



ATTENTION: TP&D, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND  
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEERS  
**MEMORANDUM**

**SPECIAL PROVISION AND/OR SPECIFICATION CHANGE MEMORANDUM 02-10**

**TO:** District Engineers

**Date:** February 5, 2010

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**SUBJECT:** Statewide Special Provision 441-006 (04) "Steel Structures"

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The above-referenced special provision has been approved for statewide use. The use of this special provision is required for all projects using Item 441 "Steel Structures," beginning with the May 2010 letting.

This special provision reinstates weathering steel surface preparation provisions of Section 441.3.H.4. This reinstatement is intended to be temporary until AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration (SBC) S2.1 – 2008 is published. Please see attached notes for a summary of changes since previous provision.

Please disseminate this information to your Transportation Planning & Development, Design, Construction, Maintenance, and Traffic Operations Engineers.

cc: TxDOT Specification Committee  
Ms. Janice Brown, FHWA

**Spec Comm Id No. 0441-200910-29, Steel Structures**

**SP 441-005 included a number of changes, both additions and deletions, necessitated by revisions to externally referenced standard AASHTO/NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration (SBC) S2.1. At the time SP 441-005 was submitted, S2.1 had been approved by all relevant AASHTO technical committees and subcommittees.**

**In the past, at this stage SBC documents were ready for electronic publication on the NSBA website, and so it was believed that publication of S2.1 was imminent, and the additions to the specification (compensating for deletions from S2.1) were necessary. However, changes to AASHTO publication policy (copyright disputes, additional levels of editorial and formatting review) have led to long delays in the publication of the 2008 edition of S2.1**

**At this time, S2.1-2008 has still not been published, and although it is still fully the intent of AASHTO and NSBA to publish it, no definite publication date has been set.**

**The additions to Item 441 are not problematic, because they are harmlessly redundant with S2.1-2002 and will be needed once S2.1-2008 is published. However, Section 441.3.H.4 (surface preparation requirements for weathering steel) was deleted from Item 441 because those requirements were going to be published in S2.1, with the result that this section is now missing from our specifications.**

**The intent of this proposed special provision is to reinstate Section 441.3.H.4.**

**Once S2.1-2008 is published, we will submit another special provision to delete it once again, to avoid redundancy with that specification. At the moment, the redundancy is consistent and harmless, but problems may arise in the future if the redundant sections are kept but not maintained in parallel.**