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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **700**  
Proposed Specification: **7000000 Highway Signing.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Derek Vollmer and Rick Jenkins, including a team from the State Traffic Operations Office, State Roadway Design Office, and State Program Management Office to move materials/manufacture requirements from Section 700. Separating the manufacturer's requirements from the Contractor's requirement will help with the review of APL product submittals, field installations, inspections, and acceptance criteria.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 850-414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
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**HIGHWAY SIGNING.**(REV ~~6-20~~ 8-17-22)

SECTION 700 is deleted and the following substituted:

**700-1 General Requirements Description.**

~~700-1.1 Description:~~ Furnish and ~~erect~~ install roadway signs ~~at the locations, and in~~ accordance with the details in the Standard Plans, and as shown in the Plans.

~~The Department designates~~ Erect ground traffic signs as signs ~~erected~~ on the shoulders, slopes, or medians, ~~but not extending over the traveled roadway, and may further classify these.~~ Signs are classified as single column(post), or multi-column, or In-Street signs.

~~The Department designates~~ Erect overhead traffic signs ~~erected~~ partially or completely over the traveled roadway or mounted on bridges, ~~as~~ Overhead traffic signs, ~~and may further are~~ classified these signs as span wire mounted, mast arm mounted, overhead cantilever structure, or overhead span structure traffic signs.

The sign face(s) may be a single or combination of static sign panels, illuminated sign panels, dynamic message signs, or electronic display signs.

Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with details included in the Standard Highway Signs (SHS) manual published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Plans, or Standard Plans. Submit shop drawings to the Department for approval, as specified in Section 5.

All Traffic Control Signals and Devices must ~~M~~meet the requirements of Section 603.

**700-1.2 Materials:****700-2.1 General Requirements:** Meet the following requirements:

<u>Flowable Fill for precast foundation.....</u>	<u>Section 121</u>
<u>Structural Concrete .....</u>	<u>Section 346</u>
<u>Non-Structural Concrete .....</u>	<u>Section 347</u>
<u>Reinforcing Steel .....</u>	<u>Section 415</u>
<u>Structural Steel Welding .....</u>	<u>Section 460</u>
<u>Repair of Galvanized Surfaces.....</u>	<u>Section 562</u>
<u>Transformer Base.....</u>	<u>Section 965</u>
<u>Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Metal Items</u> <u>(other than aluminum).....</u>	<u>Section 962</u>
<u>Aluminum Items .....</u>	<u>Section 965</u>
<u>Retroreflective Sign Sheeting* .....</u>	<u>Section 994</u>
<u>Sign Panel Fabrication .....</u>	<u>Section 994</u>
<u>Internally Illuminated Signs* .....</u>	<u>Section 995-14</u>
<u>Highlighted Signs*.....</u>	<u>Section 995-15</u>
<u>Dynamic Message Signs* .....</u>	<u>Section 995-16</u>
<u>Electronic Display Signs</u> <u>(ERS, ESFS, BOS)*.....</u>	<u>Section 995-17</u>
<u>Sign Beacon* .....</u>	<u>Section 995-18</u>
<u>In-street Sign* .....</u>	<u>Section 995-19</u>

\*Use products listed on the Department's Approved Products List (APL).

~~**700-1.2.1 General:** Meet the materials requirements shown in the Specifications, Standard Plans, and any additional requirements identified in the Plans.~~

~~**700-1.2.2 Concrete:** Use concrete meeting the requirements of Section 346. Obtain concrete from a plant that is listed on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105.~~

~~**700-1.2.2.3 Static Sign Assembly Requirements:** See 700-7 for In-Street sign requirements. Sheets and plates for sign panels shall meet the requirements of ASTM B209, Aluminum Association Alloy 6061 T6, 5154 H38 or 5052 H38. Sign panels for single column ground mounted signs shall utilize aluminum plate with a minimum thickness of 0.08 inch. All other sign panels shall utilize aluminum plate with a minimum thickness of 0.125 inch. All panels shall have rounded corners. For flip up signs, the continuous hinge shall be stainless steel ANSI grade 316.~~

**700-2.2.1 Static Sign Panels:** Provide aluminum sheets for sign panels meeting the requirements of Section 965 and Section 994. Meet the minimum thickness requirements of Table 700-1.

For flip signs, use continuous hinges constructed of ANSI grade 316 stainless steel.

For In-Street signs, see 700-7.

<u>Table 700-1</u> <u>Static Sign Panel Requirements</u>	
<u>Type</u>	<u>Minimum Thickness</u>
<u>Single column ground sign</u>	<u>0.08 inch</u>
<u>All other sign panels</u>	<u>0.125 inch</u>

**700-2.2.2 Sign Panel Mounting Hardware:** Provide aluminum materials (plates, bars, shapes, bolts, nuts, and washers) in accordance with Section 965. Stainless steel mounting hardware meeting Table 962-6 (ASTM F593 for bolts and ASTM F594 for nuts) may be substituted. Steel plates, shapes and hardware must meet Section 962.

**700-1.2.4.2.3 Retroreflective Sign Sheeting:** Sign sheeting must meet the Use signs that meet the material and process requirements of Section 994 and Table 700-2.

<u>Table 700-2</u> <u>Retroreflective Sign Sheeting</u>		
<u>Application</u>	<u>Sheeting System Type</u>	<u>Notes</u>
All signs and retroreflective strips, except as otherwise noted below	Type XI	
R1-1, R1-2, R5-1, and R5-1a signs	Type XI with a colorless film overlay	
School: S1-1, S3-1, S3-2, S4-5, S4-5a, S5-1 (SCHOOL portion) Bicycle: W11-1 Pedestrian: R1 6, R1 6a, R1 6b, R1 6c, R1 9, R1 9a, R10 15, W11 2 Shared Use Path (trail): W11 15, W11 15a	Type XI fluorescent yellow green sheeting*	Includes supplemental panels

\*Do not mix signs having fluorescent yellow green sheeting with signs having yellow retroreflective sheeting.

Use Type XI sheeting for all signs and retroreflective strips on signs unless otherwise specified. The R1-1, R1-2, R5-1 and R5-1a signs must use a sheeting system that includes a colorless film overlay.

Use fluorescent yellow-green sheeting for the following signs:

1. school: S1-1, S3-1, S3-2, S4-5, S4-5a, S5-1 (SCHOOL portion);
2. bicycle: W11-1,
3. pedestrian: R1-6, R1-6a, R1-6b, R1-6c, R1-9, R1-9a, R10-15, W11-2,
4. shared use path (trail): W11-15, W11-15a,
5. supplemental panels used with signs in (1) through (4), above.

Do not mix signs having fluorescent yellow-green sheeting with signs having yellow retroreflective sheeting.

Use Type VI sheeting for Roll-up signs.

**700-2.3 Galvanized Bolt Assemblies (Bolts, Nuts, Washers):** Provide galvanized bolt assemblies meeting Section 962 for high-strength steel fastener assemblies. Provide galvanized anchor rods, plate washers, U-bolts, and shims meeting the requirements of Section 962 for hardware not designated as high strength.

#### **700-2.4 Sign Support Structure:**

**700-2.4.1 Single Column Ground Signs and Single Post Barrier Mounted Signs:** Use aluminum tubing meeting the requirements of Section 965. For top-mounted single post barrier mounted signs use galvanized steel pipe meeting the requirements of Section 962. Steel shapes and welding must meet 962-10.

**700-2.4.2 Multi-Column Ground Signs:** Multi-column signs must be galvanized steel W or S beams steel columns meeting Section 962.

**700-12.4.3 Sign Fabrication Requirement Overhead Signs:** Obtain overhead sign structures from a facility that is listed on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section-105.

Meet the requirements for overhead signs in accordance with Section 962.

Repair galvanized surfaces in accordance with Section 562. Galvanizing materials used for repair must meet the requirements of Section 975.

**700-2.4.4 Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies:** Use aluminum pedestal posts, transformer bases, anchors, caps, and shims meeting the requirements of Section 646.

**700-12.45 Storage, Handling and Labeling:** If signs are stored prior to installation, store them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Properly package signs to protect them during storage, shipment and handling to prevent damage to the sign face and panel.

In addition to the information required in Section 994, Install a label on all permanent roadway signs must be labeled on the back bottom edge with the date of installation, APL number of the base sheeting, and Name of Fabricator. Make the labels unobtrusive, but legible enough to be easily read by an observer on the ground when the sign is in its final position. Apply the label in a manner that is at least as durable as the sign face.

#### **700-12.56 Acceptance of Signs:**

**700-12.56.1 Sign Inspection:** Submit certification that the sign assembly meets the material and installation requirements of the Contract Documents. The Engineer will inspect the signs upon delivery to the storage or project site and again at the final construction

inspection. Repair and replace damaged signs ~~deemed unacceptable by the Engineer~~ at no expense to the Department.

**700-~~12.56.2~~ Imperfections and Repairs:** Repair or replace signs containing imperfections or damage regardless of the kind, type, or cause of the imperfections or damage. For sign panels exceeding 30 square feet, the Contractor may make one patch, if necessary, to each sign panel not to exceed two square inches. Make repairs according to the manufacturer's recommendations ~~and to the satisfaction of the Engineer~~. Ensure that completed repairs provide a level of quality necessary to maintain the service life of the sign and are satisfactory in appearance to the Engineer.

### **700-~~23~~ Static Signs.**

**700-~~23.1~~ Single Column and Multi-Column Ground Sign Assemblies**~~Ground Mounted Signs:~~ Ground mounted signs consist of both single column and multi-column static signs Furnish and install single column and multi-column ground signs in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans, Indexes 700-010, 700-011, and 700-020.

~~700-2.1.1 Materials:~~ Use aluminum tubing materials meeting the general provisions of Section 965 for all single column ground signs. Multi-column signs must be galvanized steel W or S beams steel columns meeting the general provisions of Section 962. All materials must meet the requirements of the appropriate Standard Plans.

~~700-2.1.2 Fabrication of Panel Messages:~~ Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with details included in the Standard Highway Signs (SHS) manual published by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Submit shop drawings to the Department for approval as specified in Section 5.

**700-~~23.1.31~~ Foundation:** Construct foundations in accordance with the applicable Standard Plans. The Contractor may use precast foundations in augured or excavated holes a minimum of 12 inches larger than each axis dimension of the precast foundation. Obtain precast foundations from a plant that is currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105. The holes must be clean and without loose material. Temporary casing will be required if the soil is unstable. Fill the void around the precast foundation with flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121 or use clean sand placed using hydraulic methods.

### **700-~~23.1.42~~ Breakaway Support Mechanisms for Ground Traffic Signs:**

**700-~~23.1.42.1~~ Frangible Supports:** Provide support posts for all frangible sign assemblies consisting of aluminum tubes up to 3-1/2 inches outside diameter with 3/16-inch wall thickness in accordance with the requirements in the Standard Plans.

**700-~~23.1.42.2~~ Slip Bases:** Slip base assemblies for single column signs will use aluminum sleeves and base plates. The slip base stub (the lower base plate assembly) may be galvanized steel in accordance with the Standard Plans.

Slip base assemblies for multi-column signs will use galvanized steel bases. All slip bases must be fabricated in accordance with the requirements of the Standard Plans.

**700-~~3.1.3~~ Fabrication:** Fabricate the supports and wind beams in accordance with the Standard Plans. Weld joints in accordance with Section 460.

Drill or sub-punch and ream holes in multi-column fuse plates and hinge plates.

Hot dip galvanize after fabrication. Remove all drips, runs or beads on base plate within washer contact areas (including saw cuts).

**700-23.1.54 Installation:** Verify the length of the column supports in the field prior to fabrication to permit the appropriate sign mounting height. ~~Fabricate the supports and wind beams in accordance with the Standard Plans.~~ Columns must be plumb and panels must be level with the proper orientation.

**700-23.1.65 Retroreflective Strips for Signs:** Use only on signs where the retroreflective strip is called for in the Plans. The retroreflective strip must be 2 inches in width and 5 feet in height for all signs, except for signs mounted at a height of 4 feet, then use a retroreflective strip 2 feet in height. For the back of Railroad Crossbuck signs, the retroreflective strip will be 2 inches wide for the full length of the blade. Match the color of the retroreflective strip to the background color of the sign (per the SHS), except for YIELD signs and DO NOT ENTER signs, where the color must be red. Install retroreflective strips directly to a panel attached to the column in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. ~~If a panel is required to install the retroreflective sheeting,~~ Use a 0.040-inch minimum aluminum plate or other material approved by the sheeting manufacturer. Use stainless steel attachment hardware for the installation. Install retroreflective strips in a manner that does not require drilling holes through the column (post). A set screw no larger than 1/4 inch may be used with band attachments. ~~The retroreflective strip panel and sheeting must be 2 inches in width and 5 feet in height for all signs, except for signs mounted at a height of 4 feet, then use a retroreflective strip 2 feet in height. For the back of Railroad Crossbuck signs, the retroreflective strip will be 2 inches wide for the full length of the blade. Match the color of the retroreflective sheeting to the background color of the sign except for YIELD signs and DO NOT ENTER signs, where the color must be red.~~

**700-23.1.76 Flip up Signs:** Install in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans Index-700-010.

**700-3.2 Single Post Barrier Mounted Signs:** Meet the requirements of the Standard Plans, Indexes 700-012 and 700-013. Snap-in post cap is UV and weather-resistant glass-filled polyester cap.

**700-23.23 Overhead Signs:** Meet the requirements of the Plans and Standard Plans for overhead sign structures, including those for walk-in dynamic message signs (DMS).

**700-3.3.1 Fabrication:** Weld joints in accordance with Section 460.

Structural bolt hole diameters: Bolt diameter plus 1/16 inch.

Anchor bolt hole diameters: Bolt diameter plus 1/2 inch.

Upright splices are not allowed. Sign trusses may be fabricated in sections that fit into available galvanizing vats. Provide magnetic particle testing on 100% of upright fillet welds after galvanizing.

Shop assemble the entire structure after galvanizing to validate proper fit for all bolted connections. Complete necessary repairs prior to shipping. Assemblies may be separated for shipment.

**700-2.2.1 Materials:**

~~**700-2.2.1.1 General:** Obtain reinforcing steel, overhead sign structures from a fabrication facility that is listed on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105.~~

~~Hot Dip galvanize structural steel, including bolts, nuts, and washers in accordance with Section 962.~~

~~Repair galvanized surfaces in accordance with Section 562. Galvanizing materials used for repair must meet the requirements of Section 975.~~

~~700-2.2.1.2 Reinforcing Steel: Use reinforcing steel in footings meeting the requirements of Section 415.~~

~~700-2.2.1.3 Specific Uses of Aluminum and Galvanized Steel: Use aluminum bolts, nuts, and hardware to connect parts of the cast base.~~

~~Use galvanized steel anchor bolts for anchoring base plates to concrete bases and for the nuts and washers.~~

~~For all other metal parts of the cast base, the Engineer will allow galvanized steel as an alternative to aluminum.~~

**700-23.23.2 Foundations:** Meet the requirements of Section 455. Use Class IV concrete for spread footings and IV (Drilled Shaft) for drilled shaft foundations.

**700-23.23.3 Installation:** Install nuts on anchor bolts in accordance with Section 649 with the following exception. For cantilever overhead sign structures, after placement of the upright and prior to installation of the truss, adjust the leveling nuts beneath the base plate to achieve the back rake shown on the Camber Diagram. If the top surface of the base plate has a slope that exceeds 1:40, use beveled washers under the top nuts. Split-lock washers are not permitted. ~~For span overhead sign structures, install a screen around the base plate in accordance with 649-6. For cantilever overhead sign structures, install a structural grout pad in accordance with 649-7~~

Install screens or grout pads in accordance with the Standard Plans, and as required by Section 649.

Install ASTM F3125, Grade A325 bolt, nut and washer assemblies in accordance with 460-5, except that 460-5.4.2 Preparation of Faying Surfaces is not required.

**700-23.23.4 Erection of Signs and Sign Supports:** Do not erect overhead sign supports until the concrete strength in the support footing is at least 2,500 psi. Determine concrete strength from tests on a minimum of two test cylinders sampled and tested in accordance with ASTM C31 and ASTM C39 and verifying test results have been submitted to the Engineer.

Erect the signs and sign structures in accordance with the details shown in the Plans. ~~The Contractor may fabricate the structural steel sign trusses in sections that will fit into available galvanizing vats. Prior to galvanizing, weld the joints as specified in Section 460 and in accordance with the details shown in the Plans.~~ Re-galvanize damaged parts as specified in Section 562. Record the as-built anchor locations and submit to the Engineer prior to erecting the sign supports. Place backfill above spread footings prior to installation of the sign panels. Do not remove or reduce backfill without prior approval of the Engineer.

~~Weld aluminum structures in accordance with Section 965.~~

~~Attach electronic display signs to the supporting structure in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations using the mounting hardware provided by the manufacturer.~~

~~700-2.2.5 Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings to the Department for approval as specified in Section 5. Prior to the submittal of the shop drawings, determine the actual in-place dimensions for all sign structures on the basis of existing field conditions and include these on the shop drawings.~~

~~700-2.3 Method of Measurement: For single post and multi post sign assemblies, an assembly consists of all the signs mounted on a single structure. The Contract unit price per assembly for ground mounted signs (single post and multi post), furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign panels, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ The retroreflective sign strip will be paid for separately, and the Contract unit price per each will include furnishing the retroreflective sign strip, hardware and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For overhead signs, sign panels will be paid separately from support structures. The Contract unit price per each for sign panel, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign panels, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. The Contract unit price for each overhead static sign structure, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For the removal of overhead static sign structures, the quantity to be paid for will be the number of overhead static sign structures, including the foundation, to be removed.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ When partial foundation removal is called for, remove the support structure, and foundation to a minimum depth of four feet below existing grade.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ When complete foundation removal is called for, completely remove the support structure including the foundation.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Relocation of signs will consist of removing the existing sign assembly and installing the sign on a new foundation at the location shown in the Plans.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ When the Plans call for existing ground-mounted signs to be relocated or removed, after removing the sign panel from the assembly, remove supports and footings. Restore the area of the sign removal or relocation to the condition of the adjacent area.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ **700-2.4 Basis of Payment:** Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Payment will be made under:~~

~~Item No. 700 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Post Sign, per Assembly.~~

~~Item No. 700 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Multi Post Sign, per Assembly.~~

~~Item No. 700 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Panel, per Each.~~

~~Item No. 700 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Overhead Static Sign Structure, per each.~~

~~Item No. 700 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Retroreflective Sign Strip, per each.~~

#### **700-4 Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.**

**700-4.1 Description:** Furnish and install enhanced highway sign assemblies in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans, Index 700-120.

**700-4.2 Materials:** Use flashing beacons, highlighted signs, electronic display signs (EDS), and associated mounting hardware that meet the requirements of Section 995 and are listed on the APL. EDS are specialized electronic signs that include dynamic display components. The term EDS refers to a general category of electronically enhanced road signs (ERS) with warning regulatory, or guide legends; electronic speed feedback signs (ESFS); and blank-out signs (BOS).

For new roadside sign assemblies, provide support structure in accordance with Section 646. Meet all static sign requirements for the static portion of the highlighted sign (i.e., sign panel, reflective sheeting, etc.).

**700-4.2.1 Warranty:** Ensure that beacons, highlighted signs, and EDS have a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for three years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.

**700-4.3 Foundations:** Construct foundations in accordance with the Standard Plans and Specification 646.



**700-4.4 Installation:** Install sign assemblies based on Alpha-Numeric Type designation shown in the Plans. Assembly Type is based on Power Configuration “Alpha” Identification and Numerical Identification shown in Standard Plans, Index 700-120. Install sign panel and wind beam meeting the requirements of this Section and Standard Plans, Index 700-110. For roadside sign assemblies, construct foundation and install support structure in accordance with 646-3 and the Standard Plans, Index 700-120. Install enhanced highway sign assembly components in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

**700-35 Internally Illuminated Signs.**

**700-35.1 Description:** Furnish and install internally illuminated signs in accordance with the details specified in the Contract Documents.

**700-35.2 Materials:** Use internally illuminated signs and associated mounting hardware listed on the Department’s Approved Product List (APL).

~~Signs must be marked with the name or trademark of the manufacturer, the part number, and the date of manufacturer. Marking must be accomplished by permanently affixing an indelible label, identification plate, dot peen type stamp, casting, metal marking, or other approved method. Markings must remain visible after installation.~~

~~**700-3.2.1 Internally Illuminated Signs:**~~

~~**700-3.2.1.1 General:** Signs must not exceed 9 feet in length or be larger than 18.0 square feet in area, and must not weigh more than 144 pounds. Provide an internally illuminated sign assembly listed to the requirements of UL48. Light emitting diode (LED) retrofit kits must be listed on the APL.~~

~~**700-3.2.1.2 Housing:** Ensure that the sign housing is constructed of continuous 5052 or 6063 T5 aluminum. All housing, corners, and door seams must be continuously welded. All exterior surfaces of the assembly must be powder coat painted in accordance with Military Standard MIL-PRF-24712A or AAMA-2603-02. Finish must meet the requirements of ASTM D3359, ASTM D3363, and ASTM D522. Sign housings with any interior airspace must consist of a box type enclosure and separate hinged door assembly. The sign housing must include provisions to prevent water from entering the sign housing. Drain holes in the sign larger than 0.125 inch must be covered by a screen.~~

~~Signs must have removable sign faces. The sign assembly must have one face unless specified otherwise in the Plans. The sign face must be secured by a method that holds the sign face securely in place. Slide-in grooves are allowed to secure the sign face if the sign is edge lit.~~

~~The sign face must be a translucent lens constructed of 0.125 inch thick high impact strength polycarbonate or acrylic meeting UL48. Letters must be as detailed in the Contract Documents. Background must be translucent retroreflective sheeting coated with a transparent, pressure-sensitive adhesive film. Color must meet the criteria as detailed in Sections 994. Retroreflective sheeting must meet the requirements of Section 994, and be listed on the APL.~~

~~If a door opens upward, it shall have a bracket on each side to secure the door in the open position during maintenance. Doors shall be permanently and continuously sealed with a foam gasket listed to UL157 to prevent the entry of water into the sign housing. Each door must be secured from opening by stainless steel rotary action draw latches as follows:~~

~~Signs of 5 feet up to 7 feet in length must have a minimum of three latches for each sign door.~~

Signs over 7 feet up to 9 feet in length must have a minimum of four latches for each door.

Ensure the rotary action draw latch is captive and does not become detached or allow the door to open when the sign housing is torqued or twisted.

The sign assembly must be designed and constructed to withstand 150 mph wind loads meeting the requirements of the Department's Structures Manual.

**700-3.2.1.3 Luminance:** The sign face must be illuminated evenly across the entire surface. Contrast ratio between the background and legend shall be established by the lowest and the highest color retroreflective measurement and shall be at least 4:1. Measure the retroreflectivity in accordance with ASTM D4956.

**700-3.2.1.3.1 Background Luminance:** Minimum luminance for the legend portion of the street sign face shall be no less than 87.5 lux. The luminance shall be determined by averaging a minimum of seven readings. Four of the readings shall be taken near the midpoint of a line that would span between the outside corners of the background and the outside corners of the legend. One reading shall be taken near the midpoint of a line that would connect the top corner readings. One reading shall be taken near the midpoint of a line that would connect the bottom corner readings. One reading shall be taken near the vertical and horizontal midpoint of the sign.

**700-3.2.1.3.2 Border and Lettering Luminance:** Minimum luminance of the legend and border shall be 350 lux. The luminance shall be determined by averaging a minimum of 17 readings. There shall be a minimum of one reading from each letter in the legend. Readings within the legend shall alternate between the top, middle and bottom portion of each letter. Readings within top and bottom of the border shall be perpendicular to the top and bottom readings in the background. Readings within the sides of the border shall be taken parallel to the readings taken within each letter.

**700-3.2.1.4 Clamp-On Cantilever Arm:** Use only clamp-on cantilever arms for internally illuminated signs which meet all design and wind loading requirements as specified in the Contract Documents. Ensure the clamp is adjustable to accommodate various size poles.

**700-3.2.2 Highlighted Signs:**

**700-3.2.2.1 General:** Ensure highlighted signs meet the design and functional requirements specified in this Section and Section 2A of the MUTCD. Use LEDs to highlight the sign's shape, color, or message.

Stop, Do Not Enter, Yield, and Wrong Way signs that are highlighted with LEDs must use red LEDs. All other signs must use LEDs which resemble the color of the sign background color.

For roadside sign assemblies, provide support structure in accordance with 646-2.

**700-3.2.2.2 Performance Requirements:** Ensure highlighted signs are capable of automatically dimming to reduce brightness of the LEDs at nighttime.

Ensure highlighted signs that rely upon solar power or batteries are capable of at least 10 days of continuous operation without the need for charging.

**700-3.2.3 Cabinets:** If the illuminated sign assembly includes a cabinet, the cabinet must be currently listed on the APL or meet the applicable cabinet material requirements listed in Section 676.

~~700-3.2.4 Mechanical Requirements: Ensure all assembly hardware, including nuts, bolts, external screws and locking washers less than 5/8 inch in diameter are Type 304 or 316 passivated stainless steel. All assembly hardware greater than or equal to 5/8 inch in diameter must be galvanized. Bolts, studs, and threaded rod must meet ASTM A307. Structural bolts must meet ASTM F3125, Grade A325.~~

~~700-3.2.5 Electrical Requirements: Electrical wiring must meet NEC requirements for the light source provided. All wiring must be copper wire. All internal electrical wiring must be tight and secure. Ensure the sign includes an accessible electrical power service entrance compartment (internal or external) for connection of field wiring. External compartments must be weather tight. All power supplies and ballasts must be Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved.~~

~~Ensure electrical connections are protected against corrosion. All signs must have provisions for an integrated photocell.~~

~~700-3.2.6 Environmental Requirements: Ensure that the illuminated sign assembly operates properly during and after being subjected to the environmental testing procedures described in NEMA TS 4 2016, Section 2.~~

~~700-3.2.7.1 Acceptance of Internally Illuminated Signs: Certify that signs and clamp-on cantilever arms provided meet the criteria in this Section and Section 995.~~

~~700-3.2.8.2 Warranty:~~

~~700-3.2.8.1 Internally Illuminated Signs: Ensure that internally illuminated signs have a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for five years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.~~

~~700-3.2.8.2 Highlighted Signs: Ensure that highlighted signs have a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for three years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.~~

~~700-3.3 Installation of Internally Illuminated Signs:~~

~~700-3.3.1 General: Secure the brackets to the sign housing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.~~

~~700-3.3.2 Single Sided Sign Assembly: Install as specified in the Contract Documents.~~

~~700-3.3.3.1 Double Sided Sign Assembly: Use a free swinging mounting method.~~

~~700-3.3.3.2 Two Point Support Assembly: Use a two point support assembly when the sign assembly is attached to a mast arm that is perpendicular to the street on which the sign is viewed.~~

~~Use a two point mast arm mounting assembly consisting of the following:~~

- ~~1. Stainless steel band or cable type clamp,~~
- ~~2. Clevis,~~
- ~~3. Span wire adapter,~~
- ~~4. Tri-stud hanger body.~~

~~Ensure one of the hangers has a mechanism for the horizontal adjustment of the sign.~~

~~700-3.3.3.2 One Point Support Assembly: Use a one point support assembly consisting of an articulated horizontal stainless steel band or cable type mast arm clamp, sign bracket and mounting hardware, when the sign assembly is attached to a mast arm~~

that is diagonal to the street on which the sign is viewed. Do not use a one point support assembly for internally illuminated sign assemblies exceeding four feet in width.

Ensure the band or cable clamp is capable of horizontal rotation of 360 degrees.

**700-3.3.3.4.3 Clamp-On Cantilever Arm:** Attach the arm perpendicular to the street on which the sign assembly is viewed. Use a clamp and arm that are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A123 unless otherwise shown in the Plans. Ensure the arm has a cap secured in place.

**700-3.3.4.5 Electrical Wiring:** Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, install dedicated 14 AWG conductors to supply power to the sign and connect the conductors to a dedicated 15 amp circuit breaker located either inside the controller cabinet or inside the electrical service disconnect. Using the same conduit system for both signal cables and internally illuminated sign conductors is permitted, unless otherwise shown in the Plans.

Install conductors in such a manner as to prevent damage to conductors or conductor insulation. Remove and replace all damaged conductors /insulation at no additional cost to the Department.

Ensure drilled holes through which conductors pass through are fitted with a weather tight rubber grommet fitting.

Install continuous lengths of conductors between the dedicated circuit breaker and internally illuminated signs.

Do not splice conductors unless otherwise shown in the Plans.

Provide one photoelectric cell for all internally illuminated signs at each intersection. Use an L bracket to mount the photoelectric cell as specified in the Contract Documents. Connect the photoelectric cell to a contactor assembly inside the controller cabinet to provide switching of the internally illuminated signs.—**700-3.4 Installation of Highlighted Signs:** For roadside sign assemblies, construct foundation and install support structure in accordance with 646-3 and the Standard Plans, Index 700-120. Install highlighted sign equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

~~700-3.5 Method of Measurement:~~ The Contract unit price per each for internally illuminated signs, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign panels, housing, hardware, electrical connection, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. When the internally illuminated sign is ground mounted, the Contract price will include the support structure and foundation. All other mounting will include the hardware necessary to complete the attachment to the support structure; the span wire, monotube, or mast arm structure will be paid separately.

~~The Contract unit price per each for highlighted signs, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign panels, cabinet, support structure, foundation, hardware, solar panel, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.~~

~~700-3.6 Basis of Payment:~~ Price and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section.

~~Payment will be made under:~~

~~Item No. 700-5 Internally Illuminated Signs, per each.~~

~~Item No. 700-6 Highlighted Signs, per assembly.~~

## **700-4.6 Dynamic Message Signs.**

**700-4.6.1 General:** Dynamic message signs (DMS) must meet the requirements of NEMA TS4 2016. DMS are classified by the type of sign display and the type of mechanical

~~construction. Provide monochrome, tri-color, or full-color signs as shown in the Contract Documents Plans. Use only equipment and components that meet the requirements of these minimum specifications and are listed on the APL. DMS LED retrofit kits must be listed on the APL.~~

~~————— **700-4.1.1 Front Access DMS:** Ensure that front access signs meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.6.~~

~~————— **700-4.1.2 Walk-In DMS:** Ensure that walk-in signs meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.8.~~

~~————— **700-4.1.3 Embedded DMS:** Embedded DMSs are typically mounted to ground traffic signs, overhead traffic signs, or overhead cantilever traffic signs.~~

~~**700-4.2 Sign Housing Requirements for all DMS:** Ensure that the external skin of the sign housing is constructed of aluminum alloy 5052 H32. Ensure the interior structure is constructed of aluminum. Ensure that the sign housing design and appearance is approved by the Engineer. Ensure that no internal frame connections or external skin attachments rely upon adhesive bonding or rivets.~~

~~————— Ensure the sign enclosure meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.1.1. Ensure that all drain holes and other openings in the sign housing are screened to prevent the entrance of insects and small animals.~~

~~————— Ensure that the sign housing complies with the fatigue resistance requirements of the AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals. Design and construct the DMS unit for continuous usage of at least 20 years. The sign assembly must be designed in accordance with the Department's Structures Manual, including a wind load of 150 miles per hour.~~

~~————— Ensure that the top of the housing includes multiple steel lifting eyebolts or equivalent hoisting points. Ensure hoist points are positioned such that the sign remains level when lifted. Ensure that the hoist points and sign frame allow the sign to be shipped, handled, and installed without damage.~~

~~————— Ensure all assembly hardware, including nuts, bolts, screws, and locking washers less than 5/8 inch in diameter, are Type 304 or 316 passivated stainless steel and meet the requirements of ASTM F593 and ASTM F594. All assembly hardware greater than or equal to 5/8 inch in diameter must be galvanized and meet the requirements of ASTM A307.~~

~~————— Ensure all exterior, excluding the sign face, and all interior housing surfaces are a natural aluminum mill finish. Ensure signs are fabricated, welded, and inspected in accordance with the requirements of the current ANSI/AWS Structural Welding Code Aluminum.~~

~~————— Ensure the sign housing meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.9 for convenience outlets.~~

~~————— **700-4.2.1 Sign Housing for Walk-In DMS:** Ensure that exterior seams and joints, except the finish coated face pieces, are continuously welded using an inert gas welding method. Limit the number of seams on the top of the housing to a maximum of three. Stitch weld the exterior housing panel material to the internal structural members to form a unitized structure.~~

~~————— Ensure that exterior mounting assemblies are fabricated from aluminum alloy 6061-T6 extrusions a minimum of 0.1875 inch thick. Include a minimum of three 6061-T6 structural aluminum Z-members on the rear of the sign housing in accordance with the Standard Plans. Ensure structural aluminum Z-members run parallel to the top and bottom of the sign~~

housing and are each a single piece of material that spans the full length of the sign. Ensure structural aluminum Z members are attached to the internal framework of the sign.

Ensure hoist points are attached directly to structural frame members by the sign manufacturer.

Ensure housing access is provided through an access door that meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.8.1. Ensure the access door includes a keyed tumbler lock and a door handle with a hasp for a padlock. Ensure the door includes a closed-cell neoprene gasket and stainless steel hinges.

Ensure the sign housing meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.8.3 for service lighting. If incandescent lamps are provided, ensure they are fully enclosed in heavy-duty shatterproof, protective fixtures. Ensure that incandescent fixtures include aluminum housing and base, a porcelain socket, and clear glass inner cover. Ensure that all removable components are secured with set screws. If fluorescent lamps are provided, ensure they are fitted with shatter-proof protective guards.

Ensure that the sign housing includes emergency lighting that automatically illuminates the interior in the event of a power outage. Emergency lighting must be capable of operation without power for at least 90 minutes.

**700-4.2.1.1 Walk-In DMS Work Area:** Ensure the walk-in DMS has a work area that meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.8.2. Finish all edges of the walkway to eliminate sharp edges or protrusions.

**700-4.2.2 Sign Housing for Front Access and Embedded DMS:** Ensure front access and embedded signs meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.2.5 and Section 3.2.6. Ensure access does not require specialized tools or excessive force to operate.

**700-4.2.3 Housing Face Requirements for all DMS:** Ensure the sign face meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.1.3. Ensure that all sign face surfaces are finished with a matte black coating system that meets or exceeds American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) Specification No. 2605. Submit certification that the sign face parts are coated with the prescribed thickness. Except for embedded DMS, ensure the sign face includes a contrast border that meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.1.6.

**700-4.2.3.1 Housing Face for Walk-In DMS:** No exposed fasteners are allowed on the housing face. Ensure that display modules can be easily and rapidly removed from within the sign without disturbing adjacent display modules.

**700-4.2.3.2 Housing Face for Front Access and Embedded DMS:** Any exposed fasteners on the housing face must be the same color and finish as the housing face. Only captive fasteners may be used on the housing face.

**700-4.2.3.3 External Fascia Panels:** If the sign includes external fascia panels, ensure that they are constructed using aluminum. Finish each fascia panel with a matte black coating system that meets or exceeds AAMA Specification No. 2605.

**700-4.2.3.4 Lens Panel Assembly:** If the sign includes lens panel assemblies, ensure they are modular in design, removable, and interchangeable without misalignment of the lens panel and the LED pixels. The lens panel assembly must consist of an environmental shielding layer coating to protect and seal the LED and internal electronics. The coating must be a minimum 90% UV opaque. Lens panels must have a matte black coating that meets or exceeds AAMA Specification No. 2605. Lens panels must include a mask constructed of 0.080 inch minimum thickness aluminum. Ensure that the mask is perforated to provide an

aperture for each pixel on the display module. Ensure that the apertures do not block the LED output at the required viewing angle.

**700-4.2.4 Sign Housing Ventilation System:** The ventilation systems for walk-in, front access, and embedded DMS must meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 3.1.2.

Ensure that air drawn into the sign is filtered upon entry. Ensure the ventilation system is automatically tested once each day and that it may be tested on command from remote and local control access locations. Ensure the sign includes a sensor or a sensor assembly to monitor airflow volume to predict the need for a filter change. Ensure the ventilation system fans possess a 100,000-hour, L10 life rating.

**700-4.2.4.1 Ventilation System for Walk-In DMS:** Ensure the sign includes a fail-safe ventilation subsystem that includes a snap-disk thermostat that is independent of the sign controller. Preset the thermostat at 130°F. If the sign housing's interior reaches 130°F, the thermostat must override the normal ventilation system, bypassing the sign controller and turning on all fans. The fans must remain on until the internal sign housing temperature falls to 115°F.

**700-4.2.5 Sign Housing Temperature Sensor:** Ensure that the sign controller continuously measures and monitors the temperature sensors. Ensure that the sign blanks when a critical temperature is exceeded and that the sign reports this event when polled. Ensure that remote and local computers can read all temperature measurements from the sign controller.

**700-4.2.6 Sign Housing Humidity Sensor:** Humidity sensors must detect from 0 to 100% relative humidity in 1% or smaller increments. Sensors must operate and survive in 0 to 100% relative humidity, and have an accuracy that is better than plus or minus 5% relative humidity. Use of a humidistat is not acceptable.

**700-4.2.7 Sign Housing Photosensors:** Ensure the sign meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 9.1.3. Ensure that the sensors provide accurate ambient light condition information to the sign controller for automatic light intensity adjustment. Ensure that the automatic adjustment of the LED driving waveform duty cycle occurs in small enough increments that the sign's brightness changes smoothly, with no perceivable brightness change between adjacent levels. Ensure that stray headlights shining on the photoelectric sensor at night do not cause LED brightness changes.

Ensure that the brightness and color of each pixel is uniform over the sign's entire face within a 30-degree viewing angle in all lighting conditions.

**700-4.3 Display Modules:** Provide display modules manufactured by one source and fully interchangeable throughout the manufacturer's sign system. Ensure that removal or replacement of a complete display module or LED board can be accomplished without the use of special tools.

Ensure display modules contain solid-state electronics needed to control pixel data and read pixel status.

Ensure that the sign has a full matrix display area as defined in NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 1.6.

**700-4.3.1 LED and Pixel Specifications:** Ensure that LED lamps have a minimum viewing angle of 30 degrees.

Ensure that all pixels in all signs in a project, including operational support supplies, have equal color and on-axis intensity. Ensure that the sign display meets the luminance requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 5.4, for light emitting signs connected at

full power. Ensure that amber displays produce an overall luminous intensity of at least 9200 candelas per square meter when operating at 100% intensity. Provide the LED brightness and color bins that are used in each pixel to the Engineer for approval. Ensure that the LED manufacturer demonstrates testing and binning according to the International Commission on Illumination (CIE) 127-1997 Standard.

Ensure that all LEDs operate within the LED manufacturer's recommendations for typical forward voltage, peak pulsed forward current, and other ratings. Component ratings must not be exceeded under any operating condition.

Ensure that the operational status of each pixel in the sign can be automatically tested once a day. Ensure that the pixel status test determines the functional status of the pixel as defined by the pixel Failure Status object in National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol (NTCIP) 1203 v02.39 and does not affect the displayed message for more than half a second.

Ensure that LEDs are individually mounted directly on a printed circuit board (PCB).

#### **700-4.3.2 Optical, Electrical, and Mechanical Specifications for Display**

**Modules:** Ensure the display modules are rectangular and have an identical vertical and horizontal pitch between adjacent pixels. Ensure that the separation between the last column of one display module and the first column of the next module is equal to the horizontal distance between the columns of a single display module. Full-color signs must have a pitch equal to or less than 35 mm.

Ensure that the LED circuit board is a NEMA FR4-rated, single 0.062 inch, black PCB. Ensure that no PCB has more than two PCB jumper wires present. Finish all PCBs with a solder mask and a component identifying silk screen.

Provide PCBs with conformal coating meeting the material requirements of MIL-I-46058C Military Standard, United States Department of Defense (USDOD).

Ensure that any devices used to secure LEDs do not block air flow to the LED leads or block the LED light output at the required viewing angle. Ensure that all components on the LED side of a PCB are black.

Ensure that there are a minimum of two power supplies that are wired in a parallel configuration for redundancy. Ensure that if one, or 25% of the supplies in a group, whichever is greater, completely fails, the sign shall still be supplied with enough power to run 40% of all pixels at a 100% duty cycle with an ambient operating temperature of 165°F.

Ensure that the sign controller continuously measures and monitors all LED module power supply voltages and provides the voltage readings to the TMC or a laptop computer on command.

Ensure that LEDs are protected from external environmental conditions, including moisture, snow, ice, wind, dust, dirt, and UV rays. Do not use epoxy to encapsulate the LEDs.

**700-4.3.3 Display Area for Walk-In DMS:** Ensure that the display area is capable of displaying three lines with a minimum of 15 characters per line, using an 18 inch font that meets the height to width ratio and character spacing in the MUTCD, Section 2L.04, paragraphs 05, 06, and 08.

**700-4.4.3 Characters, Fonts, and Color:** Ensure that the signs are capable of displaying American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) characters 32 through 126,



~~including all uppercase and lowercase letters, and digits 0 through 9, at any location in the message line. Submit a list of the character fonts to the Engineer for approval.~~

~~—————All signs must be loaded (as a factory default) with a font in accordance with or that resembles the standard font set described in NEMA TS 4 2016, Section 5.6. For signs with a pixel pitch of 35 mm or less, ensure the sign is loaded (as a factory default) with a font set that resembles the FHWA Series E2000 standard font.~~

~~—————Ensure DMS fonts have character dimensions that meet the MUTCD, Section 2L.04, paragraph 08.~~

~~—————Ensure that full color signs can display the colors prescribed in the MUTCD, Section 1A.12.~~

**700-6.4.5 Main Power Supply and Energy Distribution Specifications:** ~~Provide a nominal single phase power line voltage of 120/240 V<sub>AC</sub>. Ensure the DMS meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4 2016, Section 10.2.~~

~~—————Ensure all 120 V<sub>AC</sub> wiring has an overall nonmetallic jacket or is placed in metal conduit, pull boxes, raceways, or control cabinets and installed as required by the NEC. Do not use the sign housing as a wiring raceway or control cabinet.~~

~~—————Provide Type XHHW power cables sized as required by the NEC for acceptable voltage drops while supplying alternating current to the sign.~~

~~—————Ensure surge protective devices (SPD) are installed or incorporated in the sign system by the manufacturer to guard against lightning, transient voltage surges, and induced current. Ensure that SPDs meet or exceed the requirements of Section 620. Ensure SPDs protect all electric power and data communication connections.~~

**700-4.6.65 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS):** ~~If a UPS is required in the Contract Documents for walk-in DMS, ensure the UPS is installed within the sign housing or as shown in the Plans. If a UPS is required in the Contract Documents for front access and embedded signs, ensure the UPS is installed within the control cabinet or as shown in the Plans. The UPS system must be capable of displaying the current messages on a sign when a power outage occurs. Signs with an UPS must be able to operate on battery power and display text messages for a minimum of two hours. Ensure the system uses sealed absorbed glass mat (AGM) batteries.~~

**700-4.6.76 Operational Support Supplies:** Furnish the operational support supplies listed in Table 700-4.3. Promptly replace any of the supplies used to perform a warranty repair prior to final acceptance.

For every group of 10 or fewer DMSs provided or required, provide one set of supplies as follows:

Table 700-4.3 <u>DMS</u> Operational Support Supplies	
1 each	Sign controller and I/O board(s)
1 per DMS	LED display modules
1 each	Display power supply
1 each	Uninterruptible power supply
2 each	Surge suppression sets
1 each	Fan assembly

~~—————700-4.8 Components: All components must meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 8.~~

**700-4.8.1 Mechanical Components:** Ensure that all fasteners, including bolts, nuts, and washers less than 5/8 inch in diameter, are passivated stainless steel, Type 316 or 304 and meet the requirements of ASTM F593 and ASTM F594 for corrosion resistance. Ensure that all bolts and nuts 5/8 inch and over in diameter are galvanized and meet the requirements of ASTM A307. Do not use self-tapping screws. Ensure that all parts are fabricated from corrosion resistant materials, such as plastic, stainless steel, aluminum, or brass. Ensure that construction materials are resistant to fungus growth and moisture deterioration. Ensure that all dissimilar metals are separated with an inert, dielectric material.

**700-4.8.2 Sign Controller:** Ensure that the sign controller monitors the sign in accordance with NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 9. Ensure the sign monitors the status of any photocells, LED power supplies, humidity, and airflow sensors. Ensure sign controllers use fiber optic cables for data connections between the sign housing and ground-level cabinet.

Ensure that the sign controller meets the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Sections 8.3 and 8.4. Ensure that the sign controller is capable of displaying a self-updating time and date message on the sign. Ensure that sign controllers within ground cabinets are rack-mountable, designed for a standard Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) EIA-310 19-inch rack, and includes a keypad and display.

**700-4.8.3 Display System Hardware:** Ensure the sign utilizes a system data interface circuit for communications between the sign controller and display modules. Except for embedded DMS, ensure that the following components reside inside the sign housing: sign controller (master or slave), display system interface circuits, display modules, power supplies, local and remote control switches, LED indicators, EIA-232 null modem cables (minimum of four feet long for connecting laptop computer to sign controller), and surge protective devices.

**700-4.8.4 Control Cabinet:** Provide a control cabinet that meets the requirements of Section 676. Ensure that the minimum height of the cabinet is 46 inches.

Provide a ground control cabinet that includes the following assemblies and components: power indicator, surge suppression on both sides of all electronics, communication interface devices, connection for a laptop computer for local control and programming, a four foot long cable to connect laptop computers, a workspace for a laptop computer, and duplex outlets.

Provide for all telephone, data, control, power, and confirmation connections between the sign and ground control box, and for any required wiring harnesses and connectors.

**700-4.8.5 Sign Controller Communication Interfaces:** Ensure the sign controller has communication interfaces in accordance with NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 8.3.2. Ensure that EIA-232 serial interfaces support the following:

Table 700-2 Communication Interface Requirements	
Data Bits	7 or 8 bits
Parity	Even, Odd, or None
Number Stop Bits	1 or 2 bit

Ensure the sign controller has a 10/100 Base TX 8P8C port or a 100 Base FX port Ethernet interface.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For dial-up operations, acquire and bear the charges of installing and connecting the dial-up telephone line. Provide modems to be retained by the Department at each location. Provide a user-selectable data transmission rate of up to 19.2 kbps for dial-up operations. Ensure that switching between dial-up, Ethernet, and multidrop operation does not require sign controller software or hardware modifications.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the TMC or a laptop computer can be used to remotely reset the sign controller.~~

~~**700-46.97 Message and Status Monitoring:** Ensure the DMS provides two modes of operation: (1) remote operation, where the TMC commands and controls the sign and determines the appropriate message or test pattern; and (2) local operation, where the sign controller or a laptop computer commands and controls the sign and determines the appropriate message or test pattern.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the sign can perform the following functions:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Control Selection – Ensure that local or remote sign control can be selected. Ensure that there is a visual indicator on the controller that identifies whether the sign is under local or remote control.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Message Selection – Ensure that the sign controller can select a blank message or any one of the messages stored in the sign controller's nonvolatile memory when the control mode is set to local.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Message Implementation – Ensure that the sign controller can activate the selected message.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the sign can be programmed to display a user-defined message, including a blank page, in the event of power loss.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that message additions, deletions, and sign controller changes may be made from either the remote TMC or a local laptop computer. Ensure that each font may be customized, and modifications to a font may be downloaded to the sign controller from the TMC or a laptop computer at any time without any software or hardware modifications.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that there is no perceivable flicker or ghosting of the pixels during sign erasure and writing periods.~~

~~**700-46.108 TMC Communication Specification for all DMS:** Ensure that the sign controller is addressable by the TMC through the Ethernet communications network using software that complies with the NTCIP 1101-base standard (formerly the NEMA TS 3.2-1996 Standard), including all amendments as published at the time of Contract letting, the NTCIP Simple Transportation Management Framework, and conforms to Compliance Level 1. Ensure that the software implements all mandatory objects in the supplemental requirement SR 700-4.1.1, Dynamic Message Sign NTCIP Requirements, as published on the Department's State Traffic Engineering and Operations Office web site at the following URL: <https://www.fdot.gov/traffic/Traf-Sys/Product-Specifications.shtm>;~~

~~Ensure that the sign complies with the NTCIP 1102v01.15, 2101v01.19, 2103v02.07, 2201v01.15, 2202v01.05, and 2301v02.19 Standards. Ensure that the sign complies with NTCIP 1103v02.17, Section 3.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the controller's internal time clock can be configured to synchronize to a time server using the network time protocol (NTP). NTP synchronization frequency must be user-configurable and permit polling intervals from once per minute to once per week in one-minute increments. The controller must allow the user to define the NTP server by internet protocol (IP) address.~~

Provide communications line circuits that are point-to-point or multipoint, and that provide full duplex asynchronous data transmissions at the rate shown in the Contract Documents or directed by the Engineer.

Assign each sign controller a unique address.

**700-46.119 Sign Control Software:** ~~Ensure that the sign is provided with computer software from its manufacturer that allows an operator to program, operate, exercise, diagnose, and read current status of all sign features and functions using a laptop computer. Ensure that sign control software provides a graphical representation that visibly depicts the sign face and the current ON/OFF state of all pixels as well as allows messages to be created and displayed on the sign.~~ Ensure that the laptop computer and sign can communicate when connected directly by an EIA-232 cable and via Ethernet. Ensure that the software allows communication between multiple users and multiple signs across the same communication network.

**700-46.120 Sign Support Structure:** Meet the requirements of 700-2.23.

**700-46.131 Installation Requirements:** Provide a walk-in DMS for locations over interstate travel lanes. Verify that any ventilation system incorporated within the sign is operational per the manufacturer's recommendations.

Install the DMS in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and Standard Plans, Index 700-090.

Ensure that the location of the lifting eyebolts, left in place or removed, is sealed to prevent water entry after installation.

Load the initial message libraries on both the sign control software and the sign controller. The Engineer will furnish the messages to be placed in these libraries.

**700-46.142 Documentation:** Submit documentation for electronic equipment in accordance with 603-6.

**700-46.153 Licensing:** Ensure that the manufacturer grants the Department a license that allows the Department to use and internally distribute any and all sign communications protocols, operating systems, drivers, and documentation.

**700-46.164 Technical Assistance:** Ensure that a manufacturer's representative is available to assist the Contractor's technical personnel during pre-installation testing and installation.

Do not provide initial power to the signs without the permission of the manufacturer's representative.

~~700-4.17 Environmental Requirements: The DMS must meet the requirements of NEMA TS 4-2016, Section 2.~~

**700-46.185 Pre-installation Field Testing:** Conduct pre-installation tests on all units at a Contractor-provided facility within the appropriate District. Perform the tests on each unit supplied to verify that no damage was done to any sign during the shipment and delivery process. Notify the Engineer a minimum of 10 calendar days before the start of any tests. Conduct all tests according to the approved test procedures detailed in this Section. Each DMS must pass the individual tests detailed below prior to installation.

**700-46.185.1 Material Inspection:** Examine each DMS carefully to verify that the materials, design, construction, markings, and workmanship comply with all applicable standards, specifications, and requirements.

**700-46.185.2 Operational Test:** Operate each DMS long enough to permit equipment temperature stabilization, and to check and record an adequate number of

performance characteristics to ensure compliance with applicable standards, specifications, and requirements.

**700-46.185.3 Pre-Installation Test Failure Consequence:** If any unit fails, the unit shall be corrected or another unit substituted in its place and the test repeated.

If a unit has been modified as a result of a failure, a report shall be prepared and submitted to the Engineer. The report shall describe the nature of the failure and the corrective action taken.

If a failure pattern develops, the Engineer may direct that design and construction modifications be made to all units without additional cost to the Department or an extension of the Contract Time.

**700-46.196 Installed Site Tests:** Conduct Intelligent Transportation System Device Installation testing in accordance with Section 611.

**700-46.2017 System Testing:** Conduct Intelligent Transportation System Device Installation testing in accordance with Section 611.

~~700-4.21 Warranty: Ensure that the DMS system and equipment has a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for a minimum of five years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.~~

~~700-4.22 Method of Measurement: For each DMS, the quantity to be paid will be each sign furnished, installed, completed in accordance with the details shown in the Plans, warrantied, made fully operational, and tested in accordance with Section 611.~~

~~For each DMS Support Structure, the quantity to be paid will be each structure furnished, installed, completed in accordance with the details shown in the Plans; including posts and supports, catwalks, handrails, footings, excavation, site grounding, painting, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.~~

~~700-4.23 Basis of Payment: Price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all materials and completing all work as specified in this Section or as shown in the Plans.~~

~~Payment will be made under:~~

~~Item No. 700-7 Embedded Dynamic Message Sign each.~~

~~Item No. 700-8 Front Access Dynamic Message Sign each.~~

~~Item No. 700-9 Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign each.~~

~~Item No. 700-10 Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure each.~~

## **700-5 Electronic Display Sign:**

~~700-5.1 Description: All electronic display signs (EDS) must meet the physical display and operational requirements for warning, guide or regulatory signs described in the MUTCD and the SHS.~~

~~EDS are specialized electronic signs that include dynamic display components. The term EDS refers to a general category of electronically enhanced signs that includes electronic warning signs (EWS), electronic guide signs (EGS), electronic regulatory signs (ERS), electronic speed feedback signs (ESFS), and blank-out signs (BOS).~~

~~700-5.2 Material: EWS, EGS, ERS, ESFS, and ground mounted BOS must allow attachment to vertical and horizontal support structures as part of a single or double sign post configuration. Bolts must be used for load bearing attachments.~~

~~For roadside sign assemblies, provide support structure in accordance with 646-2.~~

~~700-5.2.1 Requirements Common to all EDS: All EDS must be designed to withstand the loads defined in the Department's Structures Manual without deformation or damage. EDS, other than BOS, must provide an option to include flashing beacons. Printed~~

circuit boards shall be protected with conformal coating. Housings that contain electronics shall be constructed of aluminum alloy sheet a minimum of .090 inch thick. Welding used during the construction of EDS must be accordance with Section 965.

~~700-5.2.1.1 General:~~ Signs included on the APL will be designated with a size and type category and may be listed with restrictions, such as “requires District Traffic Operations Engineer approval”, “school zones only”, or “low speed only”.

~~700-5.2.1.2 Electronic Display Sign with Static Sign Panel:~~ EDS that include both a static sign panel and dynamic display may be a modular system comprised of a static sign panel with an attached electronic display. Static sign panels shall meet the Department’s requirements for highway signing found in this Section.

~~700-5.2.2 Electronic Display:~~ Electronic displays shall appear completely blank (dark) when not energized. No phantom characters or graphics will be allowed under any ambient light conditions.

~~700-5.2.2.1 Housing:~~ The housing must protect and seal the dynamic display and other internal electronics. Any polycarbonate material used on the sign face must be a minimum 90% UV opaque and resistant to fading and yellowing. The housing shall be NEMA 3R rated and prevent unauthorized access. The housing shall include weather tight cable entry or connection points for any required power or data connections.

~~700-5.2.2.2 Cabinet:~~ Any equipment cabinets provided with the EDS must be listed on the APL.

~~700-5.2.2.3 Optical, Electrical, and Mechanical Specifications for Display Modules:~~ Ensure that all LEDs operate within the LED manufacturer’s recommendations for typical forward voltage, peak pulsed forward current, and other ratings. Component ratings shall not be exceeded under any operating conditions.

~~700-5.2.2.4 LED and Pixel Specifications:~~ Ensure that all LEDs used in the display have a wavelength output that varies no more than plus or minus two nanometers from the specified peak wavelength. Ensure that the display and LED pixel cone of vision is a minimum of 15 degrees (centered around the optical axis, or zero point, of the pixel). The cone perimeter is defined by the point where light output intensity is 50% of the intensity measured at the zero point of the pixel. For all colors other than white, ensure that the sign display produces an overall luminous intensity of at least 9200 candelas per square meter when operating at 100% intensity. For white or full color matrix displays ensure that the sign display produces white with an overall luminous intensity of at least 12,400 candelas per square meter when operating at 100% intensity. Submit documentation that indicates the LED brightness and color bins that are used in each pixel. Ensure that LEDs are individually mounted on a PCB, and are able to be removed and replaced using conventional electronic repair methods. Encapsulated LEDs within a pixel are not allowed. ERS LEDs must be arranged and powered in a manner that maintains a discernible message in the event of a single LED or pixel failure.

~~700-5.2.2.5 Character Size, Fonts, and Graphics:~~ The minimum numeral and letter size of the electronic display must meet or exceed the numeral and letter sizes prescribed in the MUTCD and the SHS. Fonts and graphics must mimic the characteristics of fonts and graphics defined in the MUTCD and SHS.

~~700-5.2.3 Electronic Display Controller:~~ Any electronic display controller required for the operation of the EDS shall be housed within the sign and be equipped with a security lockout feature to prevent unauthorized use. The controller shall have the capability to

provide a stipulated default message upon loss of controller function. A blank message is acceptable.

~~700-5.2.3.1 Communication:~~ The electronic display controller shall possess a minimum of one serial, Ethernet, USB, or Bluetooth interface with the ability to connect to a laptop computer. The serial data interface shall support multiple data rates from 9,600 bps to 115,200 bps.

~~700-5.2.3.2 Configuration and Management:~~ Ensure that the sign is provided with computer software from its manufacturer that allows a user to program, operate, exercise, diagnose, and read current status of all sign features and functions using a laptop. Configuration and management functions must be password protected.

~~700-5.2.4 Operation and Performance:~~ Ensure that the EDS is visible from a distance of at least 1/4 mile and legible from a distance of 400 feet for applications on roads with a speed limit less than 45 mph and visible from a distance of at least 1/2 mile and legible from a distance of at least 650 feet for roads with speed limits 45 mph or higher. In both cases, the requirements must be met under both day and night conditions.

The electronic display shall automatically adjust brightness for day and night operation. The EDS must be equipped with a light sensor that accurately measures ambient light level conditions at the sign location. The EDS must automatically adjust LED intensity based on the ambient light conditions in small enough increments that the sign's brightness changes smoothly, with no perceivable brightness change between adjacent levels. Stray headlights shining on the photoelectric sensor at night must not cause LED brightness changes.

Flashing messages must not exceed 150 flashes per minute.

~~700-5.2.5 Mechanical Specifications:~~ EDS mounting provisions and mounting hardware must accommodate sign weight and wind loading requirements of the Department's Structures Manual. BOS must be designed to accommodate overhead attachment using a tri-stud signal hanger. Multiple tri-stud attachment points may be used to meet weight and wind loading requirements. Tri-stud attachment points must be weather-tight and structurally reinforced.

~~700-5.2.5.1 Fasteners and Attachment Hardware:~~ Ensure that all assembly hardware, including nuts, bolts, external screws and locking washers less than 5/8 inch in diameter, are Type 304 or 316 passivated stainless steel. Stainless steel bolts, screws and studs must meet ASTM F593. Nuts must meet ASTM F594. All assembly hardware greater than or equal to 5/8 inch in diameter must be galvanized. Bolts, studs, and threaded rod must meet ASTM A307. Structural bolts must meet ASTM F3125, Grade A325.

~~700-5.2.6 Electrical Specifications:~~ All power inputs must be fuse and reverse polarity protected. All EDS must be able to recover from power loss and return to their operational state without user intervention.

~~700-5.2.6.1 Solar Power:~~ Solar powered signs must be capable of fully autonomous operation 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Batteries must be a standard 12 volt deep cycle battery suitable for the application and operating environment. Flooded lead acid batteries are prohibited.

Batteries must be capable of providing 10 days of continuous operation without sunlight. Charging system must use a solar charge controller with temperature compensation. The system must provide for automatic battery charging, overcharge protection, and have indications that display current status and faults.

~~700-5.2.6.2 AC Power:~~ Fluctuations in line voltage must have no visible effect on the appearance of the display.

~~700-5.2.7 Electronic Warning Signs (EWS): The EWS must be designed to alert road users to conditions that might call for a reduction of speed or an action, in the interest of safety and efficient traffic operations. EWS must include a secure wireless connection to communicate with a nearby laptop.~~

~~700-5.2.7.1 EWS Foreground/Background Colors: If a black background is used on the changeable electronic display, the color used for the legend must match the background color that would be used on a standard sign for that type of legend, in accordance with the MUTCD. Black EWS display backgrounds must be flat black (FED STD-595-37038) with a reflectance value not exceeding 25%. EWS must utilize yellow LEDs with a peak wavelength of either 585 or 590 nanometers. EWS must have a minimum one-inch contrasting margin around illuminated characters or graphics.~~

~~700-5.2.7.2 Speed Detector: EWS that detect or display the speed of approaching vehicles must be programmable for the posted speed limit and the maximum speed to display. When the detected speed exceeds the maximum programmed speed (high speed cut-off) threshold, the display must automatically blank. Alternately, the display may show an alert message such as "SLOW DOWN" when speeds above the maximum programmed speed threshold are detected.~~

~~The EWS must detect when the posted speed is exceeded by one mph and then activate the alert. When the alert is activated, the display shall be able to flash. When no advancing traffic is detected, the display must be blank. The speed detector must not activate alerts for vehicles outside the display cone of vision.~~

~~The speed detector must meet the requirements of FCC Title 47, Part 90 and not require an FCC operating license. The speed detector must operate on 10.8 to 16.6 V<sub>DC</sub> and draw less than three amperes. The EWS must monitor and display the speed of approaching traffic only. The EWS detector must be able to accurately detect and determine the speed of approaching vehicles. The EWS must be capable of measuring and displaying speeds of approaching traffic only between 10 and 99 mph with an accuracy of plus or minus one mph, 1,000 feet in advance of the sign.~~

~~700-5.2.8 Electronic Guide Signs (EGS): Meet the requirements of electronic warning sign (EWS) with the following exceptions: Use a white legend and green background in accordance with the MUTCD. EGSs must utilize white LEDs.~~

~~700-5.2.9 Electronic Regulatory Signs (ERS): The ERS must be designed to give notice of traffic laws or regulations, such as the posted speed limit. ERS used for variable speed limit (VSL) applications must be able to display speed limits from 5-70 mph in five mph increments and mimic the physical appearance of a static regulatory speed limit sign as shown in the MUTCD and SHS. ERS for VSL applications shall use black characters on a white background. ERS for VSL applications must log the time and date of any speed limit change to internal non-volatile memory. The log must be able to record a minimum of 1,000 events in a first-in, first-out fashion.~~

~~700-5.2.9.1 Foreground/Background Colors and Display Types: Display modules for all ERS must have a minimum two-inch contrasting margin around digits, text, or graphics. ERS must utilize LED technology for the dynamic display.~~

~~700-5.2.9.2 Variable Speed Limit (VSL) ERS Controller~~

~~**Communications:** ERS for variable speed applications must be equipped with a sign controller that includes a minimum of one Ethernet 10/100 Base TX 8P8C port.~~



### ~~700-5.2.9.3 Configuration and Management Requirements for VSL~~

~~ERS: Ensure that ERS for VSL applications can be managed remotely from a TMC or managed locally using a laptop computer. Ensure that the TMC or a laptop computer can be used to remotely reset VSL sign controllers. Ensure that ERS for VSL applications log and report status, errors, and failures, including data transmission errors, receipt of invalid data, communication failure recoveries, alternating current power failures, power recoveries, display errors, fan and airflow status, temperature status, power supply status, and information on the operational status of the temperature, photocell, airflow, humidity, and LED power supply sensors.~~

## **700-7 In-Street Signs Assemblies.**

**700-7.1 Description:** In-Street signs consist of the R1-6a or R1-6c In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign assemblies including the sign base.

~~700-7.2 Materials:~~ The sign assembly includes the vertical panel, retroreflective sign sheeting, a rebounding boot support, and a base. The vertical sign panel is bolted to a flexible boot which is fastened to a plastic, recycled PVC, or rubber base and secured to the pavement surface. The sign assembly shall contain no upright metal parts.

~~The vertical panel shall yield (bend) fully upon vehicle impact, then return to vertical position plus or minus 10 degrees with no delaminating. The face of the vertical panel shall resist twisting and remain oriented to the installed direction after vehicle impact. The sign shall not split, crack, break, or separate from base.~~

~~700-7.2.1 Vertical Panel:~~ Use only UV stabilized, ozone and hydrocarbon resistant outdoor grade thermoplastic polymer, polycarbonate, recycled PVC, or HDPE materials. UV stabilization testing shall be in accordance with ASTM (D1435).

~~Place retroreflective sign sheeting on both sides of the vertical panel.~~

~~The surface of the panel shall be smooth and free of defects, suitable for adherence of appropriate retroreflective sheeting.~~

~~700-7.2.2 Sign Sheeting Legend:~~ The legend of the sign (white) shall be of the same grade of retroreflective sheeting as the body of the sign.

### ~~700-7.2.3 Base:~~

~~700-7.2.3.1 Sign Base (Fixed):~~ The base shall be constructed with high-impact materials using ozone and hydrocarbon resistant outdoor grade thermoplastic polymer, polycarbonate, or HDPE materials meeting the general provisions for all In-Street sign bases.

~~700-7.2.3.2 Sign Base (Portable):~~ Portable base assemblies shall consist of a lightweight plastic, recycled PVC, or rubber material that may be easily moved or relocated by a single person.

~~700-7.2.3.3 Color:~~ Sign bases shall be either black, or the same color as the adjacent pavement marking.

~~700-7.2.4 Approved Product List (APL):~~ Use In-Street Signs listed on the APL. Manufacturers seeking inclusion on the APL must submit the following in accordance with Section 6:

~~1. Product Photo~~

~~2. Product Drawings, which at a minimum includes:~~

~~a. Model Number~~

~~b. Allowable sign panel size and substrate~~

~~c. Dimensions of sign base and mounting heights~~

~~3. Installation Instructions~~

~~4. Crash Test Reports demonstrating MASH compliance~~

~~5. All FHWA Eligibility Letters~~

~~6. When requested, submit product sample~~

**700-7.32 Fabrication of Panel Messages:** Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with the Standard Plans. Sign panels of 8” inches wide x 28” inches tall or 12” inches x 36” inches are acceptable. See Standard Plans Section 700-102.

**700-7.43 Connection Method Installation:** Install a fixed base connection in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Install portable base connections only for temporary applications at school crossings where a crossing guard is present during school arrival and departure times or when children are present.

~~700-7.5 Method of Measurement: Quantities to be paid will be per each assembly.~~

~~700-7.6 Basis of Payment: Price and payment will be full compensation for all work and materials specified in this Section, including connection hardware.~~

~~Payment will be made under:  
Item No. 700-15 In Street Sign, per Assembly~~

### **700-8 Warranty.**

Refer to Section 608 for Contractor Requirements. Transfer all warranties from the Manufacturer to the Department.

### **700-9 Method of Measurement.**

**700-9.1 Single Column Ground Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each and will consist of all signs mounted on a single column (post). Area measurement for an assembly will include the total sheeting area, excluding any reflective sign strips.

**700-9.2 Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each and will consist of all sign panels and columns for a multi-column ground sign. Area measurement for an assembly will include the total sheeting area, excluding any reflective sign strips.

**700-9.3 Sign Panel:** Measurement for each sign panel will be the length times width of the sheeting area. No separate payment will be made for any panels on a new sign assembly.

**700-9.4 Overhead Static Sign Structure:** Sign panels will be paid separately from the overhead static support structures. For signs mounted on a span wire or mast arm, payment for the structure will be paid under the applicable items in Section 634 or Section 649. Measurement for all other overhead static sign structures will be made per each.

**700-9.5 Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly:** Measurement for Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly will be made per each.

**700-9.5.1 Sign Beacon:** No separate measurement will be made for a sign beacon mounted on a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each sign beacon, will be made for installation on an existing sign panel or sign assembly.

Separate payment for removal will be made only when the sign panel or sign assembly is to remain.

**700-9.5.2 Highlighted Signs:** No separate measurement will be made for a highlighted sign as part of a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each highlighted sign, will be made for installation on an existing post or other structure. Measurement for Highlighted Sign will be made per each sign completed.

**700-9.5.3 Electronic Display Sign:** No separate measurement will be made for an EDS as part of a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each

EDS, will be made for installation on an existing post or other structure. Measurement for EDS will be made per each sign completed.

**700-9.6 Internally Illuminated Signs:** Measurement for Internally Illuminated Sign will be made per each completed sign, regardless of whether the sign has one or more illuminated faces.

**700-9.7 Embedded Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Embedded Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign, regardless of the number of embedded sign messages or housings mounted on a single or multi-post foundation.

**700-9.8 Front Access Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Front Access Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign, regardless of the number of sign messages or housings mounted on a single or multi-post foundation.

**700-9.9 Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Embedded Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign.

**700-9.10 Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure:** Measurement for Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure will be made for each completed sign structure, regardless of the number of static and/or dynamic message signs supported.

**700-9.11 Retroreflective Strip:** Measurement for the retroreflective sign strip will be per each.

**700-9.12 In Street Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each.

**700-9.13 Removal and Relocation Operations:** Measurement for removal or relocation operations of single column and multi-column signs will be made per each. Measurement for overhead sign structure will be made per each.

Measurement, per each, for removal of sign panels will only be made for signs not on an assembly.

## **700-10 Basis of Payment.**

**700-10.1 Single Column Ground Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each for single column ground mounted signs will include the sign panels, sheeting, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. For flip-up signs, the assembly includes the hinge and any additional hardware.

**700-10.2 Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each for multi-column ground mounted signs will include the sign panels, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.3 Sign Panel:** The Contract unit price per each sign panel will include the aluminum panel, sheeting, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.4 Overhead Static Sign Structure:** The Contract unit price for each overhead static sign structure will include the support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.5 Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each will include sign, electronics, cabinet, support structure, foundation, hardware, power system, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.5.1 Sign Beacon:** The Contract unit price per each for sign beacon will consist of the flashing beacons, cabinet, housing, controller, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. Signal cable from the cabinet to the signs will be paid separately under the applicable item for signal cable.

When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, batteries, and electronics.

**700-10.5.2 Highlighted Signs:** The Contract unit price per each for highlighted signs, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign, electronics, cabinet, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, batteries, and electronics.

Highlighted Signs used for Wrong Way sign installations do not include the Wrong Way Detection System; measurement and payment for the detection system will be made in accordance with Section 660.

**700-10.5.3 Electronic Display Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for electronic display sign will include static sign panels as required, electronic display, support structure, foundation, housing, cabinet, controller, speed detector, hardware, electrical connection, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

When the electronic display sign is ground mounted, the Contract price will include the support structure and foundation. All other mounting will include the hardware necessary to complete the attachment to the support structure; the span wire, monotube, or mast arm structure will be paid separately.

When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, and batteries.

**700-10.6 Internally Illuminated Signs:** The Contract unit price ~~per each~~ for ~~each~~ ~~Internally Illuminated Signs, furnished and installed,~~ will include ~~furnishing~~ the sign ~~panels,~~ housing, hardware, electrical connection, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. ~~When the internally illuminated sign is ground mounted, the Contract price will include the support structure and foundation.~~ All other mounting will include the hardware necessary to complete the attachment to the support structure; the span wire, monotube, or mast arm structure will be paid separately.

**700-10.7 Embedded Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Embedded DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation.

**700-10.8 Front Access Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Front Access DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation.

**700-10.9 Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Walk-in DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation. When shown in the Contract Documents, payment for the Walk-in DMS will also include the Uninterruptible Power Supply.

**700-10.10 Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure:** The Contract unit price for each support structure will include posts and supports, catwalks, handrails, footings, foundation, excavation, site grounding, painting, and incidentals necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.11 Retroreflective Sign Strip:** The Contract unit price per each will include the retroreflective sign strip, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.12 In Street Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each will include the vertical panel, retroreflective sign sheeting, rebounding boot support, and a base, for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.13 Removal and Relocation Operations:** The Contract unit price for removal of signs will include the removal of the support and footing. Restore the area to the condition of the adjacent area.

The Contract unit price for relocation of signs will consist of removing the existing sign assembly, including foundation removal and area restoration, and installing the sign at the new location shown in the Plans.

For the relocation of existing ground-mounted signs to be relocated or removed, after removing the sign panel from the assembly, remove supports and footings.

For the removal of overhead static sign structures, the Contract unit price will include the removal of the foundation: when partial foundation removal is called for, remove the support structure, and foundation to a minimum depth of four feet below existing grade; when complete foundation removal is called for, completely remove the support structure including the foundation.

**700-10.14 Payment Items:** Payment will be made under:

- Item No. 700- 1- Single Column Ground Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 2- Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 3- Sign Panel, each.
- Item No. 700- 4- Overhead Static Sign Structure-, each.
- Item No. 700- 5- Internally Illuminated Signs, each.
- Item No. 700- 7- Embedded Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 8- Front Access Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 9- Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 10- Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure - each.
- Item No. 700- 13- Retroreflective Sign Strip, each.
- Item No. 700- 14- Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 15- In Street Sign Assembly, each.

**HIGHWAY SIGNING.****(REV 8-17-22)**

SECTION 700 is deleted and the following substituted:

**700-1 Description.**

Furnish and install roadway signs in accordance with the details in the Standard Plans and as shown in the Plans.

Erect ground traffic signs as signs on the shoulders, slopes, or medians. Signs are classified as single column(post), multi-column, or In-Street signs.

Erect overhead traffic signs partially or completely over the traveled roadway or mounted on bridges. Overhead traffic signs are classified as span wire mounted, mast arm mounted, overhead cantilever structure, or overhead span structure traffic signs.

The sign face(s) may be a single or combination of static sign panels, illuminated sign panels, dynamic message signs, or electronic display signs.

Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with details included in the Standard Highway Signs (SHS) manual published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Plans, or Standard Plans. Submit shop drawings to the Department for approval, as specified in Section 5.

All Traffic Control Signals and Devices must meet the requirements of Section 603.

**700-2 Materials.**

**700-2.1 General Requirements:** Meet the following requirements:

Flowable Fill for precast foundation.....	Section 121
Structural Concrete .....	Section 346
Non-Structural Concrete .....	Section 347
Reinforcing Steel .....	Section 415
Structural Steel Welding .....	Section 460
Repair of Galvanized Surfaces.....	Section 562
Transformer Base.....	Section 965
Structural Steel and Miscellaneous Metal Items (other than aluminum).....	Section 962
Aluminum Items .....	Section 965
Retroreflective Sign Sheeting* .....	Section 994
Sign Panel Fabrication .....	Section 994
Internally Illuminated Signs* .....	Section 995-14
Highlighted Signs* .....	Section 995-15
Dynamic Message Signs* .....	Section 995-16
Electronic Display Signs (ERS, ESFS, BOS)* .....	Section 995-17
Sign Beacon* .....	Section 995-18
In-street Sign* .....	Section 995-19

\*Use products listed on the Department's Approved Products List (APL).

**700-2.2 Static Sign Assembly Requirements:**

**700-2.2.1 Static Sign Panels:** Provide aluminum sheets for sign panels meeting the requirements of Section 965 and Section 994. Meet the minimum thickness requirements of Table 700-1.

For flip signs, use continuous hinges constructed of ANSI grade 316 stainless steel.

For In-Street signs, see 700-7.

Table 700-1 Static Sign Panel Requirements	
Type	Minimum Thickness
Single column ground sign	0.08 inch
All other sign panels	0.125 inch

**700-2.2.2 Sign Panel Mounting Hardware:** Provide aluminum materials (plates, bars, shapes, bolts, nuts, and washers) in accordance with Section 965. Stainless steel mounting hardware meeting Table 962-6 (ASTM F593 for bolts and ASTM F594 for nuts) may be substituted. Steel plates, shapes and hardware must meet Section 962.

**700-2.2.3 Retroreflective Sign Sheeting:** Sign sheeting must meet the requirements of Section 994 and Table 700-2.

Table 700-2 Retroreflective Sign Sheeting		
Application	Sheeting System Type	Notes
All signs and retroreflective strips, except as otherwise noted below	Type XI	
R1-1, R1-2, R5-1, and R5-1a signs	Type XI with a colorless film overlay	
School: S1-1, S3-1, S3-2, S4-5, S4-5a, S5-1 (SCHOOL portion) Bicycle: W11-1 Pedestrian: R1 6, R1 6a, R1 6b, R1 6c, R1 9, R1 9a, R10 15, W11 2 Shared Use Path (trail): W11 15, W11 15a	Type XI fluorescent yellow green sheeting*	Includes supplemental panels
*Do not mix signs having fluorescent yellow green sheeting with signs having yellow retroreflective sheeting.		

**700-2.3 Galvanized Bolt Assemblies (Bolts, Nuts, Washers):** Provide galvanized bolt assemblies meeting Section 962 for high-strength steel fastener assemblies. Provide galvanized anchor rods, plate washers, U-bolts, and shims meeting the requirements of Section 962 for hardware not designated as high strength.

**700-2.4 Sign Support Structure:**

**700-2.4.1 Single Column Ground Signs and Single Post Barrier Mounted Signs:** Use aluminum tubing meeting the requirements of Section 965. For top-mounted single post barrier mounted signs use galvanized steel pipe meeting the requirements of Section 962. Steel shapes and welding must meet 962-10.

**700-2.4.2 Multi-Column Ground Signs:** Multi-column signs must be galvanized steel W or S beams steel columns meeting Section 962.

**700-2.4.3 Overhead Signs:** Obtain overhead sign structures from a facility that is listed on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105.

Meet the requirements for overhead signs in accordance with Section 962.

Repair galvanized surfaces in accordance with Section 562. Galvanizing materials used for repair must meet the requirements of Section 975.

**700-2.4.4 Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies:** Use aluminum pedestal posts, transformer bases, anchors, caps, and shims meeting the requirements of Section 646.

**700-2.5 Storage, Handling and Labeling:** If signs are stored prior to installation, store them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Properly package signs to protect them during storage, shipment and handling to prevent damage to the sign face and panel.

Install a label on all permanent roadway signs on the back bottom edge with the date of installation, APL number of the base sheeting, and Name of Fabricator. Make the labels unobtrusive, but legible enough to be easily read by an observer on the ground when the sign is in its final position. Apply the label in a manner that is at least as durable as the sign face.

#### **700-2.6 Acceptance of Signs:**

**700-2.6.1 Sign Inspection:** Submit certification that the sign assembly meets the material and installation requirements of the Contract Documents. The Engineer will inspect the signs upon delivery to the storage or project site and again at the final construction inspection. Repair and replace damaged signs at no expense to the Department.

**700-2.6.2 Imperfections and Repairs:** Repair or replace signs containing imperfections or damage regardless of the kind, type, or cause of the imperfections or damage. For sign panels exceeding 30 square feet, the Contractor may make one patch, if necessary, to each sign panel not to exceed two square inches. Make repairs according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Ensure that completed repairs provide a level of quality necessary to maintain the service life of the sign and are satisfactory in appearance to the Engineer.

### **700-3 Static Signs.**

**700-3.1 Single Column and Multi-Column Ground Sign Assemblies:** Furnish and install single column and multi-column ground signs in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans, Indexes 700-010, 700-011, and 700-020.

**700-3.1.1 Foundation:** Construct foundations in accordance with the applicable Standard Plans. The Contractor may use precast foundations in augured or excavated holes a minimum of 12 inches larger than each axis dimension of the precast foundation. Obtain precast foundations from a plant that is currently on the Department's Production Facility Listing. Producers seeking inclusion on the list shall meet the requirements of Section 105. The holes must be clean and without loose material. Temporary casing will be required if the soil is unstable. Fill the void around the precast foundation with flowable fill meeting the requirements of Section 121 or use clean sand placed using hydraulic methods.

#### **700-3.1.2 Breakaway Support Mechanisms for Ground Traffic Signs:**

**700-3.1.2.1 Frangible Supports:** Provide support posts for all frangible sign assemblies consisting of aluminum tubes up to 3-1/2 inches outside diameter with 3/16-inch wall thickness in accordance with the requirements in the Standard Plans.



**700-3.1.2.2 Slip Bases:** Slip base assemblies for single column signs will use aluminum sleeves and base plates. The slip base stub (the lower base plate assembly) may be galvanized steel in accordance with the Standard Plans.

Slip base assemblies for multi-column signs will use galvanized steel bases. All slip bases must be fabricated in accordance with the requirements of the Standard Plans.

**700-3.1.3 Fabrication:** Fabricate the supports and wind beams in accordance with the Standard Plans. Weld joints in accordance with Section 460.

Drill or sub-punch and ream holes in multi-column fuse plates and hinge plates.

Hot dip galvanize after fabrication. Remove all drips, runs or beads on base plate within washer contact areas (including saw cuts).

**700-3.1.4 Installation:** Verify the length of the column supports in the field prior to fabrication to permit the appropriate sign mounting height. Columns must be plumb and panels must be level with the proper orientation.

**700-3.1.5 Retroreflective Strips for Signs:** Use only on signs where the retroreflective strip is called for in the Plans. The retroreflective strip must be 2 inches in width and 5 feet in height for all signs, except for signs mounted at a height of 4 feet, then use a retroreflective strip 2 feet in height. For the back of Railroad Crossbuck signs, the retroreflective strip will be 2 inches wide for the full length of the blade. Match the color of the retroreflective strip to the background color of the sign (per the SHS), except for YIELD signs and DO NOT ENTER signs, where the color must be red. Install retroreflective strips directly to a panel attached to the column in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Use a 0.040-inch minimum aluminum plate or other material approved by the sheeting manufacturer. Use stainless steel attachment hardware for the installation. Install retroreflective strips in a manner that does not require drilling holes through the column (post). A set screw no larger than 1/4 inch may be used with band attachments

**700-3.1.6 Flip Signs:** Install in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans Index 700-010.

**700-3.2 Single Post Barrier Mounted Signs:** Meet the requirements of the Standard Plans, Indexes 700-012 and 700-013. Snap-in post cap is UV and weather-resistant glass-filled polyester cap.

**700-3.3 Overhead Signs:** Meet the requirements of the Plans and Standard Plans for overhead sign structures, including those for walk-in dynamic message signs (DMS).

**700-3.3.1 Fabrication:** Weld joints in accordance with Section 460.

Structural bolt hole diameters: Bolt diameter plus 1/16 inch.

Anchor bolt hole diameters: Bolt diameter plus 1/2 inch.

Upright splices are not allowed. Sign trusses may be fabricated in sections that fit into available galvanizing vats. Provide magnetic particle testing on 100% of upright fillet welds after galvanizing.

Shop assemble the entire structure after galvanizing to validate proper fit for all bolted connections. Complete necessary repairs prior to shipping. Assemblies may be separated for shipment.

**700-3.3.2 Foundations:** Meet the requirements of Section 455. Use Class IV concrete for spread footings and IV (Drilled Shaft) for drilled shaft foundations.

**700-3.3.3 Installation:** Install nuts on anchor bolts in accordance with Section 649 with the following exception. For cantilever overhead sign structures, after placement of the upright and prior to installation of the truss, adjust the leveling nuts beneath the base plate to achieve the back rake shown on the Camber Diagram. If the top surface of the base plate has a slope that exceeds 1:40, use beveled washers under the top nuts. Split-lock washers are not permitted.

Install screens or grout pads in accordance with the Standard Plans, and as required by Section 649.

Install ASTM F3125, Grade A325 bolt, nut and washer assemblies in accordance with 460-5, except that 460-5.4.2 Preparation of Faying Surfaces is not required.

**700-3.3.4 Erection of Signs and Sign Supports:** Do not erect overhead sign supports until the concrete strength in the support footing is at least 2,500 psi. Determine concrete strength from tests on a minimum of two test cylinders sampled and tested in accordance with ASTM C31 and ASTM C39 and verifying test results have been submitted to the Engineer.

Erect the signs and sign structures in accordance with the details shown in the Plans. Re-galvanize damaged parts as specified in Section 562. Record the as-built anchor locations and submit to the Engineer prior to erecting the sign supports. Place backfill above spread footings prior to installation of the sign panels. Do not remove or reduce backfill without prior approval of the Engineer.

#### **700-4 Enhanced Highway Sign Assemblies.**

**700-4.1 Description:** Furnish and install enhanced highway sign assemblies in accordance with the Plans and Standard Plans, Index 700-120.

**700-4.2 Materials:** Use flashing beacons, highlighted signs, electronic display signs (EDS), and associated mounting hardware that meet the requirements of Section 995 and are listed on the APL. EDS are specialized electronic signs that include dynamic display components. The term EDS refers to a general category of electronically enhanced road signs (ERS) with warning regulatory, or guide legends; electronic speed feedback signs (ESFS); and blank-out signs (BOS).

For new roadside sign assemblies, provide support structure in accordance with Section 646. Meet all static sign requirements for the static portion of the highlighted sign (i.e., sign panel, reflective sheeting, etc.).

**700-4.2.1 Warranty:** Ensure that beacons, highlighted signs, and EDS have a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for three years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.

**700-4.3 Foundations:** Construct foundations in accordance with the Standard Plans and Specification 646.

**700-4.4 Installation:** Install sign assemblies based on Alpha-Numeric Type designation shown in the Plans. Assembly Type is based on Power Configuration "Alpha" Identification and Numerical Identification shown in Standard Plans, Index 700-120. Install sign panel and wind beam meeting the requirements of this Section and Standard Plans, Index 700-110. For roadside sign assemblies, construct foundation and install support structure in accordance with 646-3 and the Standard Plans, Index 700-120. Install enhanced highway sign assembly components in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

**700-5 Internally Illuminated Signs.**

**700-5.1 Description:** Furnish and install internally illuminated signs in accordance with the details specified in the Contract Documents.

**700-5.2 Materials:** Use internally illuminated signs and associated mounting hardware listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).

Use clamp-on cantilever arms for internally illuminated signs which meet all design and wind loading requirements as specified in the Contract Documents. Ensure the clamp is adjustable to accommodate various size poles.

**700-5.2.1 Acceptance of Internally Illuminated Signs:** Certify that signs and clamp-on cantilever arms provided meet the criteria in this Section and Section 995.

**700-5.2.2 Warranty:** Ensure that internally illuminated signs have a manufacturer's warranty covering defects for five years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.

**700-5.3 Installation of Internally Illuminated Signs:** Secure the brackets to the sign housing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**700-5.3.1 Double Sided Sign Assembly:** Use a free swinging mounting method.

**700-5.3.2 Two Point Support Assembly:** Use a two point support assembly when the sign assembly is attached to a mast arm that is perpendicular to the street on which the sign is viewed.

Use a two point mast arm mounting assembly consisting of the following:

1. Stainless steel band or cable type clamp,
2. Clevis,
3. Span wire adapter,
4. Tri-stud hanger body.

Ensure one of the hangers has a mechanism for the horizontal adjustment of the sign.

**700-5.3.3 One Point Support Assembly:** Use a one point support assembly consisting of an articulated horizontal stainless steel band or cable type mast arm clamp, sign bracket and mounting hardware, when the sign assembly is attached to a mast arm that is diagonal to the street on which the sign is viewed. Do not use a one point support assembly for internally illuminated sign assemblies exceeding four feet in width.

Ensure the band or cable clamp is capable of horizontal rotation of 360 degrees.

**700-5.3.4 Clamp-On Cantilever Arm:** Attach the arm perpendicular to the street on which the sign assembly is viewed. Use a clamp and arm that are galvanized in accordance with ASTM A123 unless otherwise shown in the Plans. Ensure the arm has a cap secured in place.

**700-5.3.5 Electrical Wiring:** Unless otherwise shown in the Plans, install dedicated 14 AWG conductors to supply power to the sign and connect the conductors to a dedicated 15 amp circuit breaker located either inside the controller cabinet or inside the electrical service disconnect. Using the same conduit system for both signal cables and internally illuminated sign conductors is permitted, unless otherwise shown in the Plans.

Install conductors in such a manner as to prevent damage to conductors or conductor insulation. Remove and replace all damaged conductors /insulation at no additional cost to the Department.

Ensure drilled holes through which conductors pass through are fitted with a weather tight rubber grommet fitting.

Install continuous lengths of conductors between the dedicated circuit breaker and internally illuminated signs.

Do not splice conductors unless otherwise shown in the Plans.

Provide one photoelectric cell for all internally illuminated signs at each intersection. Use an L bracket to mount the photoelectric cell as specified in the Contract Documents. Connect the photoelectric cell to a contactor assembly inside the controller cabinet to provide switching of the internally illuminated signs.

## **700-6 Dynamic Message Signs.**

**700-6.1 General:** Provide monochrome, tri-color, or full-color signs as shown in the Plans.

**700-6.2 Sign Housing Requirements for all DMS:** Ensure that the sign housing design and appearance is approved by the Engineer.

**700-6.3 Characters, Fonts, and Color:** Submit a list of the character fonts to the Engineer for approval.

**700-6.4 Main Power Supply and Energy Distribution Specifications:** Provide Type XHHW power cables sized as required by the NEC for acceptable voltage drops while supplying alternating current to the sign.

**700-6.5 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS):** The UPS system must be capable of displaying the current messages on a sign when a power outage occurs. Signs with an UPS must be able to operate on battery power and display text messages for a minimum of two hours.

**700-6.6 Operational Support Supplies:** Furnish the operational support supplies listed in Table 700-3. Promptly replace any of the supplies used to perform a warranty repair prior to final acceptance.

For every group of 10 or fewer DMSs provided or required, provide one set of supplies as follows:

1 each	Sign controller and I/O board(s)
1 per DMS	LED display modules
1 each	Display power supply
1 each	Uninterruptible power supply
2 each	Surge suppression sets
1 each	Fan assembly

**700-6.7 Message and Status Monitoring:** Ensure that the sign can perform the following functions:

1. Control Selection – Ensure that local or remote sign control can be selected.
2. Message Selection – Ensure that the sign controller can select a blank message or any one of the messages stored in the sign controller's nonvolatile memory when the control mode is set to local.
3. Message Implementation – Ensure that the sign controller can activate the selected message.

Ensure that each font may be customized, and modifications to a font may be downloaded to the sign controller from the TMC or a laptop computer at any time without any software or hardware modifications.

Ensure that there is no perceivable flicker or ghosting of the pixels during sign erasure and writing periods.

**700-6.8 TMC Communication Specification for all DMS:**

Provide communications line circuits that are point-to-point or multipoint, and that provide full duplex asynchronous data transmissions at the rate shown in the Contract Documents or directed by the Engineer.

Assign each sign controller a unique address.

**700-6.9 Sign Control Software:** Ensure that the laptop computer and sign can communicate when connected directly by an EIA-232 cable and via Ethernet. Ensure that the software allows communication between multiple users and multiple signs across the same communication network.

**700-6.10 Sign Support Structure:** Meet the requirements of 700-2.3.

**700-6.11 Installation Requirements:** Provide a walk-in DMS for locations over interstate travel lanes. Verify that any ventilation system incorporated within the sign is operational per the manufacturer's recommendations.

Install the DMS in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and Standard Plans, Index 700-090.

Ensure that the location of the lifting eyebolts, left in place or removed, is sealed to prevent water entry after installation.

Load the initial message libraries on both the sign control software and the sign controller. The Engineer will furnish the messages to be placed in these libraries.

**700-6.12 Documentation:** Submit documentation for electronic equipment in accordance with 603-6.

**700-6.13 Licensing:** Ensure that the manufacturer grants the Department a license that allows the Department to use and internally distribute any and all sign communications protocols, operating systems, drivers, and documentation.

**700-6.14 Technical Assistance:** Ensure that a manufacturer's representative is available to assist the Contractor's technical personnel during pre-installation testing and installation.

Do not provide initial power to the signs without the permission of the manufacturer's representative.

**700-6.15 Pre-installation Field Testing:** Conduct pre-installation tests on all units at a Contractor-provided facility within the appropriate District. Perform the tests on each unit supplied to verify that no damage was done to any sign during the shipment and delivery process. Notify the Engineer a minimum of 10 calendar days before the start of any tests. Conduct all tests according to the approved test procedures detailed in this Section. Each DMS must pass the individual tests detailed below prior to installation.

**700-6.15.1 Material Inspection:** Examine each DMS carefully to verify that the materials, design, construction, markings, and workmanship comply with all applicable standards, specifications, and requirements.

**700-6.15.2 Operational Test:** Operate each DMS long enough to permit equipment temperature stabilization, and to check and record an adequate number of performance characteristics to ensure compliance with applicable standards, specifications, and requirements.

**700-6.15.3 Pre-Installation Test Failure Consequence:** If any unit fails, the unit shall be corrected or another unit substituted in its place and the test repeated.

If a unit has been modified as a result of a failure, a report shall be prepared and submitted to the Engineer. The report shall describe the nature of the failure and the corrective action taken.

If a failure pattern develops, the Engineer may direct that design and construction modifications be made to all units without additional cost to the Department or an extension of the Contract Time.

**700-6.16 Installed Site Tests:** Conduct Intelligent Transportation System Device Installation testing in accordance with Section 611.

**700-6.17 System Testing:** Conduct Intelligent Transportation System Device Installation testing in accordance with Section 611.

### **700-7 In-Street Sign Assemblies.**

**700-7.1 Description:** In-Street signs consist of the R1-6a or R1-6c In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign assemblies including the sign base.

**700-7.2 Fabrication of Panel Messages:** Fabricate standard sign panel messages in accordance with the Standard Plans. Sign panels of 8 inches wide x 28 inches tall or 12 inches x 36 inches are acceptable. See Standard Plans Section 700-102.

**700-7.3 Installation:** Install a fixed base connection in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Install portable base connections only for temporary applications at school crossings where a crossing guard is present during school arrival and departure times or when children are present.

### **700-8 Warranty.**

Refer to Section 608 for Contractor Requirements. Transfer all warranties from the Manufacturer to the Department.

### **700-9 Method of Measurement.**

**700-9.1 Single Column Ground Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each and will consist of all signs mounted on a single column (post). Area measurement for an assembly will include the total sheeting area, excluding any reflective sign strips.

**700-9.2 Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each and will consist of all sign panels and columns for a multi-column ground sign. Area measurement for an assembly will include the total sheeting area, excluding any reflective sign strips.

**700-9.3 Sign Panel:** Measurement for each sign panel will be the length times width of the sheeting area. No separate payment will be made for any panels on a new sign assembly.

**700-9.4 Overhead Static Sign Structure:** Sign panels will be paid separately from the overhead static support structures. For signs mounted on a span wire or mast arm, payment for the structure will be paid under the applicable items in Section 634 or Section 649. Measurement for all other overhead static sign structures will be made per each.

**700-9.5 Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly:** Measurement for Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly will be made per each.

**700-9.5.1 Sign Beacon:** No separate measurement will be made for a sign beacon mounted on a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each sign beacon, will be made for installation on an existing sign panel or sign assembly.

Separate payment for removal will be made only when the sign panel or sign assembly is to remain.

**700-9.5.2 Highlighted Signs:** No separate measurement will be made for a highlighted sign as part of a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each highlighted sign, will be made for installation on an existing post or other structure. Measurement for Highlighted Sign will be made per each sign completed.

**700-9.5.3 Electronic Display Sign:** No separate measurement will be made for an EDS as part of a new Enhanced Sign Assembly. Separate measurement for retrofit, per each EDS, will be made for installation on an existing post or other structure. Measurement for EDS will be made per each sign completed.

**700-9.6 Internally Illuminated Signs:** Measurement for Internally Illuminated Sign will be made per each completed sign, regardless of whether the sign has one or more illuminated faces.

**700-9.7 Embedded Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Embedded Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign, regardless of the number of embedded sign messages or housings mounted on a single or multi-post foundation.

**700-9.8 Front Access Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Front Access Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign, regardless of the number of sign messages or housings mounted on a single or multi-post foundation.

**700-9.9 Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign:** Measurement for Embedded Dynamic Message Sign will be made for each completed sign.

**700-9.10 Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure:** Measurement for Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure will be made for each completed sign structure, regardless of the number of static and/or dynamic message signs supported.

**700-9.11 Retroreflective Strip:** Measurement for the retroreflective sign strip will be per each.

**700-9.12 In Street Sign Assembly:** Measurement will be made per each.

**700-9.13 Removal and Relocation Operations:** Measurement for removal or relocation operations of single column and multi-column signs will be made per each. Measurement for overhead sign structure will be made per each.

Measurement, per each, for removal of sign panels will only be made for signs not on an assembly.

## **700-10 Basis of Payment.**

**700-10.1 Single Column Ground Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each for single column ground mounted signs will include the sign panels, sheeting, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. For flip-up signs, the assembly includes the hinge and any additional hardware.

**700-10.2 Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each for multi-column ground mounted signs will include the sign panels, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.3 Sign Panel:** The Contract unit price per each sign panel will include the aluminum panel, sheeting, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.4 Overhead Static Sign Structure:** The Contract unit price for each overhead static sign structure will include the support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.5 Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each will include sign, electronics, cabinet, support structure, foundation, hardware, power system, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.5.1 Sign Beacon:** The Contract unit price per each for sign beacon will consist of the flashing beacons, cabinet, housing, controller, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. Signal cable from the cabinet to the signs will be paid separately under the applicable item for signal cable.

When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, batteries, and electronics.

**700-10.5.2 Highlighted Signs:** The Contract unit price per each for highlighted signs, furnished and installed, will include furnishing the sign, electronics, cabinet, support structure, foundation, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, batteries, and electronics.

Highlighted Signs used for Wrong Way sign installations do not include the Wrong Way Detection System; measurement and payment for the detection system will be made in accordance with Section 660.

**700-10.5.3 Electronic Display Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for electronic display sign will include static sign panels as required, electronic display, support structure, foundation, housing, cabinet, controller, speed detector, hardware, electrical connection, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

When the electronic display sign is ground mounted, the Contract price will include the support structure and foundation. All other mounting will include the hardware necessary to complete the attachment to the support structure; the span wire, monotube, or mast arm structure will be paid separately.

When solar power is specified in the Contract Documents, the Contract unit price will include the solar panel, auxiliary pole, and batteries.

**700-10.6 Internally Illuminated Signs:** The Contract unit price for each Internally Illuminated Sign will include the sign, housing, hardware, electrical connection, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation. All other mounting will include the hardware necessary to complete the attachment to the support structure; the span wire, monotube, or mast arm structure will be paid separately.

**700-10.7 Embedded Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Embedded DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation.

**700-10.8 Front Access Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Front Access DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation.

**700-10.9 Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign:** The Contract unit price per each for Walk-in DMS will include the sign, all hardware and software, testing, and warranty for a completed installation. When shown in the Contract Documents, payment for the Walk-in DMS will also include the Uninterruptible Power Supply.

**700-10.10 Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure:** The Contract unit price for each support structure will include posts and supports, catwalks, handrails, footings, foundation, excavation, site grounding, painting, and incidentals necessary for a complete and accepted installation.



**700-10.11 Retroreflective Sign Strip:** The Contract unit price per each will include the retroreflective sign strip, hardware, and labor necessary for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.12 In Street Sign Assembly:** The Contract unit price per each will include the vertical panel, retroreflective sign sheeting, rebounding boot support, and a base, for a complete and accepted installation.

**700-10.13 Removal and Relocation Operations:** The Contract unit price for removal of signs will include the removal of the support and footing. Restore the area to the condition of the adjacent area.

The Contract unit price for relocation of signs will consist of removing the existing sign assembly, including foundation removal and area restoration, and installing the sign at the new location shown in the Plans.

For the relocation of existing ground-mounted signs to be relocated or removed, after removing the sign panel from the assembly, remove supports and footings.

For the removal of overhead static sign structures, the Contract unit price will include the removal of the foundation: when partial foundation removal is called for, remove the support structure, and foundation to a minimum depth of four feet below existing grade; when complete foundation removal is called for, completely remove the support structure including the foundation.

**700-10.14 Payment Items:** Payment will be made under:

- Item No. 700- 1- Single Column Ground Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 2- Multi-Column Ground Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 3- Sign Panel, each.
- Item No. 700- 4- Overhead Static Sign Structure, each.
- Item No. 700- 5- Internally Illuminated Signs, each.
- Item No. 700- 7- Embedded Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 8- Front Access Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 9- Walk-in Dynamic Message Sign - each.
- Item No. 700- 10- Dynamic Message Sign Support Structure - each.
- Item No. 700- 13- Retroreflective Sign Strip, each.
- Item No. 700- 14- Enhanced Highway Sign Assembly, each.
- Item No. 700- 15- In Street Sign Assembly, each.