In Reply Refer To:
HSST-1/WZ-416

Steve Marcotte
Ash Creek Manufacturing
2840 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97230
USA

Dear Mr. Marcotte:

This letter is in response to your May 7, 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-416 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:

- MS 1000X Sign Stand with 48”x48” Vinyl Roll-up 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: MS 1000X Sign Stand with 48”x48” Vinyl Roll-up Sign
- Type of system: Work Zone
- Test Level: MASH Test Level 3 (TL3)
- Testing conducted by: KARCO
- Date of request: May 7, 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-416 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
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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<th>System Type</th>
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<td>'WZ': CrashWorthy Work Zone</td>
<td>Physical Crash Testing Engineering Analysis</td>
<td>MS 1000XSign Stand with 48”x 48” Vinyl Roll-Up Sign</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:** Steve Marcotte
- **Company Name:** Ash Creek Manufacturing
- **Address:** 2840 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230
- **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.

Ash Creek Manufacturing 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.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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. Is considered optional for work-zone traffic control devices weighing less than 220 lb (100 kg). The MS 1000X sign stand weighed approximately 26.0 lbs (11.8 kg) and therefore the test was non-relevant and not conducted.</td>
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<td>3-71 (1100C)</td>
<td>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40021-01. Test Date January 14, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40021-01-NC for MASH Test 3-71 of Ash Creek Manufacturing MS1000X Sign Stand. Two (2) MS 1000X 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 2015 Kia Rio 4-door sedan with a test inertial weight of 2,437.2 lbs (1,105.5 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 62.11 mph (99.96 km/h) and proceeded to impacted the 90° test sign at a speed of 59.90 mph (96.40 km/h). Upon impact, both MS 1000X's vinyl signs broke away from its upright assembly. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The MS 1000X sign stand broke away 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 MS 1000X 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>Applus IDIADA KARCO Test No. P40022-01. Test Date January 14, 2020. Crash Test Report No. TR-P40022-01-NC for MASH Test 3-72 of Ash Creek Manufacturing MS1000X Sign Stand. Two (2) MS 1000X 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 5,013.2 lbs (2,274.0 kg). The test vehicle impacted the 0° test sign at a speed of 64.12 mph (103.19 km/h) and proceeded to impacted the 90° test sign at a speed of 62.63 mph (100.80 km/h). Upon impact, both MS 1000X's vinyl signs broke away from its upright assembly. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation limits were not exceeded. The MS 1000X sign stand broke away 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 MS 1000X sign stand met all the requirements for MASH Test 3-72.</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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<td>Laboratory Signature:</td>
<td>Bruno Haesbaert</td>
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<td>Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period:</td>
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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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Figure 1: Ash Creek Manufacturing MS 1000X Sign Stand