

# Design Advisory

From Art Green, Engineer of Design

MDOT  
Design Division  
PO Box 30050  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Phone: 517-335-4421  
Fax: 517-241-4619  
[www.Michigan.gov/MDOT](http://www.Michigan.gov/MDOT)

Index:

[Slope Restoration,  
Freeway-20TM816\(A390\)](#)

[Slope Restoration, Non-  
Freeway-20TM816\(A385\)](#)

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superseded by any  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

Questions regarding this  
Design Advisory should be  
directed to:

Nathan Miller, P.E.  
517-243-5151  
[Millern13@Michigan.gov](mailto:Millern13@Michigan.gov)

## **Slope Restoration, Freeway Slope Restoration, Non-Freeway**

This notice is to advise all Designers and Program Managers of a pending update to the Slope Restoration, Freeway-20TM816(A390) and Slope Restoration, Non-Freeway-20TM816(A385) unique special provisions.

As a result of Industry and Construction feedback, these unique special provisions are being modified to replace the “Topsoil either furnished or salvaged” language. The proposed language will include a fillable field for the Designer to populate with the estimated percentage of furnished and salvaged topsoil projected to be available for contractor use. The new unique special provision will be a “template” and will not require additional approval after the percentages are inserted.

This update is being made to offer additional guidance on topsoil sourcing to provide all prospective Contractors with anticipated condition information to improve consistency with bid submittals. As before, final balancing will occur in the field using the bid price submitted for the slope restoration pay items as a baseline for negotiation.

In addition, a new pay item for Slope Restoration, Type G has been added and Slope Restoration, Type F has been modified to provide additional guidance around the slope conditions where modified mulch blankets will be acceptable for use. Approved manufacturers of modified mulch blankets for each of these conditions has also been provided.

Effective with the August 2023 Letting and beyond, all projects that are using the slope restoration pay items will be required to use the revised unique special provision templates.