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**MEMORANDUM
02-12**

TO: District Directors
District Construction Engineers
Toll Road Operations Engineer
District Materials & Tests Engineers
District Area Engineers
Project Engineers/Supervisors

From: Timothy D. Bertram, Chief
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RE: **Section 801 Changes Regarding Measurement/Payment**

In 1999, Section 801 was rewritten delineating how to deal with temporary traffic control. Recent revisions to portions of the traffic control specification have changed over the past year or two. It has come to our attention that several items are not being paid for as intended by the specifications:

- **Construction Signs Type B**

801.16 Basis of Payment: "If more than one construction sign is mounted on a common support with the messages facing opposite directions, the largest sign will be paid for at the contract unit price of the sign, and each additional sign will be paid for at one half the unit price of the sign if it had been erected independently." Since this specification is not explicit about how to pay for multiple signs mounted on a common support and **facing in the same direction**, payment for all signs placed in this manner shall be at the full unit price of the sign. (This office may analyze this specification in the future to determine if changes are needed.)

- **Prismatic Reflector Removal/Replacement**

808.12 Basis of Payment: "Prismatic reflectors will be paid for at the contract unit price per each." "The cost of removal of existing reflectors shall be included in the cost of prismatic reflectors." (In general terms the removal and replacement of reflectors from existing snowplowable raised pavement markers is now a separate pay item rather than included in the cost of other items).

- **Signs Used for Flagging/Daytime Closures**

801.16 Basis of Payment: "All traffic control devices and construction materials which are specified as separate pay items and used for maintenance of traffic will be paid as set out in the contract Schedule of Pay Items." This includes any devices, including construction signs, required for daytime-only closures. The specifications are clear that each of these devices is to be paid for only one time regardless of how many times the device is moved or replaced. Lastly contractors should not get paid for any sign used for the contractor's convenience.

Please be aware of these very important points and ensure that this memorandum is followed.

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