

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for High Tension Cable Median Barrier

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Safety Engineering. It has been revised to improve the reliability of high tension cable median barriers.

It should be inserted in contracts involving high tension cable median barrier.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the July 31, 2009 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 April 17, 2009.

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HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2007

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Description. This work shall consist of furnishing and installing a high tension cable (HTC) median barrier with terminals/end anchorages.

Materials. Materials shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Reinforcement Bars	1006.10(a)
(b) Portland Cement Concrete (Note 1)	1020
(c) Wire Rope (Cable) and Fittings (Note 2)	

Note 1. The portland cement concrete shall be Class SI.

Note 2. The wire rope (cable) shall be according to AASHTO M 30, Type 1 with Class A coating, of the diameter shown in the manufacturer's specifications. Additionally, the wire rope shall be prestretched and shall have a breaking strength of 39,285 lbs (175 kN) for 3/4 in. (19 mm) wire rope (individual wire strength equivalent to 174,000 psi (1200 N/mm)) and the prestretched wire rope shall have a minimum modulus of elasticity of 11,805,000 psi (8300 kg/mm).

The barrier shall be tested and accepted under the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350 for the required test level and be on the Department's approved list. Barriers installed on front slope grades of 1:6 or flatter shall be Test Level 4. Barriers installed on front slope grades steeper than 1:6 but 1:4 or flatter shall be Test Level 3.

The barrier shall include four longitudinal cables, each separated vertically from adjacent cable(s) by a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm), and according to the specific acceptance document issued by FHWA. Each cable shall run to a point of anchorage at the terminal without connection to any other cable. The maximum spacing for line posts in the cable barrier system shall be no more than shown in the specific document issued by FHWA, or 15 ft (4.6 m), whichever is less.

The terminals/end anchorages shall be tested and accepted under NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 3 and be on the Department's approved list.

Equipment. Equipment shall be according to the barrier manufacturer's specifications.

Construction Requirements

General. The HTC median barrier shall be constructed to the lines and grades shown on the plans and according to the manufacturer's specifications except as modified by the contracts documents.

Line Post Foundations. Line posts for the HTC median barrier shall be placed in concrete socket foundations. The minimum depth of the foundations shall be as shown on the plans. The minimum diameter for the foundations shall be 12 in. (300 mm) and the tops of the foundations shall be crowned 1/2 in. (13 mm).

When the barrier is to be placed within paved shoulders or mow strips, the paved area(s) shall be constructed first and the concrete foundations placed in cored or formed holes.

End Anchorages. The Contractor shall submit shop drawings and calculations to the Engineer prepared and sealed by an Illinois Licensed Structural Engineer detailing the required end anchorage foundation system at each location. The system shall utilize drilled shaft foundation of a diameter, depth, reinforcement, and cable connection determined by the supplier. The design shall utilize Broms method utilizing a minimum factor of safety of 1.5. The design loadings shall consist of the theoretical cumulative cable tension expected for temperature fluctuations to -10 °F (-23 °C). The dynamic vehicle impact loading shall not be added to the cable temperature loading for the analysis. The foundation soils shall be assumed to be submerged granular material with a friction angle of 30 degrees or clay soils with a cohesive intercept of 1.0 kip/sq ft (48 kPa), unless site specific soil parameters are specified.

Tensioning. Prior to acceptance of the work, the tension of the HTC median barrier shall be checked, and adjusted as necessary, according to the manufacturer's temperature/tension chart or relationship.

Hands-On Demonstration. When included in the contract, a hands-on demonstration(s) of maintenance/repair procedures, recommendations and discussion of vehicle recovery, and provisions for emergency openings in the barrier shall be conducted. These demonstrations shall be for emergency responders, maintenance personnel, and others invited by the Engineer and shall either be conducted either at the job-site or at another agreed to meeting facility. Up to 30 attendees shall be accommodated at each demonstration.

Method of Measurement. HTC median barrier will be measured for payment in feet (meters) along the top cable between terminals. Terminals shall be defined as the end anchorages and other components from the extreme ends of a run to a point 50 ft (15.2 m) into the run. This definition of the terminal applies regardless of the length of need point, transitions from anchorage to full height cable, or other features that may vary between systems.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot (meter) for HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER.

The terminals/end anchorages and demonstrations will be paid for at the contract per each for HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER TERMINALS and HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER DEMONSTRATION respectively.