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ENGINEERING POLICY AND MEMORANDUM NO. 1-91

TO: ALL ENGINEERS

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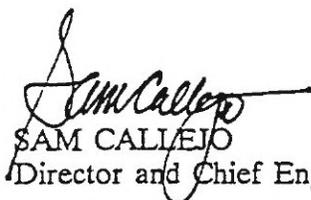
SUBJECT: REVISION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS SECTION 34.2.D.
CONCERNING GRADATION AND COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS
FOR ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT

Our standard specifications have allowed only asphalt concrete Mix #3 for constructing the surface course of road pavements. Effective immediately, Mix #4 will also be allowed for the surface course. The reasons are as follows:

1. Contractors experience difficulty using Mix #3 at manhole and curb return areas where handwork is required.
2. The stability test results for Mix #3 and Mix #4 are both 3,000 \pm pounds, which are above the recommended requirement of 1,500 to 2,000 pounds.
3. At this time, Mix #4 is being used on most City projects for the surface course in complete reconstruction of roadways. The mix is specified in the plans, special provisions, and/or proposal.
4. Mix #4, under the designation "State Mix V", is used for the surface course of State roadways.

Section 34.2.D, paragraph 4 of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, September 1986 is hereby revised as follows [underlined text is added]:

2. Mix #3 or Mix #4 shall be used in constructing the surface course for asphalt concrete wearing surface for road pavement.


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