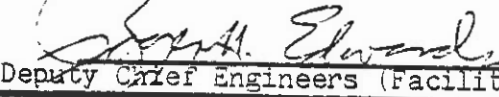



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Watchman Service is a standard pay item (619.12) which provides for watchman patrols with varying degrees of intensity (Requirement A, B or C) "to insure the adequate condition of the project site for the safety and convenience of the public."

Several months ago, a controversy developed in the field regarding the use and payment of watchmen on off-site detours. Initial reaction was to modify the specifications to include watchman patrols on off-site detours. This was done via a special Main Office insert note into project proposals. Because the 1981 Specifications book was then in composition, Item 619 was modified simultaneously. (See 619-1.05 and 619-3.05).

Subsequently, upon further detailed review and recognizing that off-site detours are generally on existing public highways, it was decided to modify the specifications to exclude off-site detours from watchman service requirements. This change has resulted in some understandable confusion.

We have decided that watchman service is not necessary on off-site detours over public highways where there are no unusual hazards created by construction operations. Accordingly, the Final Plan Review Bureau will insert the attached note in all proposals which include payment item 619.12 or 15619.2003. The Contractor is still responsible under basic maintenance and protection of traffic for maintaining detour signs, barricades, etc. and for checking periodically to see that they are in good condition and functioning properly. In addition, the Engineer-in-Charge (or the designated M&P of Traffic Person per E.I. 80-4) should patrol the detour periodically and advise the Contractor of any deficiencies that require his attention.

Where a designer determines that an unusual temporary hazard will exist on an off-site detour, such as the replacement of a culvert made necessary before additional traffic is placed on the detour, he can specify some minimal amount of patrols and provide appropriate payment. Whenever this is done, an explanation should be included in Item No. 19 (Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Plan) in the PS&E letter of transmittal and payment indicated on the plan detour sheet. Patrols should be shown to be paid as part of a job patrol - not extra.

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Attachment

WATCHMEN SERVICE

Make the following changes to the Standard Specifications of January 2, 1981:

Page 6-52

Under subsection 619-1.05, Watchmen Service, second paragraph, modify the first sentence to read:

"The purpose of this item is to insure the adequate condition of the project site for the safety and convenience of the public."

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Under § 619-3.05, Watchmen Service, delete the first sentence which begins with "The Contractor..." and ends with "...closed down." and substitute the following:

"The Contractor shall furnish watchmen who shall patrol the contract area, excluding off-site detour(s), whenever his operations are closed down and when his operations are curtailed to the point where he is substantially closed down."

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