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July 18, 2012
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

New Specification Revisions. The CAS Bureau has proposed revisions to 11 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of July 2012. Each specification was briefly discussed.

Supplemental Specifications

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| 1. 102.18 | SU Permit |
| 2. 106.07 | Handling of Materials |
| 3. 107.09 | Use of Explosives |
| 4. 203.03.1(B)6 | Prequalified Blasting Consultants |
| 5. 401 | Plant Mix |
| 6. 409.04 | Seal and Cover |
| 7. 608 | Sidewalk |
| 8. 619 | Signing |
| 9. 620 | Striping |
| 10. 704.01.4 | Signing Materials |
| 11. 713.03 | Chlorides |

The comment period for Section 401, Plant Mix, has been extended through August.

The comment period for Section 620, Striping, has been extended through August.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Traffic Control - Certificate of Compliance.** Form CSB618_02 has been introduced to reduce the amount of paperwork submitted to certify crashworthiness of traffic control devices. The form is available on the Department's internet site at: http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/forms/const_forms.shtml. The form must be signed by the traffic control contractor.
- 2. Sign Coverings.** It has been observed in several instances that signs, which are not in use, have only been partially covered. This does not meet the current requirements of the specifications. The signs must be completely covered with materials meeting specification requirements.
- 3. Flaggers.** Multiple flaggers have been observed using red flags versus the approved paddles. The paddles provide more information for drivers. Red flags may be used in emergency situations or, with approval, in the case of high winds. Walk back flaggers are required to use the paddles as well. The use of cell phones by flaggers is not permitted.
- 4. LED Lights in Sign Faces.** The current LED lights used in sign faces are a 1 watt light. The lights are not providing the preferred visibility during daylight hours. MDT is looking to requiring a higher wattage light to improve visibility.

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- 5. Slippery When Wet Signs.** Slippery when wet signs will no longer be used on a regular basis as they have been in the past. They still may be used on a case by case basis.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Cell Phones in Work Zones.** MCA wondered if banning cell phone use in work zones would interest MDT if pursued during the legislative session. This topic was briefly discussed and all attendees agreed that it could have some merit.
- 2. DBE Goals.** The first project with a DBE goal was let. The project included bidders that both did and did not meet the DBE Goal. The Good Faith Effort process was discussed and minor revisions are forthcoming to the Good Faith Effort Criteria.
- 3. Prevailing Wage Rates for Independent Truckers.** A recent decision from the US Department of Labor was discussed. The decision states that Independent Truck Drivers are to be paid prevailing wages for work for the project (e.g. hauling plant mix). While MDT is not in a position to agree or disagree with the decision, MDT is required to follow the federal rules. A memo was sent to the contractors to inform them of the decision. It was suggested that MCA work through the US Department of Labor to resolve further issues.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Best Western Premier Great Northern Hotel in Helena.