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**Supplemental Specifications - Section 700**

**of the**

**Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction**

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**Subsection 705.06:** Delete the second and third paragraph, and add the following as the second, third, and fourth paragraph

All post holes, dug or drilled, shall be of such size as will permit proper setting of the posts, and allow sufficient room for backfilling and tamping.

- When posts are driven to refusal and solid rock is encountered, the contractor will be allowed to drill or bore holes to place posts .
- In addition, all posts for in-line guardrail and end terminals shall be installed to the depths shown in the Standard Drawings.
- When rock is encountered, post holes shall be drilled a minimum of 20 inches in diameter for steel posts (or 3-8 inch diameter holes side by side), or a minimum of 23 inches in diameter for wood posts (or 3-10 inch diameter holes side by side).
- The post shall be set at the roadside edge of the hole and backfilled with compressible materials (e.g. rock drilling spoils, #57 stone, etc.).

To validate proper installation of posts, each guardrail contractor/installer doing work for the Department shall have a minimum of 5 line posts and 5 terminal posts per Region per year pulled by the Department for verification of length. The Regional Construction and Materials and Tests offices may select any post for verification, but at a minimum, must select posts from five different runs of rail. If the posts are found to be in accordance with the plans and specifications, they may be re-installed if they were not damaged during the pulling process. If the post length is found to be deficient, the contractor/installer shall be required to remove the entire run of guardrail or end terminal and replace it properly at his expense.

**Subsection 705.10:** Add to the end of the section

When no contract unit price has been established for drilling or boring in solid rock, for posts, while placing Single Guardrail, payment for each hole shall be made at a rate equal to 2.0 times the contract unit price for Single Guardrail.

While drilling or boring into solid rock for posts placed in conjunction with Guardrail at Bridge Ends, Parapets, Piers, Concrete Endposts, and other similar edifice, payment shall be made at a rate equal to 1.25 times the contract unit price per hole.

When no unit price has been established for drilling or boring into solid rock for End Terminals posts, payment shall be made at a rate equal to 2.0 times the contract unit price for single guardrail per hole.

Unless posts are driven to refusal in solid rock, prior to drilling or boring, no additional payment will be made for drilling or boring for the placement of posts.

**Subsection 709.08:** Second paragraph, **Change** “sawed for a depth of 1 ft.” to “1 in.”

**Subsection 712.01: Add to the end of paragraph 1.**

This work shall include both installing additional devices as necessary in construction work zones.

**Subsection 712.04: Remove entire subsection text and replace with the following:**

**General.** At the Pre-construction Conference the Contractor shall designate a responsible person who will be assigned to the project to supervise traffic control.

Signs shall be erected in a workmanlike manner such that all supports are plumb, sign panels generally perpendicular to the travelway and legends horizontal so that they effectively convey the intended message. Advanced warning signs shall not be displayed more than 48 hours before physical construction begins. Signs may be erected up to 1 week before needed, if the sign face is fully covered, in a manner approved by the Engineer. The sheeting of the sign shall be free of any damage that would reduce the reflectivity. The use of overlay plates on signs is prohibited. Signs shall be mounted on stationary or portable supports dependent on the type work being performed. Sign supports shall be driven a minimum of 3.5 ft. (1 m) into soil or 1 ft. (300 mm) into solid rock. Where soil and solid rock are both encountered, the depth of the sign support in the ground shall be:

$$d1 + 3.33d2 = 1, \text{ where}$$

$$(d1 + 3.5d2 = 42)$$

d1 = depth in m (in.) of support in soil

d2 = depth in m (in.) of support in solid rock

Stationary sign supports may be spliced, provided the splice is a minimum of 18 in.(450 mm). In addition, the stubs for the splice shall be driven as required above and shall not extend above 18 in.(450 mm) from ground level. The splice shall be fastened with four bolts, 2 placed at each end of the splice. In general, work being performed at spot locations and of short duration will necessitate the use of portable supports properly weighted for stability.

During periods of non-use, warning signs and other devices shall be removed from the work area, covered or otherwise positioned so they do not convey their message to the traveling public and do not present a safety hazard to drivers. If covered, the covering material shall be maintained in a neat and workmanlike manner during its use. The method of covering the sign face shall not deface or damage the sheeting of the sign.

Barricades and other devices that require lighting shall be lighted, as designated by plans details or as directed by the Engineer, with the use of flashing or steady burning lights. The

Contractor will be responsible for procuring and bearing the expense of a continuous power source.

Flaggers with proper attire and paddle shall be provided when necessary to safely handle traffic through the construction zone. Flaggers will be considered a general requirement of traffic control and no direct payment will be made for such.

The Flashing Arrow Board(s) shall be installed at locations shown on the Plans or as directed by the Engineer and shall comply with all requirements of the "**Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Highways and Streets**"(MUTCD). The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to insure that the Flashing Arrow Board(s) perform as described herein. Any Flashing Arrow Board that exhibits any type of malfunction including improper dimming shall be corrected or replaced immediately.

The Flashing Arrow Board shall be capable of displaying the following configurations:

1. Right Arrow - 10 lamps flashing in unison forming an arrow
2. Left Arrow - 10 lamps flashing in unison forming an arrow
3. Double Arrow - 5 lamps in each arrow head and 3 lamps in a common shaft all flashing in unison
4. Four Point Caution - 4 outermost corner lamps flashing in unison

The Flashing Arrow Board(s) shall be used in the single arrow mode for lane closure only and shall be situated and aligned so that the flashing arrow is clearly visible and legible. The single arrow mode display shall have 10 lamps flashing in unison. The sequential arrow configuration, chevron arrow configuration, and horizontal bar configuration will not be allowed. The flash rate shall not be less than 25 flashes per minute or more than 40 flashes per minute. Minimum lamp "on-time" shall be 50% of the cycle.

The Flashing Arrow Board(s) shall be mounted so as to provide a minimum of 7 ft.(2.1 m) between the bottom of the panel and the roadway.

Portable signs may be used when the duration of the work is less than three (3) days or as allowed by other conditions in the proposal. All portable signs and sign mounting devices utilized in work shall be NCHRP 350 compliant. When not being used, portable signs must be removed from the clear zone. Turning signs sideways or backwards is explicitly prohibited while the signs are in the clear zone. Portable interim signs shall be mounted a minimum of one (1) foot above the level of the pavement edge and shall be mounted at the height recommended by the manufacturer's crashworthy testing requirements.

All regulatory sign blanks shall be rigid.

The Contractor shall make every effort to eliminate the use of interim signs as soon as the Work allows for the installation of permanent signs.

Existing street name signs shall be maintained at street intersections.

Any sign(s) or portions of a sign(s) that are not applicable to the traffic control plan shall be covered so as not to be visible to traffic or shall be removed from the roadway when not in use.

The Contractor shall not remove any existing signs and supports without prior approval from the Engineer. All existing signs and supports that are to be removed shall be stored and protected if this material will be required later in the work.

Interim guide, warning, or regulatory signs required to direct traffic shall be furnished, installed, reused, and maintained by the Contractor in accordance with the MUTCD. The

bottom of all interim signs shall be mounted at least seven (7 ft.) feet above the level of the pavement edge when the signs are used for long-term stationary operations as defined by Section 6G.02 of the MUTCD.

Existing guide and exit directional signs on the Project shall be maintained until conditions require a change in location or legend content. When change is required, the signs shall be in accordance with the Traffic Control Plan. When an existing guide and exit directional signs sign is in conflict with work to be performed, the Contractor shall remove the conflicting sign and reset it in a new, non-conflicting location that has been approved by the engineer.

When it is not possible to utilize existing signs, either in place or relocated, the Contractor shall furnish, erect, maintain, modify, relocate, and remove new interim guide and exit directional signs in accordance with the Plans or as directed by the engineer.

The installation of new permanent guide and exit directional signs and the permanent modification or resetting of existing guide and exit directional signs, when included in the contract, shall be accomplished as soon as practical to minimize the use of interim guide and exit directional signs.

**Portable Barrier Rail.** All portable barrier rail will be placed as far away from the travel lanes as possible while serving the intended purpose. All portable barrier rail will be moved or removed as directed by the engineer. There shall be no additional payment for removing barrier that is no longer required.

**Lane Closures.** The length of a lane closure should be held to the minimum length required to accomplish the Work. The advanced warning signs for the project should not overlap with the advanced warning signs for lane shifts, lane closures, etc.

Drums shall be used in all transition tapers for lane closures on multi-lane roads

**Night Work Lighting.** When night work is required by Contract documents or plans, the Contractor shall supply sufficient lighting according to the following Specification.

The following information regarding the lighting plan must be submitted to the project supervisor:

- Descriptions and sketches of the layout of lighting devices including spacing, luminary height, lateral placement and anticipated illuminance provided.
- Photometric & physical specifications of all lighting equipment.
- Detailed description of all lighting to be used on construction equipment.
- Methods to be employed to reduce glare.
- Contractor's frequency and procedure for checking illumination levels.

In addition to their standard protective equipment, the following information regarding construction personnel and equipment shall be followed as a minimum:

1. Traffic Control Persons, all equipment operators and all other workers shall wear a high-visibility vest or jacket.
2. They shall also have a minimum of 12 in<sup>2</sup> of reflective material added to their hard hats which is visible from all sides.
3. Traffic Control Persons must also be equipped with a flashlight complete with semi-transparent red cone.

- 4. All traffic control persons shall be equipped with radios or cell phones so that they have communication with each other.
- 5. All workers shall receive specific training on night work operations.
- 6. All vehicles in the work area must operate rotating or flashing incandescent amber lights visible in 360 degrees around the vehicle.
- 7. All work vehicles including trucks must have red and white reflective tape applied to all sides such that it defines the outline of the vehicle.

The following equipment will be outfitted with non glare balloon style lights or equivalent. The lights will be required on each piece of equipment in operation.

<b><u>Equipment Type</u></b>	<b><u>Illuminance Requirement</u></b>
Paver, Milling Machine, Material Transfer Devices	1- 4000 watt assembly or 2 - 2000 watts assemblies
Grader, Roller, Rumble Strip Machine, Shoulder Machine	1 – 400 watt assembly
Paint truck	1- 400 watt assembly or nonglare 300 watt floodlight assembly
Guardrail driver, stationary Operation	1- 4000 watt assembly or 2 - 2000 watts assemblies or equipment light plant
Trail Vehicle	1-4000 watt assembly or 2 - 2000 watts assemblies

(A trail vehicle will be required to follow the last piece of equipment in a mobile operation(i.e. finish roller, pavement marking, etc.) depicting the beginning of the working area. In addition, portable lighting of at least 400 watts shall be available for the density testing inspector. The illuminance requirement for other vehicles not listed will be determined by the Engineer. A 400 watt metal halide lamp or equal approved by the Engineer may be substituted for a 2000 or 400 watt balloon light assembly.)

All luminaries shall be located and directed in such a way to minimize glare to both motorists and work vehicles. If glare is noted from any travel path, the contractor must adjust the lighting to reduce the glare to an acceptable level to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

The contractor shall replace non-functioning lamps immediately. The luminary aiming shall be checked daily. The luminaries shall be cleaned regularly.

**Specification Compliance. The Contractor will be notified for failure to comply with this specification or plans. The safe passage of pedestrians and traffic through and around the temporary traffic control zone, while minimizing confusion and disruption to traffic flow, shall have priority over all other Contractor activities. Continued failure of the Contractor to comply with the requirements of the Traffic Control Standard Specification or Special Provisions will result in non-refundable deductions of monies from the Contract for non-performance of Work that the deficiency is allowed to remain, not as penalty, but as liquidated damages.**

**Failure of the Contractor to comply with this Specification or take immediate correction actions required within forty-eight (48) hours of written notice shall be reason for the engineer suspending all other work on the Project, except erosion prevention and sediment control and traffic control, applying non-refundable deductions of monies from the Contract at a rate of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per calendar day per notice and/or withholding payment of**

monies due to the Contractor for any work on the Project until traffic control deficiencies are corrected. These other actions shall be in addition to the deductions for non-performance of traffic control.

**Subsection 712.05:** Remove entire subsection text and replace with the following:

**Pavement Marking Removal.** Conflicting pavement markings must be removed to prevent confusion to vehicle operators. Pavement marking removal shall be accomplished by the Contractor in a manner acceptable to the Engineer.

Final surface pavement markings shall be removed by sand blasting, water blasting, or acceptable grinding methods that will cause the least possible damage to the pavement. Intermediate surface pavement markings shall be removed by sand blasting or water blasting, or other approved methods that will cause the least possible damage to the pavement. The following methods listed below are considered as acceptable for intermediate surface pavement markings: Sand blasting using air or water, High pressure water, steam or superheated water, or Mechanical devices such as grinders, sanders, scrapers, scarifiers, and wire brushes.

The Contractor at his expense shall repair any damage to the pavement or surface caused by pavement marking removal by methods and materials acceptable to the engineer. The end result of the removal shall not cause a condition that appears to be a line that conflicts with the current markings.

Traffic shifts that are done on the final surface shall be accomplished using interim traffic marking tape unless otherwise specified in the plans.

Removal of an existing pavement marking by painting over with black paint or asphalt will not be an acceptable method.

When the method of removal causes sand or other material to be accumulated on the pavement, the residue shall be removed as the work progresses.

**Subsection 712.09:** Insert the following after the sixth paragraph condition (2).

Additional relocations of barrier rail that will be relocated due to safety of work zone or traffic, as established in the traffic control plans or as directed by the engineer laterally up to 10 ft., shall be paid at ten percent (10%) of the interconnected portable barrier bid amount unless a separate item is in the proposal.

**Subsection 712.10:** Delete the first paragraph and replace with the following

The lump sum payment for Traffic Control shall include Temporary Workzone Lighting and all equipment, labor, materials and shall included full compensation for furnishing flaggers, traffic cones and removing conflicting and incorrect pavement markings, as required, until project completion.

**Subsection 712.10:** Insert the following after the second paragraph

Payment for Portable Energy Absorbing Terminals will be made at the contract price per Portable Energy Absorbing terminal, complete in place, with total payment based on the maximum number of portable energy absorbing terminals in place at one time as specified in **Subsection 712.09.**

**Subsection 716.03(a) Revise** the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to state the following:

“The material shall be applied to the pavement by the screed extrusion method or the ribbon dispenser method. The screed extrusion device shall have one side of the shaping die open with the other 3 sides being contained by, or being part of, suitable equipment for heating and controlling the flow of material. Ribbon dispensers shall be heated, suspended above the road surface, and shall apply the material to the width and thickness specified.”

**Subsection 716.03(b) Add** the following as the last paragraph

“Regardless of the application methods and procedures, or pavement types, the Contractor will be responsible for replacing any and all pavement markings that fail to comply with these specifications or fail to adhere to the pavement for one year after installation at the Contractor’s own expense.”

**Subsection 716.06: Replace** with the following

The application of preformed plastic pavement markings shall be made on clean dry surfaces free of dirt and foreign matter. The pavement temperature shall be 60° F (15° C) or over. Should plastic require activators for the adhesive or various special coatings for different pavement surfaces, the bidder shall include the cost of the activator or special coatings in the unit price of plastic bid upon.

The vendor will furnish with each package of reflectorized pavement marking materials complete instructions and/or specifications for the application of pavement marking materials to pavement surface. The reflectorized pavement marking materials are to be installed according to the vendor's specifications. Any adhesion used in the installation shall be as specified by the manufacturer. An adhesion-promoting primer shall be required when recommended by the pavement marking manufacturer.

Guides to mark the lateral location of pavement markings shall be established as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. The Contractor shall establish the pavement marking guides and the Engineer will verify the location of the guides. Markings shall be placed in proper alignment with the guides. The deviation rate in alignment shall not exceed 1 inch per 200 feet of roadway. The maximum deviation shall not exceed 2 inches nor shall any deviation be abrupt.

Markings placed that are not in alignment or sequence, as shown on the plans or as stated in this specification, shall be removed and replaced by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense. Removal shall be in accordance with **Subsection 712.05, Pavement Marking Removal**. Guides placed on the roadway for alignment purposes shall not establish a permanent marking on the roadway in the opinion of the Engineer.

When markings are specified in the contract for newly paved asphalt concrete surfaces, they shall be placed immediately after final rolling of the mat. A rubber tired roller cart with a minimum weight of 200 pounds or a truck operated at no more than 3 m.p.h. shall be used to assure proper adhesion when the markings are in place. Steel wheel rollers may not be used for this purpose.