

May 2026 Specifications Committee Meeting

SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 5, 2025 @ 10:00AM

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

Virtual platform available via Google Meet. E-mail distribution message includes instructions.

Approved Supplemental Specification changes from last Committee meeting (03/17/26)

- None.

Approved Special Provisions (SP) from last Committee meeting (03/17/26)

- **SP 601-“Class S Concrete”**: The revision expands upon the section referring to shrinkage and updates reference section numbers.

Items Removed from the Agenda:

- None

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.

Old Business Items

SECTION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
651	Section 651-Furnishing and Placing Soil	8th time to Committee. (January, March, May, July, September, December 2025, March, and April 2026)
652	Section 652-Seeding and Mulching	Three (3) specification changes updating the requirements for seeding and mulching.
715	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 Soil2. Section 652-Seeding and Mulching<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.

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	D. Kirk	<p>Sections 651 and 652 have been updated in response to comments from FHWA and industry stakeholders. Including seeding dates have been updates, Table 652.5 has been revised accordingly, and the maximum slope application in Table 652.6.2.A has been revised to 1H:1V.</p>
<u>SP 106</u>	<p>SP 106.1.4-Use of Domestic Construction Materials (De Minimis Standard)</p> <p>D. Brayack</p>	<p>2nd time to Committee. Discussed in April. 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.</p> <p>The SP has been updated to clarify intent by adding the word “permanently,” so the text now reads “...permanently incorporated into the project.”</p> <p>Approval is expected in May.</p>
<u>SP106 & 106</u>	<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>2nd time to Committee. Discussed in April. 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>*****THIS WILL NEED TO BE ADDED TO PROPOSALS WHEN THE PROJECT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDS ON 10/1/2026 OR LATER.*****</p> <p>The SP has been updated; the definition of “Kit” was updated.</p> <p>Approval is expected in May.</p>

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<u>715</u>	<p>715.42.10-Electrical Conduit</p> <p>R. Tabassum</p>	<p>2nd time to Committee. Discussed in April. An approved Special Provision from March 2025, now to be a supplemental specification. The revision will replace the current subsection.</p> <p>No update to specification; it is redlined showing the revisions.</p> <p>Approval is expected in May.</p>
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New Business Items

<u>401</u>	<p>401.7.4-Thickness & 401.13.4-</p> <p>K. Welch</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Specification change to 401-Asphalt Base, Wearing, and Patching and Leveling Courses, 401.7.4-Thickness and 401.13.4. The revision allows using MIT Scanning (nondestructive testing) to verify asphalt pavement thickness. It also includes revisions to the acceptance and payment methods.</p>
<u>506</u>	<p>506.2-Materials</p> <p>A. Thaxton</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Specification change to 506-Concrete Pavement Repair, 506.2-Materials. This revision allows calcium sulfoaluminate (CSA) cement, specified in Section 701.5 of the Supplemental Specification to be used for concrete repairs in Section 506.</p>
<u>601</u>	<p>601.1-Description</p> <p>601.3-Proportioning</p> <p>601.3.1.1.1.3-Level of Prevention</p> <p>601.16-Pay Items</p> <p>A. Thaxton</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Specification change to Section 601-Structural Concrete, the revision adds a new Class BP of Concrete to the following subsections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 601.1-Description • 601.3-Proportioning (Tables 601.3.1A & 601.3.1D) • 601.3.1.1.1.3-Level of Prevention (Table 601.3.1.1.1.3) • 601.16-Pay Items. <p>This material may be used instead of an approved prepackaged patching material.</p>
<u>615</u>	<p>615.5.6.3-Installation</p>	<p>1st time to Committee. Specification change to section 615-Steel Structures, subsection 615.5.6.3-Installation. The revision removes references to impact and air-supplied tools and clarifies that bolt tightening wrenches shall have</p>

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	G. Hanna	sufficient capacity to achieve tightening in approximately ten (10) seconds. Allows bolt rotation while restraining the nut when necessary to improve constructability.
<u>619 & 705</u>	Section 619-Membrane Waterproofing 705.7-Waterproofing Materials S. Boggs (EGIS)	1st time to Committee. Specification change to Section 619-Membrane Waterproofing and Section 705-Asphalt Materials. Section 619 is a complete section rewrite to reflect current waterproofing practices, covering materials, installation, and protection. Section 705 is revised to match these changes and remove outdated requirements.
<u>642</u>	642.6.5-Silt Fence: D. Kirk	1st time to Committee Specification change to Section 642-Temporary Pollution Control, subsection 642.6.5-Silt Fence. This revision improves silt fence performance and consistency by updating height, embedment, installation, and alignment requirements, including guidance for multiple rows. It also adds ASTM D6461 material standards, defines Standard and High Performance fence types, and updates related tables and pay items.
<u>679</u>	Section 679 Overlaying of Portland Cement Concrete Bridge Decks.	1st time to Committee. Specification change to various subsections of Section 679 Overlaying of Portland Cement Concrete Bridge Decks. The revisions incorporates very early strength latex modified concrete from the current Special Provision into the specification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 679.1-Description, • 679.2-Materials, • 679.3.1-Removal of Existing Deck Surface, • 679.3.1.1-Removal of Existing Deck Surface Phase I, • 679.3.1.2-Removal of Existing Deck Surface Phase II, • 679.3.1.4-Disposal • 679.3.3-Preparation of Surface, • 679.3.5-Placement Preconditions, • 679.3.6-Placing, Finishing and Curing Slab Reconstruction Concrete,

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	A. Thaxton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 679.3.6.2-Removal of Slab Reconstruction Concrete Surface, • 679.3.7.1-General, • 679.3.7.5.3-Curing Very Early Strength Latex Modified Concrete, • 679.4.3.4-Loading Limitations during Curing, • 679.4.9-Defective or Damaged Concrete, • 679.6.3.1-Blast Cleaning
<u>697</u>	Section 697 – Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges During Construction T. Brown	1st time to Committee. This item was previously approved as a Special Provision on January 27, 2026, and is now being converted to a Supplemental Specification. The revision updates the names associated with NBI inspections and shortens the report submission timeframe to better align with our Consultant Inspection Contracts.
<u>701</u>	701.1-Portland Cement A. Thaxton	1st time to Committee. Specification change to Section 701, 701.1-Portland cement. The revision adds Type III cement for items in Section 603, 506, and precast concrete applications when specified.
<u>709</u>	709.1.3- Galvanized Coated Bars for Concrete Reinforcement G. Hanna	1st time to Committee. This item was previously approved as a Special Provision on March 5, 2025, and is now being converted to a Supplemental Specification. The revision adds inspection requirements for galvanized reinforcing steel. The revision also adds requirements if ASTM A767 is used as the method of galvanizing.
<u>709</u>	709.24.4.3 (Direct Tension Indicators (DTIs)) G. Hanna	1st time to Committee. This revision introduces new subsection 709.24.4.3 for Direct Tension Indicators (DTIs), providing an additional method for tightening bolted connections and establishing that DTIs, when used to indicate bolt tension, must conform to ASTM F959.

Deadline for new items & updates for the July 7, 2026 Meeting are **due June 12, 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.

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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!

All Comments should be sent 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.