

Design Update 2015-2 (revised)  
12/14/15

1) Base Prices

In response to construction concerns and in cooperation with FHWA, two new template special provisions have been approved for paving items. These are **SPECIAL PROVISION FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT PRICES FOR ADJUSTMENTS** and **'SPECIAL PROVISION FOR PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PRICES FOR ADJUSTMENTS'**.

In each of the new special provisions, there is a list of all the standard pay items that have been identified as needing base prices. For unique items of work (7000 numbers) on trunkline projects, please contact an Estimator in the Specifications and Estimates unit for the base price. For unique items of work (7000 numbers) on local agency projects, the project manager should use 90% of the estimated unit price provided by the local agency. Base prices are included in the template special provisions for items with sufficient data to calculate a base price. For items not used within the last year, contact an Estimator in the Specifications and Estimates unit for a base price.

The unique Template special provisions will be updated every three months by Specifications and Estimates and will be posted on the previously approved website.

Specifications and Estimates will ensure the new special provisions are in place for all January projects before they are advertised. Effective for the February letting and beyond, the Project Managers will be responsible to have the applicable special provisions added to their projects.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact Mark Shulick in the Specifications and Estimates unit at (517) 335-1901 for assistance.

2) If you know of new people in your TSC or Region that are not receiving this update that should, please let me (Gary Mazurek) know so they can be added to my list.

Regards,

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