer. A Contractor expressed concern of MDT Maintenance mowing a project while it was still under construction. Contractors asked about MDT/DEQ monetary transfer timeframes. Contractors requested MDT look at both the Erosion Control Rate Schedule as well as the Lump Sum payment schedule. MDT distributed a document regarding guidelines for SWPPP transfers, and asked Contractors to please notify MDT personnel if the process is varying from that.

OLD BUSINESS

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1. **DBE Program.** MDT hired a new employee in the Civil Rights Bureau/DBE Section. Doing very good with our goal of 5.73%. Currently, the goal sits at about 5%.

AD-HOC ITEMS

1. **Liquidated Damages.** MDT distributed a spreadsheet showing some information on projects in liquidated damages. MDT will look into this information further.
2. **Lump Sum and Incidental Items.** MCA mentioned they have seen a lot of items being bid as either lump sum or incidental to another item. MCA questioned whether this was always appropriate and whether or not additional bid items should be included.

The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office in Helena.