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July 18, 2023  
Subject: Guard Rail installation &  
Replacement  
State WIN:026408.00  
Location: **Harrison**  
**Amendment No. 2**

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Make the following changes to the bid documents

In the Bid book:

**Insert** SPECIAL PROVISION SECTION 652 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC dated August 23, 2022

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Will automated flaggers or portable lights be acceptable to use in place of flaggers?

**Response:** See attached Special Provision 652

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **August 2, 2023**.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Hanlon* for

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Contracts & Specifications Engineer

**SPECIAL PROVISION**  
**SECTION 652**  
**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**  
**Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals**  
**Automated Flagging Assistance Devices (AFADs)**

652.01 Description Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals or Remotely Controlled Automated Flagging Assistant Devices (AFADs) may be used in conformance with this Special Provision at the option of the Contractor in lieu of Flaggers and as approved by the Department.

Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals shall conform to Part 4H.02 of the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and shall be the Dolly Type (SQ2) or the Tractor Mounted Type (SQ3). AFADs shall conform to Part 6E.04 of the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals and AFADs must satisfy applicable crashworthiness standards based on device weight which shall be in accordance with National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350 and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware. The use of Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals may be suspended at any time at the discretion of the Resident.

652.02 Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals Operation

The Contractor shall submit a Traffic Control Plan to the Resident for approval which shall detail Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals operation.

Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals may be used during daytime or nighttime operations; however, Dolly Types (SQ2) shall not be in operation when the work site is unattended.

Work zones utilizing Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals shall add A Signal Ahead symbol (W3-3) sign that will replace the Flagger symbol sign. An 18-inch-wide removable stop line with a STOP HERE ON RED (R10-6) sign shall be installed at the intended stopping point.

The Resident may waive the requirement for a stop line if the roadway is unpaved or it is otherwise impractical to install a stop line and the STOP HERE ON RED sign is in place.

The distance between Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals units shall not exceed the phase timing and distances as designed by a Professional Engineer, registered in the state of Maine, or as designated on the Charts provided in this specification.

When the work no longer necessitates use of the Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals, the units shall be removed or turned off and moved out of view from the traveled way.

### 652.03 Automated Flagging Assistance Devices (AFADs)

AFADs shall be used only for short-term or intermediate-term lane closures in situations where there is one lane of approaching traffic that needs to be controlled. AFAD use is acceptable in either of the following cases: The first case employs an AFAD unit at each end of the work zone while the second case employs an AFAD unit at one end and a flagger at the other end. Utilizing an AFAD, a single flagger may remotely control two or more AFAD units provided that the flagger has a clear view of each unit, and of approaching traffic in both directions. Other cases may be used as approved by the Resident.

AFAD use is permitted during daytime or nighttime operations; but, if used at night, the AFADs must be illuminated in accordance with Section 6E.08 of the latest edition of the MUTCD.

AFADs are not traffic control signals, they should not be used to replace traffic signals or other continuously operating traffic control devices.

A competent, certified flagger, who has been trained on the operation of the AFADs shall operate and not leave the AFADs unattended at any time. The flagger shall have an unobstructed view of the AFADs and approaching traffic in both directions at all times. The distance between AFAD units shall not exceed one-half mile.

Work zones utilizing AFADs shall comply with the Standard Sheet for flagger operation on a 2-lane 2-way roadway, where an AFAD unit, or units, is used in lieu of a flagger a BE PREPARED TO STOP sign (W3-4) is to be used in lieu of the Flagger symbol sign. Red/Yellow lens AFADs shall have a STOP HERE ON RED (R10-6) sign installed on the right-hand shoulder at least 8 feet in advance of the RCRYLS unit where vehicles are expected to stop and Stop/Slow AFADs shall have WAIT ON STOP (R1-7) and GO ON SLOW (R1-8) signs immediately adjacent to the AFAD.

The Contractor's Traffic Control Plan shall detail AFAD operation including a list of competent, certified flaggers trained to operate the AFADs. When the work no longer necessitates use of the AFADs, units shall be moved out of view from the traveled way.

### 652.04 General Operation

Portable/Temporary Traffic Signal and AFAD units shall be placed in the shoulder on the right-hand side of the road with a sight distance as designated in the Minimum Sight Distance for Signal Visibility chart provided in this specification.

If the shoulder is not adequate, the Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals or AFADs may encroach on the travel lane provided that the appropriate sight distance is available and as approved by the Resident. Re-positioning of the Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals or AFADs shall need the approval of the Resident.

Appropriate flagger apparel and equipment shall be maintained near each Portable/Temporary Traffic Signal or AFAD unit to facilitate flagging in the event of a malfunction or operational need due to frequent disruptions of traffic flow. The Contractor shall immediately provide traffic control with flaggers if a Portable/Temporary Traffic Signal or AFAD unit malfunctions; fails to properly or adequately control traffic; creates congestion, queues or gridlock which cannot be remedied by timely on-site adjustments to the signal operation; or is otherwise inadequate; all of which shall be determined by the Resident.

When Flaggers are being utilized, Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals shall not be in operation.

Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals or AFADs shall not be located within 200 feet of a grade crossing unless the temporary traffic control signal is provided with preemption in accordance with MUTCD Section 4D.27, or unless a uniformed officer or flagger is provided at the crossing to prevent vehicles from stopping within the crossing.

652.05 Method of Measurement Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals or AFADs shall be measured by the hour for each approach that are in place and operating.

652.06 Basis of Payment Portable/Temporary Traffic Signals shall be paid at the Flagger Hourly Rate for each approach in operation.

AFADs shall be paid at the Flagger Hourly Rate for each unit in operation and for the operator.

(1<sup>st</sup> Example: One set of AFADs (one unit), plus operator, would be paid as 2 X Flagger hourly rate X hours in use.)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Example: One set of AFADs (two units), plus operator, would be paid as 3 X Flagger hourly rate X hours in use.)

Payment will be made under:

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>
652.38	Flagger	Hour

**Minimum Sight Distance for Signal Visibility**

<u>Posted Speed Limit (mph)</u>	<u>Minimum Sight Distance (ft)</u>
25	270
30	325
35	390
40	460
45	540
50	625
55	715



Example of Dolly type or SQ2



Example of Trailer Mounted type or SQ3



Example of an AFAD

All red Clearance Intervals  
Less Than 40 mph  
Assumed Travel Speed 15 mph

Posted Speed Limit	Distance Between Stop Bars		Minimum All red Clearance Time
	Yards	Feet	Seconds
25, 30 & 35	33	100	4.6
	50	150	6.9
	67	200	9.1
	83	250	11.4
	100	300	13.7
	117	350	16.0
	133	400	18.2
	150	450	20.5
	167	500	22.8
	183	550	25.0
	200	600	27.3
	217	650	29.6
	233	700	31.9
	250	750	34.1
	267	800	36.4
	283	850	38.7
	300	900	41.0
	333	1000	45.5
	350	1050	47.8
	367	1100	50.0
383	1150	52.3	
400	1200	54.6	
417	1250	56.9	
433	1300	59.1	
450	1350	61.4	
467	1400	63.7	
483	1450	66.0	
500	1500	68.2	
517	1550	70.5	

All red Clearance Intervals  
40 mph and Above  
Assumed Travel Speed 25 mph

Posted Speed Limit	Distance Between Stop Bars		Minimum All red Clearance Time
	Yards	Feet	Seconds
40,45,50 & 55	33	100	3.5
	50	150	5.2
	67	200	6.9
	83	250	8.6
	100	300	10.3
	117	350	12.0
	133	400	13.7
	150	450	15.4
	167	500	17.1
	183	550	18.8
	200	600	20.5
	217	650	22.2
	233	700	23.9
	250	750	25.6
	267	800	27.3
	283	850	29.0
	300	900	30.7
	317	950	32.4
	333	1000	34.1
	350	1050	35.8
	367	1100	37.5
	383	1150	39.2
	400	1200	40.9
	417	1250	42.7
	433	1300	44.4
	450	1350	46.1
	467	1400	47.8
	483	1450	49.5
	500	1500	51.2
	517	1550	52.9