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April 17, 2013

MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

New Specification Revisions. The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 13 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of April, 2013. Each specification was briefly discussed.

Supplemental Specifications

1. 106.03 Material Certification

Several Contractors wished for further explanation between when a signed certification and a Product Data Sheet and when they would be required. MDT Materials addressed their concerns and gave several examples of when a Cert of Comp would be required over a Product Data Sheet. The requirements are indicated in the MT 601.

Some Contractor's wished for an explanation of the QPL program and who is responsible for getting products listed on the QPL. MDT Materials addressed those questions.

2. 107.06.1 Protection of Existing Roadway

There were no comments.

3. 108.07.3 Working Day Contracts

Contractors had concern over the 6 hour requirement. Contractors mentioned several scenarios and circumstances regarding a chargeable or non-chargeable day due to weather. Discussion followed with proposals for clarifying when and how a chargeable day is defined. MDT will discuss.

4. 206 Detours (New)

Contractors requested that the Method of Measurement be changed so that Traffic Control units be paid under the traffic control unit cost and not included in the Detour.

A Contractor asked to have the design of structures be revised to allow bents be constructed parallel in line with existing alignment (not parallel to creek flow as stated). MDT will review with Bridge Bureau about the requirement.

5. 210.03.6 Test Trailer

There were no comments.

6. 401.03.24 Rumble Strip

Contractors asked for clarification of the phrase "remove and dispose of the waste". MDT will review the phrase.

Contractors asked for clarification of fog sealing rumble strips which are not cut before winter shutdown. MDT Materials answered their concerns. Discussions about fog sealing and painting of centerline followed. MDT will address the painting of centerline when a chip seal is not performed immediately following.

7. 552.03.6F Cast in Place Barrier

MDT mentioned that this Specification will be reviewed with Bridge Bureau. A contractor addressed concerns over Table 552-2 Pay Factors.

8. 552.05 Basis of Payment

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There were no comments.

9. 556.03.5 Workmanship and Finish

There were no comments.

10. 556.03.9E5 Load Indicating Systems (New)

There were no comments.

11. 556.03.16 Erection

The first sentence will be reviewed and the word "will" will be amended.

12. 622.03.2 Sep/Stabilization Geotextile

Contractors had some concern that the practice of placing geotextile over frozen material has been accepted in special circumstances. MDT acknowledged that if conditions are present during the planning stage that a Special Provision will be included, or if conditions are such during construction that the Spec may be rescinded by change order.

13. 711.19 Metric Plate Substitution

There were no comments.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Traffic Control

Jim Wingerter, MDT, presented ideas for changing or modifying the Begin and End Work Zone signs. Contractors expressed their concern about existing signs in storage, and the cost for replacing signs with new ones.

Jim talked about Motorcycle Advisory signs and changes adding language to the sign. Contractors had little concern about that change. Contractors and MDT added that the use of the MDT's Construction Website would be a good place to add Motorcycle advisories for related projects.

Jim talked about "No Active Work" signs and received mixed reactions from Contractors. The suggestion was "No Work in Progress".

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. Contractors asked for clarification of the use of authorized turnarounds when paving and/or chipping on Interstates. MDT cited 618.03.7 which details the use of median crossings. MDT will review the matter with Road Design.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DBE Program – no discussion

AD-HOC ITEMS

The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Offices in Helena.