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Title: REBUILDING NEW YORK SIGN and GIVE 'EM A BRAKE SIGN			
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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION. For contracts not yet let, this instruction takes effect with the letting of 12/14/95. For contracts already let the instruction takes effect upon receipt. The instruction affects the the Design Division, the Construction Division, and the Traffic and Safety Division.

PURPOSE. The purpose of this instruction is to discontinue the use of the Rebuilding New York Work Zone signs and to suspend the use of the Give 'Em a Brake sign on new contracts until further notice.

BACKGROUND. Rebuilding New York signs have been installed under various items. The current items for these signs are:

15619.9920	Rebuilding New York Work Zone Sign (Including Removal and Storage)	Each
15619.9921	Rebuild New York Work Zone Sign (Panel Furnished By State)	Each
15619.9922	Rebuild New York Work Zone Sign (Including Removal & Disposal)	Each

which were issued under Engineering Instruction 94-010. In each of the above specifications the Contractor provides the sign supports with the other work being as indicated in the title of the item.

The "GIVE 'EM A BRAKE" work zone sign specification was issued under Engineering Instruction 89-014. This provided separate pay items (15619.9915, 15619.9916, & 15619.9917) under which these signs were either furnished and stored by the contractor; provided by the Contractor and disposed of; or, provided by the State but installed and stored by the Contractor. Regardless of who provided the sign panels, these signs were all mounted physically on supports provided under the Rebuild New York Work Zone sign items. Thus, any decision affecting the Rebuilding New York Work Zone series of signs will have an effect on the "GIVE 'EM A BRAKE" series.

POLICY ON USE OF REBUILDING NY WORK ZONE SIGNS. It has been decided to disapprove and no longer include the Rebuilding New York Work Zone pay items in new contracts; to remove the pay item for unerected Rebuilding New York Work Zone signs by order on contract from awarded contracts that contain these signs; and to take erected signs down at contract completion but not later than December 31, 1995 on contracts underway where the Rebuilding New York Work Zone sign is in place.

The Highway Maintenance Division has indicated that it does not want any of the removed Rebuilding New York Work Zone sign panels. Thus, removed sign panels that were initially provided by the State and removed panels that are indicated to be stored on-site for department pickup should instead become the property of the contractor and be removed from the site by the Contractor's forces. Pay items for signs in this category include items 15619.9901, 15619.9906, 15619.9911, 15619.9920, & 15619.9921.

Where the item calls for removal and disposal, the panels should be removed from the site. Signs in this category include pay items 15619.9910 and 15619.9922.

INTERIM POLICY FOR THE USE OR DISPOSITION OF "GIVE 'EM A BRAKE" WORK ZONE SIGNS. These signs are part of a national safety campaign and an integral part of New York State's safety campaign to improve safety for construction workers on our projects. This sign is an attempt to personalize the construction worker and to caution the motorist in a good natured manner of the need to stop or slow down when near a construction crew. The Driver Awareness Task Force will evaluate the continued use of the Give 'Em a Brake sign and their recommendations will become the subject of a separate EI.

This sign is presently being mounted on supports provided under the to be removed Rebuilding New York Work Zone sign. Until issuance of the above mentioned instruction, the pay item should not be included in contracts not yet let. On contracts where the item is in the contract but the signs are not up yet, the item for the sign should be deleted from the contract by order-on- contract. If the sign is already erected on contracts to extend into next year's construction season, leave the Give 'Em a Brake sign up but adjust its height, if necessary, to conform to mounting height standards. These require five feet minimum clearance to the bottom of the panel.

Because the Give 'Em a Brake sign may resume in the future, Give Em' a Brake panels indicated to be turned over to the State upon completion of the work should continue to be turned over in accordance with current practice. Pay items for this situation include items 15619.9915 and 15619.9917.

IMPLEMENTATION. In the interim, the Design Quality Assurance Bureau will adjust contracts not yet let to reflect this policy. This will involve removing the pay items in the "REBUILDING NEW YORK WORK ZONE SIGN" and the "GIVE 'EM A BRAKE" WORK ZONE SIGN series from contracts not yet printed. If printed, the items should be removed by amendment if within time limits to do so. Regions should adjust awarded contracts in accordance with this instruction.

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