

# LETTING YOU KNOW

*The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects that we believe will be of interest to you.*

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## **MASH Implementation Update**

IDOT continues the process of implementing the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) for roadside hardware.

The Department continues efforts to update policies and specifications to comply with the AASHTO and FHWA joint memorandum, dated January 7, 2016, which established required dates for the implementation of MASH-16 compliant devices into new permanent installations and full replacements.

The joint memorandum established that “[t]emporary work zone devices, including portable barriers, manufactured after December 31, 2019, must have been successfully tested to the 2016 edition of MASH. Such devices manufactured on or before this date, and successfully tested to NCHRP Report 350 or the 2009 edition of MASH, may continue to be used throughout their normal service lives.” A special provision will be provided to revise Articles 701.03, 701.15 and 1106.02 to accommodate the new MASH standard.

As outlined in the special provision, IDOT will adopt the categorization of temporary traffic control devices and establish sunset dates for use of NCHRP350 and MASH-09 compliant devices for each category. Devices manufactured after December 31, 2019 must meet MASH-16 standards. In the event there are no MASH-16 compliant devices available for a type of work zone device, the Department will allow for NCHRP-350 or MASH 2009 compliant devices to be used even if manufactured after December 31, 2019.

The special provision will be included in all contracts on March 6, 2020 and subsequent lettings.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and the IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.



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