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Tom,

Below are comments the MCA is submitting on proposed spec changes for March.

#### 102.06 EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF WORK

The middle of the first page states "Submittal of a bid is an affirmative statement that an independent subsurface evaluation was made and Department subsurface investigations were not relied on." MDT works on the project design and development for approximately 5 years, but expects the Contractor to go out and hire a core driller to do a private subsurface investigation sometime between the official advertisement and the bid opening date. (The last sentence in the specification states "Do not base any bid on a preliminary package.") If five different contractors want to bid the work, then all five would have to do their own core drilling. This is not practical. If the subsurface information is good enough to use for the design of the project, it should be good enough for the Contractor to rely on for his bid. It makes a lot more sense to present the results of the subsurface investigation for what it is...the results of the testing done at specific locations, and let the Contractor rely on it. The MCA respectfully requests the Department re-evaluate changes to this spec.

#### 620.06.6(D) Application (Epoxy Pavement Markings)

We are resisting this change, as it appears MDT is inconsistent in its own perception of the need to revise this spec. The additional cost to taxpayers and inconvenience to the travelling public to comply with the proposed spec change is simply not worth whatever marginal improvement will be gained. A deduct in the price of paint not used due the braces in the stencils would be preferable to enforcing this spec change. We ask that you reconsider this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Executive Director



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