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Subject: Standard Specifications For Construction of Roads and
Bridges on Federal Highway Projects (FP-96)

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures was held in Seattle, Washington, the week of May 20, 2001. During the meeting, it was announced that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation, has published an English (Customary U.S. Units) version of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-96. Initially, FP-96 was published using the International System of Units (SI) only to comply with Public Law 100-418 (1988 Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act) and Executive Order 12770 (Metric Usage in Federal Government Programs). However, since many State Departments of Transportation continue to design and construct roads and bridges using English Units, the new publication is needed until FHWA issues a revised edition of their Standard Specifications in both systems of units in 2003.

Copies of the English version of FP-96 may be obtained from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) at a cost of \$59. Bookstore locations and on-line purchase information may be found at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>. Additional information may also be obtained by calling the Washington, D.C. GPO at 202-512-1800.

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