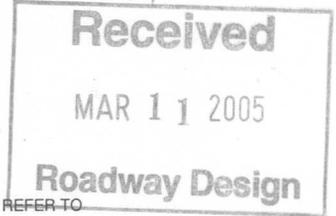




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March 10, 2005

Mr. Larry L. Brown, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Brown:

Subject: MDOT Bridge Rail Transition Design

We have reviewed and have concluded that the Mississippi DOT bridge rail transition designs, Guardrail: Bridge End Section, Type "I" (Wood Posts) and (Steel Posts), as modified and attached to your February 3, 2005 letter, may be considered equivalent to an NCHRP Report 350 test level 3 transition design and used on the NHS.

We expect that all projects on the NHS let after July 1, 2005 will incorporate this design standard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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