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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** ALL USERS OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS  
**FROM:** *for* OHD ACTING DIRECTOR C. SCOTT POMENTO, P.E. *By: Mard.*  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS  
**DATE:** JUNE 15, 2023  
**RESPONSE**  
**REQUESTED** N/A  
**BY:**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide guidance for using the 2023 Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials (2023 Specifications Book). The 2023 Specifications Book will be adopted for use on July 1, 2023.

**SUMMARY**

The 2023 Specifications Book is a compilation of the 2022 Specifications Book; new or revised Special Provisions Inserts (SPIs) approved for use between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023; and reference corrections or typographical corrections to the 2022 Specifications Book. The 2023 Specifications Book is located on the MDOT SHA Internet website at <https://www.roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/sscm.aspx?PageId=853&lid=SSP>.

The following SPIs are incorporated into the 2023 Specifications Book:

SPI GP-5.13 – Acceptance for Maintenance (02/01/2023)  
SPI TC-1.03 – Definitions (10/04/2022)  
SPI TC-7.02 – Payment Allowances for Stored Materials (02/01/2023)  
SPI TC-7.05 – Progress Payments (04/18/2023)  
SPI 201 – Roadway Excavation (Class 1, Class 1-A, Class 2) (02/01/2023)  
SPI 403 – Temporary Support of Excavation or Fill (10/04/2022)  
SPI 406 – Drilled Holes in Masonry and Structures (10/04/2022)  
SPI 499 – Working Drawings (07/19/2022)  
SPI 501 – Untreated Aggregate Base Courses (10/04/2022)  
SPI 557 – Snowplowable Raised Pavement Markers (07/19/2022)  
SPI 602 – Curb, Combination Curb and Gutter, and Monolithic Median (07/19/2022)  
SPI 603 – Sidewalks (07/19/2022)  
SPI 604 – Concrete Traffic Barriers (10/04/2022)

SPI 705 – Turfgrass Establishment (02/01/2023)  
SPI 706 – Shrub Seeding Establishment (02/01/2023)  
SPI 708 – Turfgrass Sod Establishment (02/01/2023)  
SPI 709 – Soil Stabilization Matting (02/01/2023)  
SPI 806 – Luminaires and Lamps (04/18/2023)  
SPI 915 – Production Plants (10/04/2022)  
SPI 930 – Price Adjustment for Steel (06/13/2023)  
SPI 950 – Traffic Materials (04/18/2023)

The following reference or typographical corrections are included in the 2023 Specifications Book:

Under **TC-4.02**, in the second paragraph, “GP-511” is corrected to “GP-5.11.”

Under **104.05.03**, paragraph “**BWB End Treatments. 104.09 and 104.10.**” is corrected to “**TBWB End Treatments. Refer to 104.09 and 104.10.**”

Under **104.27.04**, sub-sections “**104.17.04.01**”, “**107.17.04.02**”, and “**104.17.04.03**” are corrected to “**104.27.04.01**”, “**104.27.04.02**”, “**104.27.04.03**” respectively.

Under **111.03**, sub-section “**111.03.02**” is corrected to “**111.03.01.**”

Under **111.03(g)(2)**, “0” was updated to “1 ft.”

Under **316.03.18**, the missing reference “Section 317” is added at the end of the paragraph.

Under **316.04**, paragraph **Stormwater Management (SWM) Facility As-Built Certification**, “As specified” is corrected to “As specified in 317.04.”

Under **504.03.12**, lists “(c)” is corrected to “(1)” and “(d) Acceptance” is corrected to “(c) Acceptance.”

Under **510.03.04(b)**, the paragraph “**Transverse Reflective Cracks**” is corrected to “**(2) Transverse Reflective Cracks**”, the lists “**(2) Longitudinal Reflective Cracks**” is corrected to “**(3) Longitudinal Reflective Cracks**”, and “**(3) Longitudinal Cold Joint Cracks**” is corrected to “**(4) Longitudinal Cold Joint Cracks**”.

Under **559.03**, the typo “**549.03**” is removed.

Under **711.04.01(a)**, in the **Annuals and Bulbs Table 4 – Payment Schedule**, under the column **Installation and Establishment Phase Completion**, “711.03.0 thru .16” is corrected to “711.03.01 through 711.03.16”

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The following specifications were updated to comply with the 2023 Standard Specifications Book. The latest versions of the updated specifications documents, dated July 1, 2023, are located on the MDOT SHA Internet website at <https://www.roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/sscm.aspx?PageId=853&lid=SSP>, on the MDOT SHA Project Development Hub, and on the Invitation for Bids System managed by MDOT SHA. All projects advertising after July 1, 2023, must include these revised specifications.

<b><u>File</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
003-toc.docx	<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS.</b> Updated.
021-projd.docx	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION.</b> Updated the Specification Year.
022.1-ntc State.docx	<b>NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR FOR STATE CONTRACTS.</b> Updated the Specification Year.
022.2-ntc Federal.docx	<b>NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTS.</b> Updated the Specification Year.

If there are any questions regarding these updates, please contact Jared Paper-Evers, P.E., MDOT SHA Office of Highway Development (OHD) Assistant Division Chief, at 410-545-8400, or via email at [jpaperevers@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:jpaperevers@mdot.maryland.gov).

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