

Memorandum

*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, Structure Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
RESIDENT ENGINEERS

Date: August 21, 2024

File: Division of Construction
CPD 24-7



From: RAMON HOPKINS, Chief
Division of Construction

Subject: **REMOVING CT 342 ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENT FOR CONCRETE PAVEMENT**

This directive provides information to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) resident engineers about upcoming revisions to Section 40, "Concrete Pavement"; Section 41, "Existing Concrete Pavement," and Section 42, "Groove and Grind Concrete," of the *Standard Specifications*. Revisions to these sections will be published in October 2024.

Sections 40, 41, and 42 currently require California Test (CT) 342, "Method of Test for Surface Skid Resistance with the California Portable Skid Tester," for acceptance. Specification language revisions have been adopted by stakeholders, which include the Caltrans Pavement Program, Federal Highway Administration, and the Division of Construction, to remove CT 342 from Sections 40, 41, and 42 when the *Standard Specifications* are published in October 2024. Removing the skid test from these sections will reduce Caltrans labor and resources used to conduct this test. Requiring the skid test for acceptance in Sections 40, 41, and 42 is redundant because the surface texture of concrete pavements is prescriptive in Section 40-1.03H(3), "Final Finishing," of the *Standard Specifications*.

With this directive, contractors have the option to request use of the revised specifications to remove the CT 342 acceptance requirement in Sections 40, 41, and 42 for ongoing projects. Contractors may do this by submitting a no-cost change order request to the resident engineer. Attached to this directive are a sample change order memorandum, sample change order, and the revised specifications for Sections 40, 41, and 42. This directive serves as delegation of authority from the Division of Construction for change order approval, except when change order language is altered.

If you have questions or comments regarding this directive, contact Deborah Yost, Division of Construction, at Deborah.Yost@dot.ca.gov or (916) 764-8011.

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction et al.

August 21, 2024

Page 2 of 2

Attachments:

1. Sample Form CEM-4903, "Change Order Memorandum" Remove CT 342
2. Sample Form CEM-4900, "Change Order" Remove CT 342
3. Revised Section 40, "Concrete Pavement," of the *Standard Specifications*
4. Revised Section 41, "Existing Concrete Pavement," of the *Standard Specifications*
5. Revised Section 42, "Groove and Grind Concrete," of the *Standard Specifications*