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In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-327

Mr. Jeff Jeffers State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 3132 Channel Drive Juneau, AK 99811-2500

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

This letter is in response to your June 14, 2019 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number B-327 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

#### **Decision**

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

• 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail

#### Scope of this Letter

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

#### **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail

Type of system: Longitudinal Barrier Test Level: MASH Test Level 4 (TL4)

Testing conducted by: TamTI Date of request: July 16, 2019

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory as stated within the attached form.

### Full Description of the Eligible Device

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

#### **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance 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 test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

#### **Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number B-327 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Griffith

Director, Office of Safety Technologies

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Office of Safety

**Enclosures** 

# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	June 14, 2019		
	Name:	Jeff Jeffers		
ter	Company:	State of Alaska Department of Transp	ortation and Public Facilities	
Submitter	Address:	3132 Channel Drive, Juneau, AK 99811-2500		
Suk	Country:	United States of America		
	To:	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.

#### **Device & Testing Criterion** - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)		2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail	AASHTO MASH	TL4

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 AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

#### Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Jeff Jeffers	Same as Submitter 🔀	
Company Name:	State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Same as Submitter 🔀	
Address:	3132 Channel Drive, Juneau, AK 99811-2500	Same as Submitter 🔀	
Country:	United States of America	Same as Submitter 🔀	
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.			

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was contracted by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to perform full-scale crash testing of the 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail. There are no shared financial interests in the 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail by TTI, or between the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and TTI, other than costs involved in the actual crash tests and reports for this submission to FHWA.

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or Significant Modification	Modification to Existing Hardware		
cantilevered deck and curb, with curb was 10 inches tall, with a 4-was used to simulate asphalt what the base, and 17 inches wide a bolts were cast in the deck and e Sixteen fabricated steel posts were dof the concrete curb. Two steels	ail test installation was 154 ft long, and two 2-inch wide joints extending throu inch thick lift of grout, yielding a 6-inch ich is typically used on the bridge appliat the top, with the traffic side face slopiextended through the curb. ere longitudinally spaced on 10-foot certeel rectangular HSS rail elements spans in the tops of the rails were located 24 inch	ugh both the cu tall traffic side cations. The cu ing 1 inch towa nters, beginning ned the posts, a	arb and the deck. The face. A 2-sack grout mix arb was 18 inches wide ard the field side. Anchor g at 24 inches from each and extended past them
	<b>CRASH TESTING</b>		
all of the critical and relevant cra	r affiliated with the testing laboratory, a sh tests for this device listed above were nined that no other crash tests are nece	e conducted to	meet the MASH test
Engineer Name:	William F. Williams		
Engineer Signature:	William Williams		ed by William Williams 7.09 16:22:37 -05'00'
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135 College Station, TX 778	343-3135	Same as Submitter
Country:	United States of America		Same as Submitter

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number  Description  Test 4-10 involves an 1100C vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°. The target CIP for the left corner of the front bumper was 3.6 ft upstream of the centerline of Post #13.  The results of the test conducted on December 14, 2018, are found in TTI Test Report No. 608331-1A, 2, 3. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 62.5 mi/ h as it made contact with the 2019 MASH 2- Tube Bridge Rail 3.5 ft upstream of the centerline of Post #13 and at an impact angle of 25.3°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 140 ft downstream of the impact point and 11 ft toward the field side.  The 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail contained and redirected the 1100C vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in MASH. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 2.8 inches. Maximum permanent deformation was 1 inch. Working width was 8.5 inches. Although slight spalling of the concrete occurred near Post #13, no detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate, or to show potential for penetrating, the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard for others in the area. The 1100C vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll
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and pitch angles were 5° and 5°, respectively.  Longitudinal OIV was 30.2 ft/s and lateral OIV was 30.8 ft/s. Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 15.3 g, and maximum lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 6.3 g. Occupant risk factors were within the maximum limits specified in MASH.  Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 11.0 inches in the side plane in the front plane at the left front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
	Test 4-11 involves a 2270P vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°. The target CIP for the left corner of the front bumper was 4.3 ft upstream of the centerline of Post #9.	,
	The results of the test conducted on December 12, 2018, are found in TTI Test Report No. 608331-1A, 2, 3. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 62.9 mi/h as it made contact with the 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail 4.2 ft upstream of the centerline of Post #9 and at an impact angle of 24.9°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 230 ft downstream of the impact point and in-line with the rail.	
	The 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in MASH.	
4-11 (2270P)	Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 7.1 inches. Maximum permanent deformation was 2.0 inches. Working width was 20.2 inches.	PASS
	Although some spalling of the concrete curb and deck occurred on the field side, no detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate, or to show potential for penetrating, the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard for others in the area. The 2270P vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 5° and 3°, respectively.  Longitudinal OIV was 16.7 ft/s and lateral OIV was 29.5 ft/s.  Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown	,
	acceleration was 8.2 g and maximum lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 13.6 g. Occupant risk factors were within the preferred limits specified in MASH.	
	Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 11.0 inches in the front plane at the left front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 0.5 inch in the left front firewall area.	
8	The 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail performed acceptably for MASH test 4-11.	

Test 4-12 involves a 10000S vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 56 mi/h and target angle of 15°. The target CIP for the left corner of the front bumper was 5.0 ft upstream of centerline of Post #5.

The results of the test conducted on December 10, 2018, are found in TTI Test Report No. 608331-1A, 2, 3. The test vehicle was traveling at an impact speed of 57.4 mi/h as it made contact with the 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail 4.6 ft upstream of the centerline of Post #5 and at an impact angle of 15.5°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 232 ft downstream of the impact point and 7 ft toward the field side.

The 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in MASH.

Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 3.0 inches. Maximum permanent deformation was 2.0 inches. Working width was 56.7 inches.

4-12 (10000S)

No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or to show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard for others in the area.

The 10000S vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event.

Maximum roll and pitch angles were 19° and 9°, respectively.

Longitudinal OIV was 6.2 ft/s, and lateral OIV was 12.1 ft/s.

Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 3.0 g, and maximum lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 6.8 g.

Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 12.0 inches in the side plane at the left front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 5.5 inches in the left floor pan area.

The 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail performed acceptably for MASH test 4-12.

PASS

4-20 (1100C)	Test for transition is not applicable for this bridge barrier system	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-21 (2270P)	Test for transition is not applicable for this bridge barrier system	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-22 (10000S)	Test for transition is not applicable for this bridge barrier system	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

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

Laboratory Name:	Texas A&M Transportation Institute Proving Grou	und	
Laboratory Signature:	Digitally signed by Darrell L. Kuhn 'Date: 2019.07.08 17:22:21 -05'00	1	LKulm
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135, College Station, TX 77843-3135		Same as Submitter
Country:	United States of America		Same as Submitter
	ISO 17025-2017 Laboratory A2LA Certificate Number: 2821.01 Valid To: April 30, 2021		

Submitter Signature\*: Jeff. C. Jeffers, o-Alaska of Transportation and PUblic Fa

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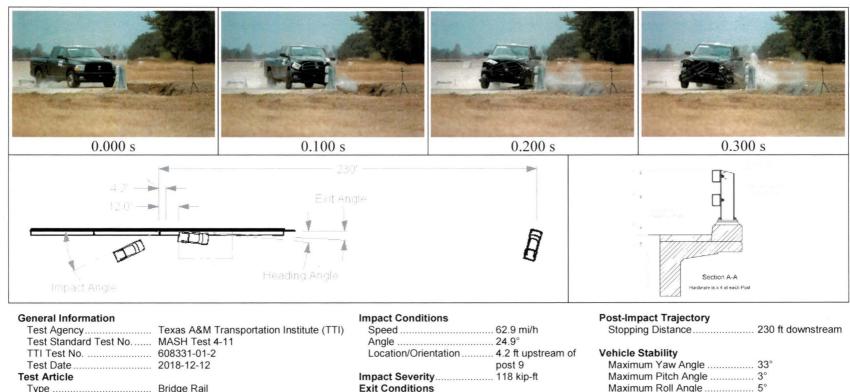
#### **ATTACHMENTS**

#### Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) 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 relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

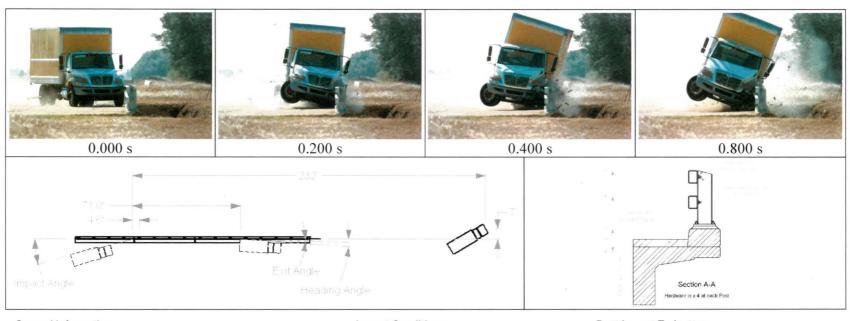
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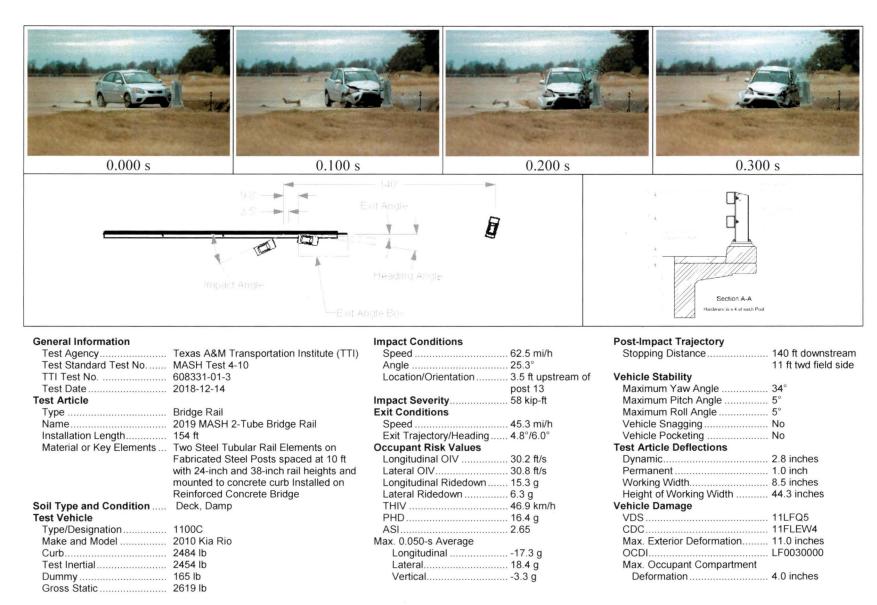
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Type Bridge Rail Exit Conditions Maximum Roll Angle
Name
Installation Length 154 ft Exit Trajectory/Heading 8.7°/6.5° Vehicle Pocketing No
Material or Key Elements Two Steel Tubular Rail Elements on Occupant Risk Values Test Article Deflections
Fabricated Steel Posts spaced at 10 ft Longitudinal OIV
with 24-inch and 38-inch rail heights and Lateral OIV
mounted to concrete curb Installed on Longitudinal Ridedown 8.2 g Working Width
Reinforced Concrete Bridge Installed on Lateral Ridedown 13.6 g Height of Working Width 38 inches, or Top
Soil Type and Condition Deck, Damp THIV
PHD13.6 g VDS
Test Vehicle         ASI
Type/Designation
Make and Model
Curb
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Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-11 on 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail.

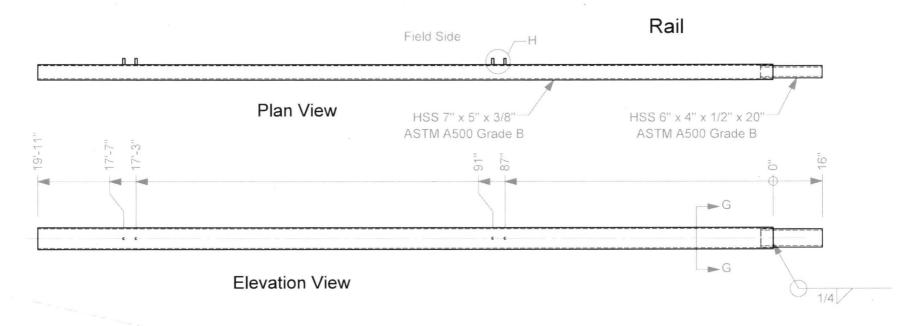


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General Information Test Agency	Angle	Maximum Yaw Angle
mounted to concrete curb Installed on Reinforced Concrete Bridge Deck, Damp  Test Vehicle 10000S Type/Designation 2011 International 4300 Make and Model 14,000 lb Curb 22,050 lb Test Inertial No dummy Dummy 22,050 lb Gross Static	Longitudinal Ridedown       3.0 g         Lateral Ridedown       6.8 g         THIV       15.4 km/h         PHD       6.9 g         ASI       0.43         Max. 0.050-s Average       Longitudinal       -1.6 g         Lateral       4.2 g         Vertical       -4.1 g	Working Width

Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail.



Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on 2019 MASH 2-Tube Bridge Rail.



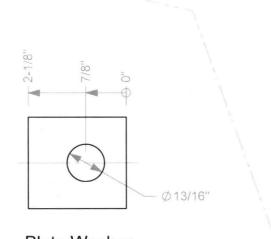
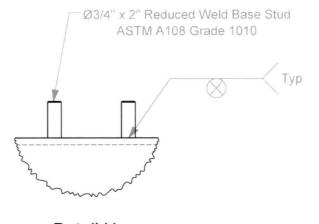
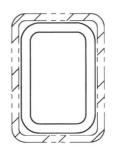


Plate Washer Plate, 2" x 1/4" x 2 1/8" ASTM A709 Grade 36



Detail H Scale 1:5



Section G-G

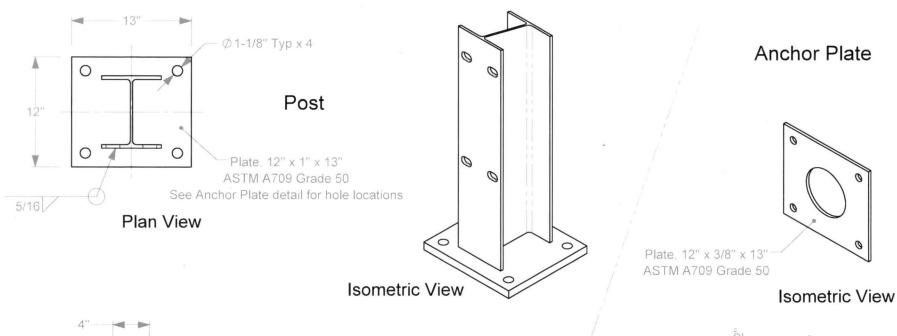
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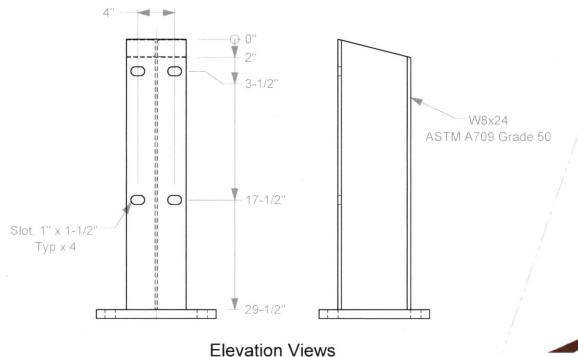


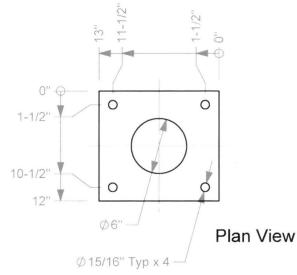
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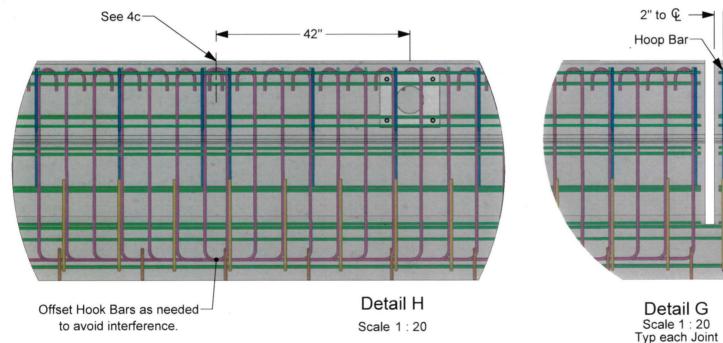
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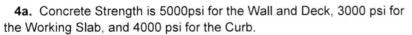
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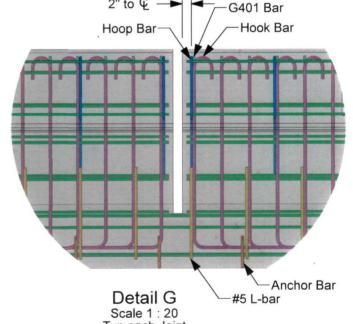
Typ each end

18"





- 4b. Chamfer Field Side edges of Deck, and field side and top edges at end of Curb 3/4" each way as shown.
- 4c. Rebar placement shown in Detail View at joint is typical each joint. Adjust spacing and Hook Bar direction as needed at location shown.





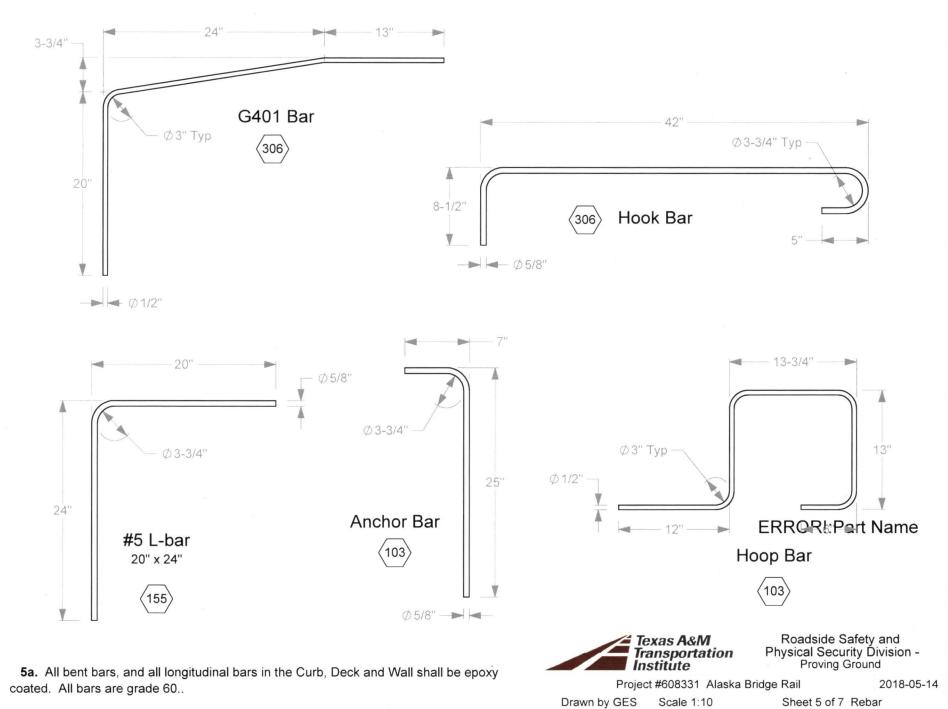
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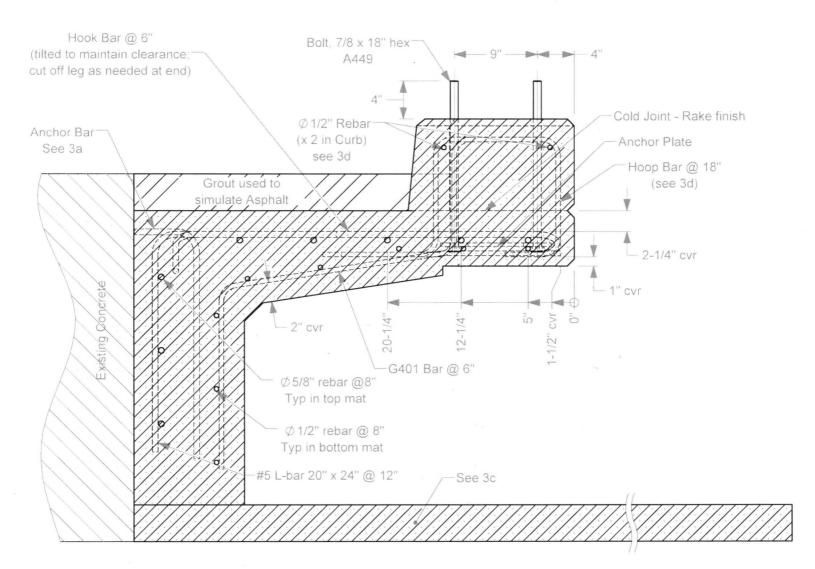
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Sheet 4 of 7 Details, Plan





- **3a.** Place the Anchor Bars @ maximum 18" spacing and secure to existing rebar protruding from the runway with minimum 3" weld. (Existing rebar not shown here.)
- **3b.** Minimum rebar lap is 24" for #4 bars and 30" for #5 bars.
- **3c.** Place one mat of  $\emptyset$ 1/2 (#4) bars in Working Slab @ 12" each way with ≈1-1/2" cover at top. These bars are not shown here.
- **3d.** Field bend traffic side longitudinal bar and turn Hoop Bars at ends of Curb to maintain cover.
- **3e.** The Anchor Bars will be bare steel, and the bars in the Working Slab may be bare steel. All other bars shall be epoxy coated, and all bars are grade 60.

## Section E-E

Scale 1:10



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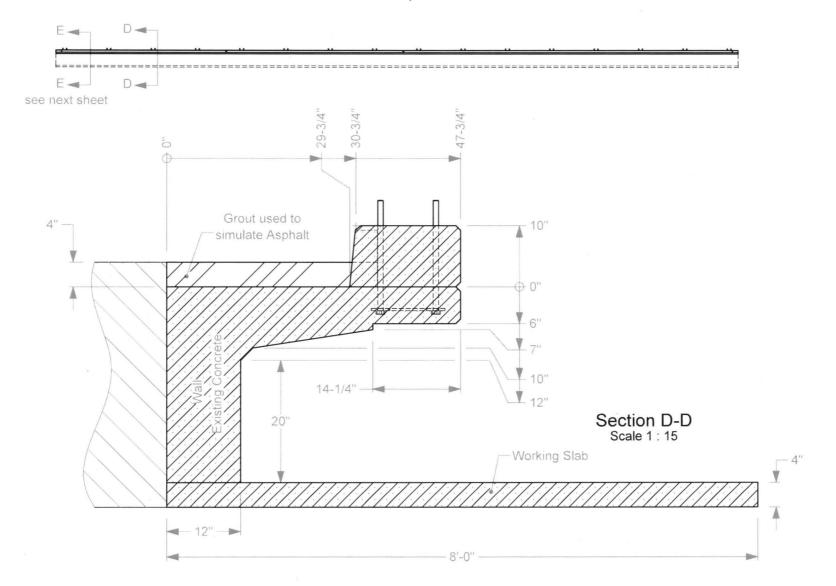
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Sheet 1 of 7 Test Installation

# Details, Elevation



2a. Concrete Strength is 5000psi for the Wall and Deck, 3000 psi for the Working Slab, and 4000 psi for the Curb.

2b. Chamfer Field Side edges of Deck, and field side and top edges of end of Curb 3/4" each way as shown.



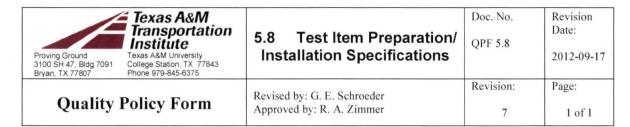
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Sheet 2 of 7 Details, Elevation



TTI Project No./Name	TI Project No./Name: Test Item Identification:				
608331		Alaska Bridge Deck			
Principal Investigator (PI):		Initial Drawing Date:			
William Williams		2018-03-01			
Sponsor:		Phone:			
Alaska DOT					
Name of Sponsor Representative:		e-mail address:			
Elmer Marx		elmer.marx@alaska.gov			
		Approval Date:			
			2018-02-28		
PI Approval:			Approval Date:		
The section below shall be used to briefly summarize revisions and dates revisions made.  TTI QPF 5.8 shall be completed for each test item.					
Revisions:					
Date of Revision:	Brief Description:				
	Changed direction of ordinate dimension: sheet 2				
2018-03-07	Added quantities: sheet 4				
2018-03-23	Modified Hook Bar				
2018-06-12	Added chamfer and one dimension on sheet 3				
2019-02-15	Changed asphalt to grout, sheet 1				
2019-04-01	Edited asphalt notes; sheets 1, 2, & 3				
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