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SUBJECT:    Removal of Existing Traffic Control Signals and Devices – Deep Pole Removal

ISSUE BACKGROUND:

The Department pays for traffic signal deep pole removal per foot below existing grade actually removed. As per the Basis of Estimates, designers estimate 20 feet below existing grade per deep pole removal. The actual quantity removed may be less than the estimated quantity because of variability in the field, resulting in less payment to the contractor. Variability in the field causes uncertainty in bid preparation because deep pole removal requires heavy equipment. After discussions with the Florida Transportation Builders Association, the Department will now pay for deep pole removal per each.

IMPLEMENTATION: The updated pay item descriptions are now available. Effective with the January 2011 letting, projects should use the new items.

Update Pay Items: The following pay items will be valid through December 31, 2010:
690-33- A Pole Removal- Deep, per Linear Foot

The following pay items will be valid for projects let January 1, 2011 and later:
690-34- A Pole Removal- Deep, per Each
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Blank (Complete pole removal)
1 (Direct Burial)
2 (Bolt on Attachment)

Update Plans and Pay Item Notes: Effective with the January 2011 letting, update plans and pay items, including the Proposal Summary of Quantities (Transport report) in the plans.

Specifications: Specifications will be available with the January 2011 workbook.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the above items, please contact Stefanie Maxwell at 850-414-4314.