

5201200 CONCRETE GUTTER, CURB ELEMENTS, AND TRAFFIC SEPARATOR
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comment: (12-4-13)

I am writing to comment on the proposed spec change for item 520-12. I have no problem including the steel, joint seal and asphalt curb pad as long as it clearly states on the typical or plan sheets where these are to be used. However, I do think the inclusion of the removal will lead to a grey area and judgment calls on the project which could lead to disputes and claims. Let me further explain what I mean. On widening projects that have existing curb along the EP and the widening moves curb back or replaced, is this to be included? Or will it be as the current payment is structured which is payment for new and removal under the concrete removal item? There will also be an issue with compiling statewide averages because you will be using the same item for new construction (curb only) and remove and replace.

Response: The Basis of Payment and Pay Items for this Specification haven't changed. Payment language was moved from the Design Standards to the Specification. "Remove and Replace" has been included in the cost of the new curb for many years. The payment items remain the same, which are broken down by curb type.

This Specification is for installing New Concrete Gutter, Curb Elements and Traffic Separator and includes the removal or replacement of the curb for widening.
No changes made.

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We are asking for trouble with adding Excavation for new installation will be paid for as roadway excavation in accordance with 120-12.2. It is easier for everybody to just include the cost of the excavation with the price of the "removal of existing curb".

Response: Basis of payment for NEW installations is NOT changing. Excavation for new curb installations (whether new, replaced, or relocated) has always been paid for in accordance with Section 120 and the curb paid for under the appropriate curb pay item.
No change made.
