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**TO:** All Design, Operations, and District Personnel, and Consultants

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**SUBJECT:** Payment for Elastomeric Bearing Assemblies

**REVISES:** *Indiana Design Manual Section 409-7.03(01)*

**EFFECTIVE:** Lettings on or after June 1, 2024

The [Standards Committee](#) approved revisions to *Standard Specifications* Sections 702, 707, 711, and 726 at the August 2023 meeting. The revisions change the method of measurement and basis of payment for elastomeric bearing assemblies such that they will be paid for directly, rather than included in the cost of the structural member they support.

Effective as noted, projects that include elastomeric bearings should include RSP 726-B-323. The RSP will be included on the February 2024 RSP Menu.

The unique pay item 726-92406, Bearing Assembly, Elastomeric (EACH) will become a recurring pay item, to be used in conjunction with the RSP until such time that it is incorporated in the *Standard Specifications*. The bid history over the past two years for elastomeric bearings that have been paid for directly under the unique pay item indicates an average unit price of approximately \$2,300 each bearing.

The referenced section in [IDM Chapter 409](#) has been revised to reflect this change. The statement regarding pay items at the end of the section was deleted.

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