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**September 18, 2013  
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

**New Specification Revisions.** The CAS Bureau is proposing revisions to 4 Standard Specifications. The proposed revisions will be open for comment during the month of September, 2013. Each specification was briefly discussed.

**Supplemental Specifications**

**1. 109.04.2 Force Account Basis**

**2. 304.03 CTB**

MCA asked about an incentive for CTB in light of this spec change. As MDT acquires more information, this will be considered.

**3. 409.04.6 Sweeping and Brooming**

**4. 618.03.2 Traffic Control**

**MCA NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Concrete.** Contractors expressed concern with the risk associated with the pay factor tables in the proposed Section 551. Contractors wondered if MDT will be losing competition due to these changes. Removal and replacement is always an option in the proposed spec. Contractors asked whose decision that would be. A Contractor questioned why general use concrete went up to 4000 psi. Contractors mentioned that the standard deviation discussion in ACI states that one or two tests could be low and that is ok. MCA wondered about the deductions we apply to concrete. These are a high risk item for Contractors, especially bridge decks. MCA wondered if we take into account other factors (e.g. environmental) when looking at concrete service life. A Contractor asked about sealing concrete adjacent to the roadway. MDT stated that it may be going that direction.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. DBE Program.** This was discussed at that MCA-MDT executive meeting. There is a new goal for next year, approximately 5.2%. Contractors asked if we are compiling the entire Department's DBE usage. Those present were not sure of the status of this. A Contractor asked if the DBE list was current. MDT stated that they believed Civil Rights had recently gone through the list and that it was current.
- 2. Finalization Process.** MDT stated they are still working with Environmental on the permit transfer process. MDT will send all spec and form changes out for review when completed. The process will likely be change ordered into all active jobs once it is complete.

**AD-HOC ITEMS**

- 1. Chip Seal Industry Meeting.** The chip seal industry meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2013, 1-4pm in the MDT Commission Room.

***The next MCA-MDT Highway Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the MCA Office in Helena.***