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MEMORANDUM  
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TO: District Directors  
District Construction Engineers  
District Materials & Tests Engineers  
District Area Engineers  
Project Engineers/Supervisors

FROM: Timothy D. Bertram, Chief  
Contracts & Construction Division

RE: Guardrail End Treatments Special Provisions

In the past when guardrail end treatments have been called for in contracts, the item in the contract would be Type MS or OS and then a special provision would be inserted in the contract to tell the bidder what units should be bid for that item. In February 2000 the Standards Committee passed a specification that states all end treatment units placed on contracts must come from the ones shown on the Departments approved list of Guardrail End Treatments. It was decided that the effective date for this specification would be September 1, 2000. A copy of the current approved list is attached for your reference.

It has been brought to my attention that since the effective date of this specification several contracts have been let still having the end treatment special provisions included in them. Copies of those special provisions are also attached herewith.

If your contract was let after September 1, 2000 and it contains the bid items for guardrail end treatments, you need to install only the units that are on the approved list maintained by the Department. If your contract contains the special provisions attached, a change order will need to be made out to correct this mistake. You will need to eliminate the current bid item and then add a new bid item with reference to the approved list requirement.

Thank you in advance for your help in clearing up this problem.

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