Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Guardrail

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering to establish timeframes for completion of guardrail installation to minimize exposure to unprotected roadside hazards.

This special provision should be inserted into all contracts with guardrail installation, repair, or replacement.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the November 7, 2025 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

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# GUARDRAIL (bde)

Effective: November 1, 2025

Revise Article 701.17(f) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“ (f) Guardrail. Where guardrail is temporarily removed or where the guardrail installation is incomplete, Type II barricades or drums shall be placed at 50 ft (15 m) centers during completion of the work.

Guardrail installation shall be completed within three calendar days of removal or shielded with a temporary longitudinal traffic barrier approved by the Engineer.

On staged construction projects all guardrail and end terminal installations shall be complete prior to switching traffic.”

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