

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Plastic Blockouts for Guardrail

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Design and Environment to allow plastic blockouts to be used with steel plate beam guardrail. It has been revised by the Bureau of Safety Engineering to work with the new Midwest Guardrail System and the 2007 Standard Specifications.

This special provision should be inserted in all contracts with steel plate beam guardrail.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 19, 2007 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory September 29, 2006.

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PLASTIC BLOCKOUTS FOR GUARDRAIL (BDE)

Effective: November 1, 2004

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Add the following to Article 630.02 of the Standard Specifications:

“(g) Plastic Blockouts (Note 1.)

Note 1. Plastic blockouts may be used in lieu of wood blockouts for steel plate beam guardrail. The plastic blockouts shall be the minimum dimensions shown on the plans and shall be on the Department’s approved list.”

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