

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SECTION 904 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS NO. 1206

CODE: (SP)

DATE: 10/16/2018

SUBJECT: MASH Compliant Devices

Bidders are hereby advised that the Standard Specifications may require certain traffic control and permanent safety hardware devices to meet the requirements of the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, devices meeting the requirements of NCHRP Report 350 will be allowed until the mandatory effective date for MASH compliance. The following table shows the effective dates for MASH compliant devices.

Device	Effective Date for MASH Compliance
W-beam barriers, cast-in-place concrete barriers	December 31, 2017
W-beam terminals - non-flared	June 30, 2018
Crash cushions	December 31, 2018
Cable barriers, cable barrier terminals, bridge rails, transitions, all other longitudinal barriers including portable barriers installed permanently, W-beam terminals - flared, all other terminals, sign supports, all other breakaway hardware	December 31, 2019

Temporary 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.