Mr. John Pasakarnis  
Dicke Safety Products  
1201 Waren Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Pasakarnis:

This letter is in response to your December 30, 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 WZ-391 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:

- Dicke Safety Products T155 Sign Stand with 48”x48” MDF Sign

**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: Dicke Safety Products T155 Sign Stand with 48”x48” MDF Sign
Type of system: Work Zone
Test Level: MASH Test Level 3 (TL3)
Testing conducted by: Applus IDIADA KARCO Engineering, LLC.
Date of request: December 30, 2019

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on 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 WZ-391 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,

[Signature]

Michael S. Griffith
Director, Office of Safety Technologies
Office of Safety

Enclosures
Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

| Date of Request: | December 30, 2019 |
| Name: | Steven Matsusaka |
| Company: | Applus IDIADA KARCO Engineering, LLC. |
| Address: | 9270 Holly Rd, Adelanto, CA 92301 |
| 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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<td>'WZ': Crash Worthy Work Zone</td>
<td>Physical Crash Testing, Engineering Analysis</td>
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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: | John Pasakarnis |
| Company Name: | DICKESafetyProducts |
| Address: | 1201 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515 |
| Country: | United States of America |

Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA 'Federal-Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.

DICKESafetyProducts is the manufacturer and marketer of device.

Applus IDIADA KARCO Engineering, LLC (IDIADA KARCO) is an independent research and testing laboratory having no affiliation with any other entity. IDIADA KARCO is actively involved in data acquisition and compliance/certification testing for a variety of government agencies and equipment manufacturers. The principals and staff of IDIADA KARCO have no past or present financial, contractual or organizational interest in any company or entity directly or indirectly related to the products that KARCO tests. If any financial interest should arise, other than receiving fees for testing, reporting, etc., with respect to any project, the company will provide, in writing, a full and immediate disclosure to the FHWA.
PRODUCTION DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or Modification to Existing Hardware

The DICKESafety Products T155 sign stand is a work-zone traffic control device. The as-tested device consisted of one 48.0 in. (1.2 m) square MDF rigid sign, one (1) steel mast, one (1) steel sign bracket, and one (1) stand assembly. The as-tested device weighed approximately 55.0 lbs (24.9 kg). The device had a height of 76.3 in. (1.9 m) measured to the top of the sign. The T155 sign stand was tested with one (1) 25.0 lb. (11.3 kg) sand bag hung on asandbag hook.

The square medium density fiberboard (MDF) was supported by two (2) sign hooks of the stand assembly and secured at the top by the steel sign bracket. The mounting height of the sign was 13.9 in. (353 mm) measured to the bottom corner. The steel mast consisted of one (1) 1.0 in. (25 mm) square steel tube with the sign bracket attached at the top and secured at the stand with a steel screw handle.

The stand is composed of a hub assembly and three (3) 1.2 in. (30 mm) square steel tube legs. The front two (2) legs have one (1) sign hook each and the back leg has one (1) sandbag hook. In its deployed state, the stand assembly had a footprint measuring 53 in. (1.3 m) along the front by 38 in. (965 mm) perpendicularly towards the back leg.

CRASH TESTING

By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.

| Engineer Name: | Steven Matsusaka |
| Engineer Signature: | Steven Matsusaka | Digitally signed by Steven Matsusaka |
| Address: | 9270 Holly Rd, Adelanto, CA 92301 |
| Country: | United States of America |

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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<td>Designed to evaluate the ability of a small vehicle to activate any breakaway, fracture, or yielding mechanism, Test 3-70 is considered optional for work-zone traffic control devices weighing less than 220 lb (100 kg). The T155 sign stand weighed approximately 55.0 lbs (24.9 kg) and therefore the test was non-relevant and not conducted.</td>
<td>Non-Relevant Test, not conducted</td>
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<td>3-71 (1100C)</td>
<td>Two (2) T155 sign stands were impacted on the same test run. The devices were spaced 60.0 ft. (18.3 m) apart and set at two (2) critical impact angles (CIA), 0° and 90°. The 1100C small car used for this test was a 2010 Kia Rio 4-door sedan with a test inertial weight of 2,428.3 lbs (1,101.5 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 64.27 mph (103.44 km/h) and proceeded to impact the 90° test sign at a speed of 63.32 mph (101.90 km/h). Upon impact, the 0° CIA sign broke away from its stand. The 90° CIA remained intact after the impact but was deflected up and away from the vehicle. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The T155 sign stand broke away and yielded in a predictable manner. Debris from the test articles did not cause a hazard to the driver's vision. The vehicle remained stable and upright throughout the test. The T155 sign stand met all the requirements for MASH Test 3-71.</td>
<td>PASS</td>
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<td>3-72 (2270P)</td>
<td>Two (2) T155 sign stands were impacted on the same test run. The devices were spaced 60.0 ft. (18.3 m) apart and set at two (2) critical impact angles (CIA), 0° and 90°. The 2270P vehicle used for this test was a 2014 RAM 1500 4-door pick-up truck with a test inertial weight of 5,052.9 lbs (2,292.0 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 60.08 mph (96.69 km/h) and proceeded to impact the 90° test sign at a speed of 59.28 mph (95.40 km/h). Upon impact, both T155 signs broke away and the sign stands yielded. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The T155 sign stands broke away and yielded in a predictable manner. Debris from the test articles did not cause a hazard to the driver's vision. The vehicle remained stable and upright throughout the test. The vehicle did not leave its lane and its trajectory was stable after the sign stand was impacted. The T155 sign stand met all the requirements for MASH Test 3-72.</td>
<td>PASS</td>
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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):
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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90° CIA

**Figure 3: Summary of Test 3-71**

**Test Information**
- **Test Agency**: Applus IDIADA KARCO
- **Test No.**: P39252-01
- **Test Designation**: 3-71
- **Date**: 8/29/19

**Test Article**
- **Name / Model**: T155 sign stand with 48" x 48" MDF sign
- **Type / Designation**: Work Zone Traffic Control Device
- **Device Height**: 6.4 ft. (1.9 m)
- **Key Elements**: MDF and steel
- **Road Surface**: Smooth, clean Concrete

**Exit Conditions**
- **Device 1 Exit Velocity**: 63.6 mph (102.30 km/h)
- **Device 2 Exit Velocity**: 61.9 mph (99.60 km/h)
- **0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 304.3 ft. (92.7 m)
- **0° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 137.5 ft. (41.9 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 156.3 ft. (47.6 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 2.7 ft. (0.8 m)
- **Vehicle Resting Position**: 304.3 ft. (92.7 m) Downstream 1.8 ft. (0.5 m) Left

**Test Vehicle**
- **Type / Designation**: 1100C
- **Year, Make, and Model**: 2010 Kia Rio
- **Curb Mass**: 2,436.1 lbs (1,105.0 kg)
- **Test Inertial Mass**: 2,428.4 lbs (1,101.5 kg)
- **Gross Static Mass**: 2,592.6 lbs (1,176.0 kg)
- **Vehicle Stability**: Satisfactory
- **Maximum Roll Angle**: N/A
- **Maximum Pitch Angle**: N/A
- **Maximum Yaw Angle**: 0.2 in. (5 mm) at floor pan
- **Maximum Deformation**: 0.2 in. (5 mm) at floor pan

**Impact Conditions**
- **Impact Velocity Device 1**: 64.27 mph (103.44 km/h)
- **Impact Velocity Device 2**: 63.32 mph (101.90 km/h)
- **Device 1 Angle**: 0.0°
- **Device 2 Angle**: 90.0°
- **Device 1 Kinetic Energy**: 335.4 kip-ft (454.7 kJ)
- **Device 2 Kinetic Energy**: 325.5 kip-ft (441.3 kJ)

**Occupant Risk**
- **Longitudinal OIV**: N/A
- **Lateral OIV**: N/A
- **Longitudinal RA**: N/A
- **Lateral RA**: N/A
- **THIV**: N/A
- **PHG**: N/A
- **ASI**: N/A

**Test Article Deflections**
- **0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 137.5 ft. (41.9 m)
- **0° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 2.7 ft. (0.8 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 156.3 ft. (47.6 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 2.7 ft. (0.8 m)

**Vehicle Damage**
- **Vehicle Damage Scale**: 12-FD-1
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**Figure 3: Summary of Test 3-71**
# MASH 2016 Test 3-72 Summary

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Test Agency**: Applus IDIADA KARCO
- **Test No.**: P39253-01
- **Impact Velocity Device 1**: 60.08 mph (96.69 km/h)
- **Impact Velocity Device 2**: 59.28 mph (95.40 km/h)
- **Test Date**: 8/29/19
- **Device 1 Angle**: 0.0°
- **Device 2 Angle**: 90.0°

## TEST ARTICLE

- **Name / Model**: T155 sign stand with 48" x 48" MDF sign
- **Type**: Work-Zone Traffic Control Device
- **Device Height**: 6.4 ft. (1.9 m)
- **Device 1 Exit Velocity**: 59.47 mph (95.7 km/h)
- **Device 2 Exit Velocity**: 58.78 mph (94.6 km/h)
- **Test Article Deflections**: 0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal) 206.3 ft. (62.9 m); 0° Sign Debris Field (lateral) 15.7 ft. (4.8 m); 90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal) 273.7 ft. (83.4 m); 90° Sign Debris Field (lateral) 6.6 ft. (2.0 m)

## TEST VEHICLE

- **Type / Designation**: 2270P
- **Year, Make, and Model**: 2014 RAM 1500
- **Curb Mass**: 5,029.8 lbs (2,281.5 kg)
- **Test Inertial Mass**: 5,052.9 lbs (2,292.0 kg)
- **Gross Static Mass**: 5,093.9 lbs (2,292.0 kg)
- **Vehicle Damage Scale**: 12-FD-1

## Impact Conditions

- **Impact Velocity Device 1**: 60.08 mph (96.69 km/h)
- **Impact Velocity Device 2**: 59.28 mph (95.40 km/h)
- **Device 1 Angle**: 0.0°
- **Device 2 Angle**: 90.0°
- **Device 1 Kinetic Energy**: 609.7 kip-ft (826.7 kJ)
- **Device 2 Kinetic Energy**: 593.6 kip-ft (804.8 kJ)

## Test Article Deflections

- **0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 206.3 ft. (62.9 m)
- **0° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 15.7 ft. (4.8 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)**: 273.7 ft. (83.4 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (lateral)**: 6.6 ft. (2.0 m)

## Vehicle Damage

- **Vehicle Damage Scale**: 12-FD-1
- **Maximum Deformation**: 0.2 in. (.5 mm) at windshield

## Occupant Risk

- **Longitudinal OIV**: N/A*
- **Lateral OIV**: N/A*
- **Longitudinal RA**: N/A*
- **Lateral RA**: N/A*
- **THIV**: N/A*
- **PHD**: N/A*
- **ASI**: N/A*

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**Figure 3: Summary of Test 3-72**

![Test 3-72 Summary Diagram]
T155

SIGN BRACKET (STEEL)
RIGID SIGN
5/8" MDF

LEG (LEFT)
LEG (RIGHT)
LEG (BACK)

LEG (BACK)

SIGN HOOK
HUB WITH
STEEL HANDLE
SANDBAG HOOK

RIGID SIGN

RIGID SIGN

5/8" MDF

LEG (RIGHT)
30mm SQ. STEEL TUBE
TYP (3) PLACES

MAST 25mm SQ.
STEEL TUBE

SIGN HOOK

SIGN BRACKET (STEEL)

Weight: T155 SYSTEM

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T155 STAND

- LEGS - 30mm X 30mm X 1.6mm STEEL TUBE
- MAST - 25mm X 25mm X 1.6mm STEEL TUBE

RIGID SIGN

- RIGID SIGN - 5/8" X 48" X 48" MDF
## T155 Sign Stand

### Parts List

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