

Design Advisory

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This advisory is superseded by any subsequent revisions to the references listed in this index.

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SPECIAL PROVISION UPDATE

The department will no longer require or allow the practice of crossing out pay items in Special Provisions (SPs). This includes Unique Special Provisions (USPs) and Frequently Used Special Provisions (FUSPs). All SPs found on the Previously Approved Special Provision (PASP) list are considered to be USPs.

FUSPs are SPs used on a regular basis with stable requirements that are applicable to a number of projects. All FUSPs require review and approval by both MDOT and FHWA. Given that the FUSPs are used in multiple jobs, the associated work is familiar to contractors and inspectors. It must be understood that the schedule of items in the proposal dictates what pay items are necessary for construction of the project.

When requesting a new FUSP, the request should be submitted directly to the Engineer of Specifications, Quality Assurance Section, Design Division.

If a PASP is proposed for use in a project, but not all pay items apply, the PASP will need to be revised, using Track Changes, and re-submitted for approval. This will eliminate any questions as to which items of work described in the provision apply.