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SUBJECT: Crash Cushions

ISSUE BACKGROUND: Currently, the Contractor is responsible for damage to the work caused by third parties, except for crash cushions. Also, payment for damaged crash cushions is at invoice price plus 20% for some projects, and for other projects the contractor is responsible for the cost. While some crash cushions can be repaired with little labor and minor parts, others require significant repairs and/or replacement parts. After discussing options with the highway construction industry, the Department hoped to encourage the use of crash cushions that are more cost effective over the product’s useful life.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective with the January 2014 letting, the Specifications will be updated to remove payment for crash cushion repairs at invoice plus 20%. The Department will share in the costs to repair damage to the work caused by third party damages, including crash cushions, in accordance with the revision to Article 7-14 of the Specifications.

Update Pay Items: The following pay items will be valid through December 31, 2013:
- 102-89-7 Temporary Crash Cushion, Redirective Option, LO
- 102-89-17 Temporary Crash Cushion, Redirective Option, Capacity Projects, less than 50, LO
- 544-75-AA Crash Cushion, EA
- 544-75-1AA Crash Cushion, Capacity Projects less than 50, EA

The following pay items will be effective January 1, 2014:
- 102-89-1 Temporary Crash Cushion, Redirective Option, LO
- 544-75-1 Crash Cushion, LO

Pay item number 102-81-3 will remain valid for all Temporary Crash Cushion- Gating applications.

Update Plans: Update the Proposal Summary of Quantities (Trns port report) in the plans.

Specifications: Specifications are available with the January 2014 workbook.

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

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