Index 425 Traffic Railing (42" F Shape)

Design Criteria

NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 5 Criteria; ***AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications***; ***Structures Design Guidelines (SDG)***

Design Assumptions and Limitations

The 42" F-Shape Traffic Railing should be used where a railing with Test Level 5 crashworthiness is warranted. Use this railing in accordance with the requirements of ***SDG*** 6.7.

The details as shown for installing for 2" diameter conduits and associated Embedded Junction Boxes (EJBs) in traffic railings have been determined to be crashworthy in accordance with the requirements of ***NCHRP Report 350, AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH)*** and the ***AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications***. To preserve the crashworthiness of traffic railings, no more than two 2" diameter conduits and associated EJBs, as shown on ***Design Standards*** Index 21210, may be installed within a traffic railing or traffic railing/noise wall.

Reinforcing cover for Traffic Railings is shown as 3", which accommodates slip forming tolerances. For modified designs 2" minimum cover is usually adequate for stationary form construction.

Design bridge decks supporting 42" F-Shape Traffic Railings in accordance with the requirements of ***SDG*** 4.2. For bridge decks up to a maximum thickness of 11", the two Bars 5S2 placed in the bridge deck may substitute for the longitudinal deck steel located within the limits of Bars 5V, provided that the total area of longitudinal deck steel beneath the railing, as required by calculation, is not reduced.

Design Standards Indexes 20900, 20910 and 6100 Series contain details for the use of 42" F-Shape Traffic Railings on retaining walls and approach slabs.

The “Slab Depth” specified in SDG 4.2.4 for use with a 42” F-shape Traffic Railing is only required within the same deck span as the Traffic Railing itself.

For treatment of 42" F-Shape Traffic Railings on skewed bridges see Index 420.

Plan Content Requirements

In the Structures Plans:

In the Materials Note on the General Notes Sheet, specify the concrete class in accordance with the superstructure environment classification. See ***SDG*** 1.4.

Include the following Bridge Name Note on the General Notes Sheet:

Place the following bridge name on the traffic railing in accordance with the Traffic Railing Design Standard:

Use the name of the bridge or non-roadway facility crossed, or include the name of both facilities for roadway crossings, e.g.:

THOMASVILLE ROAD FLYOVER
TOMOKA RIVER
CSX RAILROAD
US 19 OVER EAST BAY DR

For multiple bridges, identify the associated bridge number, e.g.:

Bridge No.	Name
600103	CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY
600104	CHOCTAWHATCHEE BAY RELIEF

Show and label, by name or Index number, the 42" F-Shape Traffic Railing on the Plan and Elevation, Typical Section, Superstructure, Approach Slab and Finish Grade Elevations Cross Section sheets, Retaining Wall Control Drawings, and other sheets as required. Show limiting stations when transitioning to other types of traffic railings. Include cross references to ***Design Standards*** Index 20900 or 20910 as appropriate.

On the Superstructure section sheets, show the two Bars 5S2 placed in the bridge deck within the Bars 5V along with the rest of the deck steel.

In the Roadway Plans when the 42" F-Shape Traffic Railing is used on retaining walls:

In the Materials Note on the General Notes Sheet, specify the concrete class in accordance with the retaining wall environment classification. See ***SDG*** 1.4.

Show and label, by name or Index number, the 42" F-Shape Traffic Railing on the Retaining Wall Control Drawings, and other sheets as required. Show limiting stations when transitioning to other types of traffic railings. Include cross references to ***Design Standards*** Index 6100 Series as appropriate.

All concrete and Bars 5P, 5S, 8S, 8T and 5V required to construct the traffic railing are included in the Estimated Traffic Railing Quantities. Do not include traffic railing concrete in the estimated concrete quantities, or Bars 5P, 5S, 8S, 8T and 5V in the reinforcing bar lists and estimated reinforcing steel quantities for supporting bridge decks, approach slabs or retaining walls.

Payment

Item number	Item description	Unit Measure
521-5-2	Concrete Traffic Railing, Bridge 42" F-Shape	LF