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SUBJECT: Joint Project Agreements- Mobilization and Maintenance of Traffic Pay Items

ISSUE BACKGROUND: On April 14, 2000, the Basis of Estimates Handbook - Summary of Major Changes addressed the use of Mobilization (MOB) and Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) pay items on Joint Project Agreements. This Estimates Bulletin clarifies the previously approved policy.

When a contract contains a Joint Project Agreement (JPA), the pay items for Mobilization and Maintenance of Traffic will not be shown on the Summary of Pay Items for the JPA project. The cost of these items will be included in the lead project.

For contracts with multiple projects, the pay items for Mobilization and Maintenance of Traffic will be shown on each project's Summary of Pay Items except for JPA projects.

By working together with the local agencies (Utility, City, County, or other), both FDOT and the agency receive benefits. FDOT benefits by avoiding multiple contractors working in the same area and improve relocation schedules from utility agencies. Local agencies benefit from shared resources (contractors, letting/award process, and construction administration). By eliminating MOB and MOT pay items from these JPA projects, we eliminate many quantity and payment issues.

IMPLEMENTATION: The policy approved on April 14, 2000 remains in effect. No changes are required to the Basis of Estimates and Plans Preparation Manuals. All Districts will need to comply with the current policy to ensure consistency statewide.

There may be project specific cases where utility MOB and MOT cost may be significant due to the proportion amount of utility versus highway work. Language has been added to the Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (#710-010-022) to include allowances for costs associated with MOB and MOT for utility work. Districts will have the option to account for these costs on a project specific basis without using MOB and MOT pay items in the JPA project.

Update Pay Items: No pay item changes are needed. The designer should verify that the MOB and MOT pay items are NOT included on any JPA projects.

Update Plans and Pay Item Notes: Update the tabulation sheet quantities and the Proposal Summary of Quantities (Transport report) in the plans.

Specifications: No specification changes are needed.

If you have any questions regarding the above items, please contact Melissa Hollis at 850-414-4182.

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