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## *Baseline Document Change Announcement*

**ANNOUNCEMENT: BDC20S-15**

**DATE: January 15, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Temporary Crash Cushion**  
- **Revision to the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Subpart 159.03.02**

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Subpart 159.03.02 of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction has been revised in order to allow for future repair or replacement of damaged temporary crash cushions and milling upon removal of temporary crash cushions.

**The following revisions have been incorporated into the Standard Inputs (SI 2019):**

**159.03.02 Traffic Control Devices**  
PART (5) IS CHANGED TO:

5. **Temporary Crash Cushion.** Install inertial barrier systems as specified in 611.03.01. Install temporary compressive crash cushions as specified in 611.03.02. Immediately repair or replace crash cushions that become damaged or become inoperable. Begin repair or replacement of the temporary crash cushion within 1 hour of receiving notice of damage from the Department. Ensure that workers assigned to such repair or replacement work continuously until the temporary crash cushion is repaired or replaced. If the Contractor fails to respond to a damage notification and begin work within 1 hour of notification, or does not continue to work until the temporary crash cushion is repaired or replaced, the Department will require closure of the adjacent live lane. Lane occupancy charges will be imposed as specified in 108.08 for the period of time the adjacent lane is closed. Should the Department have to respond to a repair with its own forces because of a Contractor's lack of response to a damage notification, the Contractor agrees to pay the Department a sum of \$3,000 for costs of mobilizing its forces and equipment. In addition, the Contractor must pay the Department the actual cost of material used for the repair and pay the actual costs of police traffic protection. Maintain an adequate number of replacement parts to repair damaged units at all times. Keep the areas in front, atop, and around the crash cushions clear of snow accumulation of more than 4 inches in depth.

Upon removal of the crash cushion, cut anchor bolts at least 3 inches below the surface of the surrounding roadway. Repair HMA pavement as specified in 401.03.03. Repair concrete pavement as specified in Section 452.

**Implementation Code R (ROUTINE)**

Changes must be implemented in all applicable Department projects scheduled for Final Design Submission at least one month after the date of the BDC announcement. This will allow designers to make necessary plan, specifications, and estimate/proposal changes without requiring the need for an addenda or postponement of advertisement or receipt of bids.

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