

June 17, 2014

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HSST/WZ-334

Mr. Craig Schulz Pexco, LLC Davidson Traffic Control Products 3110 70th Avenue East Tacoma, Washington 98424

Dear Mr. Schulz:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: Construction Grade IG Curb, with FG300 Channelizer Posts

Type of system: Longitudinal Channelizer

Test Level: NCHRP Report 350 Test Level 3 Testing conducted by: Texas Transportation Institute

Date of request: January 23, 2014 Date of completed package: May 23, 2014

Decision

The following device is eligible, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

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Based on a review of crash test results certifying the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

The FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not endorse products or services and the issuance of a reimbursement eligibility letter is not an endorsement of any product or service.

Requirements

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cc: HSST Nick Artimovich

Description

The device and supporting documentation are described in the attached form. The original FG300 Curb System was the subject of FHWA Letter WZ-193, dated November 2, 2004. An amendment dated December 6, 2005, recognized a redesign of FG300 as a one-piece unit. You also substituted a material with higher durability plastic. The current letter, WZ-334, covers the one piece IG curb units with the original plastic formulation.

Summary and Standard Provisions

Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached form is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

Please note the following standard provisions that apply to FHWA eligibility letters:

- This finding of eligibility does not cover other structural features of the systems, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may influence system conformance with NCHRP Report 350 criteria will require a new reimbursement eligibility letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service performance reveals safety problems, or that the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, we reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter.
- You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design and installation requirements to ensure proper performance.
- You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the crash test and evaluation criteria of the NCHRP Report 350.
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Enclosures

Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	January 21, 2014	
	Name:	Craig Schulz	Signature:Craig Schulz
te	Company:	Pexco, LLC Davidson Traffic Control Products	
Submitter	Address:	3110 70th Ave East, Tacoma, WA 98424	
Sub	Country:	USA	
	То:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'WZ': Crash Worthy Work Zone Traffic Control Devices	C CEA & VOV Analysis	FG 300 Interstate Grade - Variation to be "Construction Interstate Grade"	NCHRP Report 350	

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the NCHRP Report 350 (Report 350) and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the Report 350.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Craig Schulz	Same as Submitter 🔀
Company Name:	Pexco, LLC Davidson Traffic Control Products	Same as Submitter 🔀
Address:	3110 70th Ave East, Tacoma, WA 98424	Same as Submitter 🛛
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter 🔀

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Modification to Existing Hardware null

"Construction Grade" - IG Curb is simply a resin change from the current ASA which will remain in the "Interstate Grade" curb, this offering will remain for long term projects/permanent applications. The reason for the development/reintroduction of ABS in the "Construction Grade" IG curb is due to some of the market place wants a 1 - 2 year product (non warrantied), as the benefits of Longitudinal Channelization are recognized and being deployed on several short term projects (less than 2 years). This offers a highly durable product at a lower price point allowing project budgets to be maximized rather than restricted.

The ABS has been tested and proven as it was originally the material in the "Standard Curb" WZ-193 was originated on. The physical properties of the two resin are very similar initially. The ASA has better long term beyond 2 year performance which was originally called for by the market.

ABS has been the material of choice in our road bases for years, the 495 Beltway project outside of DC uses our ABS bases and posts.

CRASH TESTING

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
TTI 2004 Bunzl	This was the originating test that all other longitudinal channelizing devices have been based on. It was a live driver test at Texas Transportation Institute in 2004. It was a four part test: 1. Traversal of Curb at 20 degrees - 64.8 mph impact speed, drivers path was maintained in a straight-ahead position, slight dimpling of the hood. 2. Traversal of Curb at 0 degrees - 61.4 mph impact speed, drivers path was maintained in a straight-ahead position. No damage or vaulting. 3. Lane Change Maneuver - 60.8 mph impact speed, driver influence was only the change of direction to make the lane change. No damage or vaulting. 4. Traversal of V at 0 degrees - 63.3 mph impact speed, drivers path was maintained in straight ahead position with minimum effort. Conclusion: The results of the tests on the Davidson Traffic Control Products FG300 Curb System showed no tendency for the curb to cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle. In addition, no movement of the curb, which could lead to separation from the road surface, was noted.	PASS

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with Report 350 by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name:	Texas Transportation Institute	
Laboratory Contact:	Dean Albertsen	Same as Submitter
Address:	Bryan, TX	Same as Submitter
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Date:		

ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 2) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are key to understanding the performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our

review.

FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		AASHTO TF13		
Number	Date	Designator	Key Words	
WZ-334	June 10, 2014	N/A	Longitudinal Channelizer Curb Unit	

