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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Engineers  
FROM: State Traffic Engineer  
Edward A. Bailey *EAB*  
SUBJECT: Reflective Sheeting on Nose Point of Guardrails

The Roadway Design Standards do not show any reflective sheeting on the nose points of guardrails. Proper marking of guardrails is delineators as shown in the standards.

It has been observed that a variety of treatments exist on guardrail nose points. Some have no sheeting in accordance with the standards; some have solid yellow sheeting; and some have yellow and black striped sheeting. The ET-2000 manufactured by SRO Trinity has a sheet of yellow and black striped sheeting packaged with each guardrail. Apparently, the contractor is installing these sheets. For other brands of guardrails, the contractors are apparently furnishing the solid yellow sheets.

One or more Districts have called to determine if these retroreflective sheets are being stocked by Traffic Engineering for replacement purposes. It is my recommendation that the contractors be advised that sheeting is not required on the nose points of guardrails in accordance with the Roadway Design Standards. I believe it is better to have consistency; however, it probably is not necessary to remove the existing sheeting unless the condition of the sheeting requires it to be removed for esthetics.

Please advise if you wish to discuss the guardrail nose point sheeting, or if you have any questions.

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pc: Mr. Stephen L. McMahan, Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations  
Mr. John Pickering, Roadway Design Engineer

