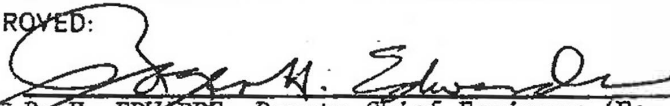


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Pay item 619.01 Basic Maintenance and Protection of Traffic was written for new construction and reconstruction projects. On these projects, it is necessary that traffic be maintained 24 hours per day through work zones which are frequently narrower and more sharply curved than would be the case on the completed project or on the road before construction began.

There is a growing number of projects; however, such as sign refurbishing and guide rail replacements where the roadway and shoulders can be cleared each night. On these projects, a less elaborate and presumably more economical maintenance and protection of traffic specification would be appropriate. Frequently, pay item 15619.2004 Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (Non-Restricted Highways) has been used for such projects, but the words "non-restricted highway" in its title and description become a source of confusion when the Region wants to have the highway made a "Restricted Highway" in accordance with the Highway and Vehicle and Traffic Laws.

To remove that confusion, we have replaced pay item 15619.2004 with the attached 15619.01 Maintenance and Protection of Traffic. This specification may be used regardless of whether or not the highway is designated as restricted. Requirements for its use are:

- (1) All the traffic lanes and the highway's shoulders can be restored to normal use at the end of each work day, and;
- (2) It would not be reasonable to require pavement repairs because the work is outside the pavement and shoulders and of a nature not likely to affect either other than temporary occupation by light or medium weight rubber tired equipment.
- (3) No separate detours are needed.

The specification may be used immediately and will be inserted into the proposal by the Main Office Final Plan Review Bureau when the item is included in the Engineers Estimate. Since (unlike 15619.2004), it does not include any construction signs, it will also be necessary to include the pay item, (now 619.02) for Construction Signs.

Item 15619.2004 will be discontinued starting with the letting of 11/ 8/84.

15619.01 MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC

Description: Under this item, the Contractor shall maintain and protect traffic in accordance with the provisions for Basic Maintenance and Protection of Traffic given under §619 - Maintenance and Protection of Traffic except:

- (1) The Contractor will not be required to repair and maintain the surface of the traveled way except to repair damage resulting from his operations.
- (2) All travel lanes and shoulders shall be cleared of all obstructions including traffic control devices, made safe for travel, and returned to service at the conclusion of each authorized workday.

Basis of Payment: All the provisions of §619-5, General and §619-5.01, Basic Maintenance and Protection of Traffic shall apply except:

1. Strike the word "Basic" wherever it appears.
2. The liquidated damage provision shall not exceed \$50.00 per day.