June 3, 2020

In Reply Refer To:
HSST-1/WZ-414

John M. Sandy
Traffic Safety Service
601 Hadley Road
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
USA

Dear Mr. Sandy:

This letter is in response to your April 21, 2020 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-414 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:

- Six-Foot A-Frame Barricade

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: Six-Foot A-Frame Barricade  
Type of system: Work Zone  
Test Level: MASH Test Level 2 (TL2)  
Testing conducted by: KARCO  
Date of request: April 21, 2020

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-414 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
Office of Safety

Enclosures
# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

**Submitter**

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**Date of Request:** April 20, 2020  
**New/Resubmission:** New

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

## Device & Testing Criterion

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<td>‘WZ’: Crash Worthy Work Zone</td>
<td>Physical Crash Testing, Engineering Analysis</td>
<td>6’ A-Frame Barricade</td>
<td>AASHTO MASH</td>
<td>TL2</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:**

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

Traffic Safety Service is the manufacturer and marketer of device.

Applus IDIADA KARCOEngineering, 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.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Traffic Safety Service 6' A-Frame Barricade is a work-zone traffic control device consisting of one (1) 6.0 ft. (1.8 m) long plastic rail and two (2) A-Frame plastic legs. The as-tested device was type I and weighed approximately 24.0 lbs (10.9 kg).

The A-Frame legs are molded from solid plastic and have an overall height of 41.0 in. (1041 mm). The A-Frame has double pockets to allow for type I or type II assembly. The pockets allow the 6.0 ft. (1.8 m) rail to be inserted until reaching the stoppers located on both ends of the rail. These stoppers are 10.5 in. (267 mm) offset from the rail ends and secure the rail in position.

The 6.0 ft. (1.8 m) long plastic rail are molded from solid plastic and are 10.5 in. (267 mm) wide by 1.5 in. (38 mm) thick. The rails have traffic graphic sheeting on both sides and the barricade is easily stacked for transportation.

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: Bruno Haesbaert

Engineer Signature: Bruno Haesbaert

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>2-70 (1100C)</td>
<td>Designed to evaluate the ability of a small vehicle to activate any breakaway, fracture, or yielding mechanism. Is considered optional for work-zone traffic control devices weighing less than 220 lb (100 kg). The 6' A-Frame Barricade weighed approximately 24.0 lbs (10.9 kg) and therefore the test was non-relevant and not conducted.</td>
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<td>2-71 (1100C)</td>
<td>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40071-01. Test Date March 3, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40071-01-01-NCfor MASHTest 2-71 of TrafficSafetyService 6’ A-Frame Barricade. Two (2) 6’ A-Frame Barricades 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 1100Csmall car used for this test wasa 2014 Kia Rio 4-door sedan with a test inertial weight of 2,432.8 lbs (1,103.5 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 43.71 mph (70.35 km/h) and proceeded to impacted the 90° test sign at a speed of 42.13 mph (67.80 km/h). Upon impact the 6’ A-Frame Barricade broke away in a predictable manner. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. 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 6’ A-Frame Barricade met all the requirements for MASHTest 2-71.</td>
<td>PASS</td>
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<td>2-72 (2270P)</td>
<td>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40072-01. Test Date March 3, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40072-01-01-NCfor MASHTest 2-72 of TrafficSafetyService 6’ A-Frame Barricade. Two (2) 6’ A-Frame Barricades 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 5,009.9 lbs (2,272.5 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 44.24 mph (71.20 km/h) and proceeded to impacted the 90° test sign at a speed of 43.50 mph (70.00 km/h). Upon impact the 6’ A-Frame Barricade broke away in a predictable manner. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. 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 6’ A-Frame Barricade met all the requirements for MASHTest 2-72.</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):

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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.

**FHWA Official Business Only:**

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### MASH 2016 Test 2-71 Summary

#### Figure 2. Summary of Test 2-71

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Test Agency** …………… Applus IDIADA KARCO
- **Test No** …………… P40071-01
- **Test Designation** …………… 2-71
- **Test Date** …………… 3/3/20

#### TEST ARTICLE

- **Name / Model** …………… 6' A-Frame Barricade
- **Type** …………… Work-Zone Device
- **Device Height** …………… 3.4 ft. (1 m)
- **Key Elements** …………… Plastic, sign sheeting
- **Road Surface** …………… Smooth, clean concrete

#### TEST VEHICLE

- **Type / Designation** …………… 1100C
- **Year, Make, and Model** …………… 2014 Kia Rio
- **Curb Mass** …………… 2,398.6 lbs (1,088.0 kg)
- **Test Inertial Mass** …………… 2,432.8 lbs (1,103.5 kg)
- **Gross Static Mass** …………… 2,595.9 lbs (1,177.5 kg)
- **Vehicle Stability** …………… Satisfactory

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<td>Device 2 Kinetic Energy</td>
<td>144.3 kip-ft (195.7 kJ)</td>
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**Exit Conditions**

- **Device 1 Exit Velocity** …………… 42.9 mph (69.0 km/h)
- **Device 2 Exit Velocity** …………… 41.6 mph (67.0 km/h)
- **Vehicle Resting Position** …………… Downstream 278.2 ft. (84.8 m) Right
- **Vehicle Stability** …………… Satisfactory
- **Maximum Roll Angle** …………… N/A
- **Maximum Pitch Angle** …………… 12°
- **Maximum Yaw Angle** …………… N/A

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**Test Article Deflections**

- **0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)** …………… 121.9 ft. (37.1 m)
- **0° Sign Debris Field (lateral)** …………… 22.2 ft. (6.8 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal)** …………… 122.0 ft. (37.2 m)
- **90° Sign Debris Field (lateral)** …………… 8.9 ft. (2.7 m)

**Vehicle Damage** …………… TR-P40071-01-NC

**Vehicle Damage Scale** …………… 12-FD-1

**CDC** …………… 12FDAW1

**Maximum Deformation** …………… No measurable deformation

* Not Applicable, device weighs less than 220 lbs (100 kg)
## MASH 2016 Test 2-72 Summary

### Impact Conditions
- Impact Velocity Device 1: 44.24 mph (71.20 km/h)
- Impact Velocity Device 2: 43.50 mph (70.00 km/h)
- Device 1 Angle: 0.0°
- Device 2 Angle: 90.0°
- Device 1 Kinetic Energy: 327.8 kip-ft (444.5 kJ)
- Device 2 Kinetic Energy: 316.9 kip-ft (429.6 kJ)

### Test Article
- Name / Model: 6' A-Frame Barricade
- Type: Work-Zone Device
- Exit Conditions:
  - Device 1 Exit Velocity: 43.93 mph (70.7 km/h)
  - Device 2 Exit Velocity: 43.25 mph (69.6 km/h)
  - 0° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal): 56.3 ft. (17.1 m)
  - 0° Sign Debris Field (lateral): 29.9 ft. (9.1 m)
  - 90° Sign Debris Field (longitudinal): 146.0 ft. (44.5 m)
  - 90° Sign Debris Field (lateral): 4.0 ft. (1.2 m)

### Test Vehicle
- Year, Make, and Model: 2014 RAM 1500
- Curb Mass: 4,933.9 lbs (2,238.0 kg)
- Gross Static Mass: 5,009.9 lbs (2,272.5 kg)

### Test Inertial Mass
- 5,009.9 lbs (2,272.5 kg) * Not Applicable, device weighs less than 220 lbs (100 kg)

### Vehicle Damage
- Vehicle Damage Scale: 12-FD-1
- Maximum Deformation: No measureable deformation

### General Information
- Test Agency: Applus IDIADA KARCO
- Test No: P40072-01
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### Vehicle Damage
- Vehicle Damage Scale: 12-FD-1
- Maximum Deformation: No measureable deformation
Easy Set up
Easy Take down
Efficient Storage!

Overall Height as Shown
41” To Top of “A”
39.25” to Top Of Rail

Rail Weight 11 LBS
A Frame Weight 6.5 LBS
Total Weight 24 LBS

OUR RAILS ARE SOLID PLASTIC, HIGH QUALITY!

72” Rail

51” Distance Between A’s

The circles in this drawing represent a “stop” to keep the A’s in a fixed position

NCHRP 350 Tested and Approved!

Drawing is NOT to scale