

March 2026 Specifications Committee Meeting

SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2025 @ 10:00AM

Meeting Location: 190 Dry Branch Drive, Library, MCS&T Division, Charleston, WV

Also meeting virtually via Google Meet video conference. E-mail distribution message includes instruction.

Approved Supplemental Specification changes from last Committee meeting (01/27/26)

- **None.**

Approved Special Provisions (SP) from last Committee meeting (01/27/26)

- **SP 697-Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges During Construction:** The revision updates names for NBI inspection and reduces the time to submit reports to align better with Consultant Inspection Contracts.
- **SP Electronic Submission of Payrolls and Subcontractor Payments:** The revision clarifies language and use while removing all references to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's).

Items Removed from the Agenda:

To bring back with more updates in the future:

- **642.6-Silt Fence and 642.7-Method of Measurement:**
- **Section 601.1–Description, 601.2– Materials, 601.3- Proportioning, 601.4- Testing, 601.8-Forms, 601.9-Adverse Weather Conditions, 601.10-Placing Concrete, 601.12-Curing and Protecting Concrete:** WVU was contracted to research and develop a specification for mass concrete. More updates to come later this year.
- **Section 720-Smoothness Testing:** The item was withdrawn following the February Joint Asphalt Subcommittee meeting. It will be reintroduced in May with updated information.

Important Announcements:

The **2026 Supplemental Specifications** are available on the MCS&T webpage:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/mcst/Pages/specifications.aspx>

- Physical copies of the 2026 Supplemental Specifications will be available for purchase once production is complete. We are currently reviewing the proofs. An announcement will be made when printed copies are ready.

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Old Business Items

SECTION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
<u>SP601</u>	Special Provision 601 “Class S Concrete”	2nd time to Committee. (January, & March) Special Provision 601 for Class S Concrete, proposing changes to subsection 601.3-Proportioning. The revision expands upon the section referring to shrinkage and updates reference section numbers.
	A. Thaxton	<i>Approval is expected in March</i>
<u>651</u>	Section 651-Furnishing and Placing Soil	7th time to Committee. (January, March, May, July, September, December 2025, and March 2026)
<u>652</u>	Section 652-Seeding and Mulching	Three specification changes updating the requirements for seeding and mulching.
<u>715</u>	Section 715.25-715.32 (Ground Agricultural Limestone, Fertilizers, Mulch Material, Seed, Inoculating Bacteria, Biological Growth Stimulants, and Hydraulic Growth Material)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 651-Furnishing and Placing Soil 2. Section 652-Seeding and Mulching a. Updated from the last meeting. 3. Section 715.25-715.32 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. (Ground Agricultural Limestone, Fertilizers, Mulch Material, Seed, Inoculating Bacteria, Biological Growth Stimulants, and Hydraulic Growth Material) b. Updated from the last meeting. <p>Specifications have been updated and are redlined show the revisions. A “Clean” version of Section 652 is shown, due to the amount of changes.</p> <p>A meeting outside of Committee was held in February to review and discuss seeding and mulching specifications.</p>
	D. Kirk	

New Business Items

<u>SP 106</u>	SP 106.1.4-Use of Domestic Construction Materials (De Minimis Standard)	1st time to Committee. Special Provision for Section 106-Control of Materials, Subsection 106.1.4- Use of Domestic Construction Materials. The revision adds language to Subsection 106.1.4 incorporating the FHWA Build America, Buy America (BABA) De Minimis standard.
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<p><u>SP106</u> <u>&</u> <u>106</u></p>	<p>SP 106-Build America Buy America (2026)</p> <p>Subsections 106.1.1-Definitions & 106.1.5-State and/or Federal Use of Manufactured Products</p> <p>D. Brayack</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Special Provision and Supplemental Specification for Section 106-Control of Materials, Subsection 106.1.1-Definitions and 106.1.5- State and/or Federal Use of Manufactured Products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsection 106.1.1: The revision adds the definition of Fifty-Five Percent (55%) Requirement. • Subsection 106.1.5: The revision reflects changes to 23 CFR 635.410. All Manufactured Products and Final Assembly shall occur in America. Manufactured products shall meet the 55% Requirement. <p style="color: red;">*****THIS WILL NEED TO BE ADDED TO PROPOSALS WHEN THE PROJECT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDS ON 10/1/2026 OR LATER.*****</p>
<p><u>SP 115</u> <u>&</u> <u>SP 614</u></p>	<p>SP 115-Job Order Contracting (JOC)</p> <p>SP 614-Piling Walls</p> <p>S. Boggs</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Two Special Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SP 115-Job Order Contracting (JOC). This Special Provisions establishes JOC as a contracting method for the WVDOH. Under this method: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WVDOH competitively awards a master agreement. • Individual Job Orders are then issued under that Master Agreement. • Each Job Order functions as its own separate construction contract, defining scope, locations, quantities, schedule, and requirements. <p>Initially, this Special Provision will be used for piling wall projects, but WVDOH may expand it to other types of work in the future.</p> 2. SP 614-Piling Walls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires steel piles to be classified and paid by HCSI, as determined by the Division’s Geotechnical Engineer. For SP 115 projects, the highest HCSI shown in the Abbreviated PS&E applies to all piling.

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<p><u>SP 645</u></p>	<p>SP 645-Reinforced Soil Slopes (EPS)</p> <p>S. Lewis</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. This Special Provision (SP) defines the physical properties, testing methods, and performance requirements for Standard Expanded Polystyrene (S-EPS). It also establishes specifications for geotextile separation fabric and incorporates the requirements of SP 708 – Neoprene Sheet for Semi-Integral Abutments, where applicable.</p>
<p><u>660</u></p>	<p>660.9-Loop Traffic Detectors</p> <p>T. Nichols</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Specification update to Section 660.9-Loop Traffic Detectors. This revision adds the new section 660.9.1-Loop Traffic Sealant, which overhauls an existing paragraph within 660.9. This specification update ensures loop sealants are properly tested to ASTM D2240 and correctly applied to the road surface.</p>
<p><u>SP 636</u></p>	<p>SP 636-Temporary Pavement Markings-Orange</p> <p>T. Whitmore</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. This Special Provision covers the furnishing, application, maintenance, and removal of temporary orange pavement markings used for traffic control within active work zones. The provision is to be used on an experimental project.</p>
<p><u>PSSP 636</u></p>	<p>PSSP 636.22-Portable Queue Detection System</p> <p>D. Ahmad</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. This is a Project Specific Special Provision 636.22-Portable Queue Detection Systems which will be used only on the Eugene Carter +3 Project. This Project Specific Special Provision establishes requirements for providing a fully automated, trailer-mounted system to monitor work zone traffic conditions and deliver real time queue and travel time information.</p>
<p><u>662</u></p>	<p>662.2.3.5-Electrical Conduit & 662.17-Pay Items</p> <p>R. Tabassum</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. An approved Special Provision from March 2025, now to be a supplemental specification. The proposed supplemental specification adds Subsection 662.2.3.5 – Type PR (PVC-Coated Rigid Galvanized Steel Conduit “PVC-RGS”) and adds a pay item.</p>
<p><u>715</u></p>	<p>715.42.10-Electrical Conduit</p> <p>R. Tabassum</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. An approved Special Provision from March 2025, now to be a supplemental specification. The revision will replace the current subsection.</p>

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Deadline for new items & updates for the May 5, 2026 Meeting are **due April 10, 2026.**

If you are the ‘**champion**’ of any Specification Changes and/or Project Specific Special Provisions currently in the Specification Committee, it is your responsibility to edit/update/revise your items in a timely manner per Specification Committee Guidelines.

NOTE: Failure to submit updates may result in removal of item and/or delays.

Comments

Comments are requested for Specifications Changes and Project Specific Special Provisions as they help in the decision-making process. Please send comments by Friday prior to the meeting!

Please Send Comments to: Jacinda.n.Chapman@WV.gov

File Format Structure and Progression of items through Specifications Committee

The purpose of the protocol below is to provide guidance on the file structure of Proposed Specifications & Project Specific Provisions as they progress through Specifications Committee. This procedure would facilitate a means of tracking changes from meeting to meeting as the agenda & provisions are posted publicly online on the Spec Committee website.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

New items should be setup & submitted in the following format along with a brief overview of the item or reason for the change:

1. **Specification Changes** – Show as red-line copy (see note)
2. **Project Specific Special Provisions (SP)** – Will be shown in all black.
3. **Updates to approved SP** – Shown as red-line copy.

NOTE: Red-line copy is a form of editing which indicates removal or addition of text. You can redline a Microsoft Word document by using the built-in “Track Changes” feature.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

Updated provisions that were discussed at the last committee meeting should be set up in the following format:

- Redline copy from prior meeting would not be shown.
- Redline copy of new changes/updates (from previous meeting)

PROGRESSION OF ITEMS THRU COMMITTEE AND APPROVAL:

Depending on how important the project and/or comments/discussion of item at previous meeting, then several things can happen in no particular order.

- Few comments/discussion/minor changes...will recommend approval of item at next meeting.
- A lot of comments/discussion...will not recommend approval at next meeting; item will be updated and reviewed again at the next meeting.
- SPs in committee may be used in advertised project. Hope to work to address comments & finish approving at subsequent meeting.