




Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Regional Engineers
From: Jack A. Elston 
Subject: Special Provision for High Tension Cable Median Barrier Removal
Date: January 14, 2022

This special provision was developed by the Central Bureau of Operations to address removal and disposal of high tension cable median barrier.

This special provision should be inserted into contracts utilizing HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER REMOVAL.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 29, 2022 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

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HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER REMOVAL (BDE)

Effective: April 1, 2022

Replace Section 632 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

“SECTION 632. GUARDRAIL, CABLE ROAD GUARD, AND HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER REMOVAL

632.01 Description. This work shall consist of the removal and disposal of existing guardrail (including traffic barrier terminals), cable road guard, and high tension cable (HTC) median barrier.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

632.02 General. Posts and terminals shall be removed completely or cut off at least 6 in. (150 mm) below the ground surface. Socket foundations shall be removed at least 1 ft (300 mm) below the ground surface. All holes shall be filled and tamped. Pavement or paved mow strip shall be level and free of protrusions or loose pieces greater than 1 in. (25 mm).

HTC median barrier shall be disconnected at the nearest turnbuckle past the removal limits. Mow strip, anchorage system, and other appurtenances within the removal limits shall be removed.

Materials that are to be salvaged under the contract or which the Engineer deems fit for reuse shall be removed and stored at locations and in a manner approved by the Engineer. Materials that are not to be salvaged or materials unfit for reuse through no fault of the Contractor shall be removed and disposed of according to Article 202.03.

632.03 Method of Measurement. This work will be measured for payment in feet (meters), measured from the limits of removal as directed by the Engineer.

632.04 Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per foot (meter) for GUARDRAIL REMOVAL, CABLE ROAD GUARD REMOVAL, or HIGH TENSION CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER REMOVAL.”

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