

February 27, 2020

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-333

Mr. Louis Ruzzi Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. 400 North St., 7<sup>th</sup> floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 USA

Dear Mr. Ruzzi:

This letter is in response to your September 18, 2019 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number B-333 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

# Decision

The following device is eligible within the length-of-need, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier

# Scope of this Letter

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials'(AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

### **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

Name of system: PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier Type of system: Bridge Barrier Test Level: MASH Test Level 4 (TL4) Testing conducted by: Texas A&M Transportation Institute Date of request: September 18, 2019

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on the attached form

# **Full Description of the Eligible Device**

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

# **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

# **Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number B-333 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.

Sincerely,

Machael S. Fulleth

Michael S. Griffith Director, Office of Safety Technologies Office of Safety

Enclosures







TR No. 611011-01

General Information	
Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-10
TTI Test No	611101-1
Test Date	2019-03-29
Test Article	
Туре	Bridge Rail
Name	PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier
Installation Length	149 ft-10 inches
Material or Key Elements	17-inch tall x 18-inch thick reinforced

,	concrete parapet with two HSS 5x5x <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> rails at 27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inches and 39 inches to top
Soil Type and Condition	Reinforced concrete bridge deck, Damp
Test Vehicle	-
Type/Designation	1100C
Make and Model	2010 Kia Rio
Curb	2477 lb
Test Inertial	2467 lb
Dummy	165 lb
Gross Static	2632 lb

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Speed 62.5 mi/h
Angle 24.8°
Location/Orientation 4.0 ft upstream of
edge of post 10
Impact Severity 57 kip-ft
Exit Conditions
Speed 50.9 mi/h
Trajectory/Heading Angle 7.0° / 8.4°
Occupant Risk Values
Longitudinal OIV 20.0 ft/s
Lateral OIV 34.1 ft/s
Longitudinal Ridedown 4.0 g
Lateral Ridedown 10.6 g
THIV 43.4 km/h
PHD 10.6 g
ASI
Max. 0.050-s Average
Longitudinal11.3 g
Lateral21.0 g

Impact Conditions

#### Post-Impact Trajectory

Post-impact majectory	
Stopping Distance	176 ft downstream
	15 ft toward traffic
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	47°
Maximum Pitch Angle	5°
Maximum Roll Angle	15°
Vehicle Snagging	No
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	0.4 inch
Permanent	None
Working Width	18.0 inches
Height of Working Width	17.0 inches
Vehicle Damage	
VDS	01RFQ5
CDC	01FREW4
Max. Exterior Deformation	6.0 inches
OCDI	RF0100200
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	2.5 inches

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Figure 5.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier.

Vertical......2.6 g





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General Information		Impact Conditions
Test Agency	Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI)	Speed
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-11	Angle
TTI Test No	611101-2	Location/Orientatio
Test Date	2019-03-27	
Test Article		Impact Severity
Туре	Bridge Rail	Exit Conditions
Name	PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier	Speed
Installation Length	149 ft-10 inches	Trajectory/Heading
Material or Key Elements	17-inch tall x 18-inch thick reinforced	Occupant Risk Valu
en menor para per proper a more a proper de la construcción persona en proper ou	concrete parapet with two HSS 5x5x3/8	Longitudinal OIV
	rails at 27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inches and 39 inches to top	Lateral OIV
Soil Type and Condition	Reinforced concrete bridge deck, Damp	Longitudinal Rided
Test Vehicle		Lateral Ridedown
Type/Designation	2270P	THIV
Make and Model	2014 RAM 1500 Pickup	PHD
Curb	4893 lb	ASI
Test Inertial	5032 lb	Max. 0.050-s Averag
Dummy	165 lb	Longitudinal
Gross Static	5197 lb	Lateral
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Speed 6	61.8 mi/h
Angle 2	
Location/Orientation 4	
e	edge of post 7
Impact Severity 1	123 kip-ft
Exit Conditions	
Speed 4	19.0 mi/h
Trajectory/Heading Angle 7	7.9°/4.8°
Occupant Risk Values	
Longitudinal OIV 2	20.3 ft/s
Lateral OIV2	28.9 ft/s
Longitudinal Ridedown 4	4.0 g
Lateral Ridedown	9.6 g
THIV	38.9 km/h
PHD9	
ASI 1	
Max. 0.050-s Average	
Longitudinal	9.4 g
Lateral	
Vertical2	

Post-Im	pact	Trai	ectory

Stopping Distance	189 ft downstream
	6 ft toward field side
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	39°
Maximum Pitch Angle	7°
Maximum Roll Angle	19°
Vehicle Snagging	No
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	1.9 inches
Permanent	None
Working Width	18.0 inches
Height of Working Width	17.0 inches
Vehicle Damage	
VDS	01RFQ5
CDC	01RFEW4
Max. Exterior Deformation	11.5 inches
OCDI	RF0113200
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	8.0 inches

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Figure 6.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-11 on PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier.



#### **General Information** Test Agency

General Information	
Test Agency	
Test Standard Test No	MASH Test 4-12
TTI Test No	. 611101-3
Test Date	2019-03-25
Test Article	
Туре	Bridge Rail
Name	PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier
Installation Length	149 ft-10 inches
Material or Key Elements	17-inch tall x 18-inch thick reinforced
	concrete parapet with two HSS 5x5x3/8
	rails at 27 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inches and 39 inches to top
Soil Type and Condition	Reinforced concrete bridge deck, Damp
Test Vehicle	
Type/Designation	10000S
Make and Model	2011 International 4300 SUT
Curb	. 14,290 lb
Test Inertial	22, 340 lb
Dummy	No Dummy
Gross Static	22,340 lb

#### Impact Conditions Speed ...... 55.9 mi/h Angle ..... 14.3° Location/Orientation ...... 5.2 ft upstream of edge of post 4 Impact Severity..... 142 kip-ft Exit Conditions Speed ...... 48.6 mi/h Trajectory/Heading Angle ... 0° / 0° Occupant Risk Values Longitudinal OIV ..... 6.9 ft/s Lateral OIV..... 12.8 ft/s Longitudinal Ridedown ...... 2.5 g Lateral Ridedown ..... 6.7 g THIV ...... 16.2 km/h PHD ...... 6.8 g ASI..... 0.35 Max. 0.050-s Average Longitudinal .....-1.9 g Lateral.....-3.3 g Vertical.....-3.7 g

#### Post-Impact Trajectory

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Stopping Distance	274 ft downstream
	43 ft twd field side
Vehicle Stability	
Maximum Yaw Angle	18°
Maximum Pitch Angle	5°
Maximum Roll Angle	25°
Vehicle Snagging	No
Vehicle Pocketing	No
Test Article Deflections	
Dynamic	Not obtainable
Permanent	0.5 inch
Working Width	55.2 inches
Height of Working Width	145.8 inches
Vehicle Damage	
VDS	N/A
CDC	01FREW4
Max. Exterior Deformation	14.0 inches
OCDI	N/A
Max. Occupant Compartment	
Deformation	2.75 inches

Figure 7.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier.

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# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	September 18, 2019	
	Name:	Louis J. Ruzzi, P.E.	
ter	Company:	Pennsylvania Department of Transporta	tion
Submitter	Address:	400 North St., 7th Floor, Harrisburg, Pen	nsylvania 17120
Sub	Country:	USA	
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies	

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

<b>Device &amp; Testing</b>	Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level	
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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)	<ul> <li>Physical Crash Testing</li> <li>Engineering Analysis</li> </ul>	PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier	AASHTO MASH	TL4

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

#### Individual or Organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Louis J. Ruzzi, P.E.	Same as Submitter 🔀
Company Name:	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Same as Submitter 🔀
Address:	400 North St., 7th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120	Same as Submitter 🔀
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter 🔀

Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices' document.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) was contracted by Gannett Fleming, Inc. to perform full-scale crash testing of the PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier. There are no shared financial interests in the PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier by TTI, or between PennDOT and TTI, or between Gannett Flemming, Inc. and TTI other than the costs involved in the actual crash tests and reports for this submission to FHWA.

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# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

G	New Hardware or	_ Modification to	
(•	Significant Modification	Existing Hardware	

The test installation for the PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier was 149 ft-10 inches long, and consisted of a reinforced concrete deck and barrier, with steel rails supported by steel posts anchored to the top of the barrier. The deck was cantilevered 72 inches, with the field side of the 18-inch wide barrier flush with the field side of the deck. The barrier was 17 inches tall, and the heights to the top of the two steel rails, measured from the top of the deck, were 27.75 inches and 39 inches. There were 15 posts, spaced at 10 ft, beginning at 44 inches from the downstream end. Post 1 was located 74 inches from the upstream end of the barrier and deck. There were three joints in the barrier: one between posts 3 and 4, the second between posts 6 and 7, and the third between posts 9 and 10. The joint between posts 3 and 4 was cast in both the barrier and deck. The other two joints were only in the barrier. Five sections of double steel tubular rail were installed on the posts. Their splices were located 20 inches (for the top rail) and 30 inches (for the bottom rail) upstream of the centerlines of posts 4, 7, 10, and 13.

# CRASH TESTING

By signature below, the Engineer affiliated with the testing laboratory, agrees in support of this submission that all of the critical and relevant crash tests for this device listed above were conducted to meet the MASH test criteria. The Engineer has determined that no other crash tests are necessary to determine the device meets the MASH criteria.

Engineer Name:	D. Lance Bullard, Jr. P.E.		
Engineer Signature:	D. Lance Bullard, Jr. Digitally signed by D. Lance Bullard, Jr. Date: 2019.09.18 13:59:22 -05'00'		
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135, College Station, TX 77843-3135	Same as Submitter	
Country:	USA	Same as Submitter	

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
	DescriptionTTI Crash Test Report No. 611101-01 contains the results of this 4-10 test that was conducted on March 29, 2019. The target CIP for MASH Test 4-10 was 3.6 ft ±1 ft upstream of the flange edge of post 10 (near the lower rail splice).The PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier system contained and redirected the 1100C vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The dynamic deflection of the bridge rail during 	PASS

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
4-11 (2270P)	<ul> <li>TTI Crash Test Report No. 611101-02 contains the results of this 4-11 test that was conducted on March 27, 2019. The target CIP for MASH Test 4-11 was 4.3 ft ±1 ft upstream of the flange edge of post 7 (near the lower rail splice).</li> <li>The PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The dynamic deflection of the bridge rail during the test was 1.9 inches.</li> <li>No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present hazard to others in the area.</li> <li>Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 8.0 inches in the lateral area across the cab at hip height.</li> <li>The 2270P vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 19° and 7°, respectively.</li> <li>Occupant risk factors were within the preferred limits of MASH. Longitudinal OIV was 20.3 ft/s, and lateral OIV was 28.9 ft/s. Longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 4.0 g, and lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 9.6 g.</li> </ul>	PASS

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4-12 (10000S)	TTI Crash Test Report No. 611101-03 contains the results of this 4-12 test that was conducted on March 25, 2019. The target CIP for MASH Test 4-12 was 5 ft ±1 ft upstream of the flange edge of post 4 (near the lower rail splice). The PennDOT PA Type 10M Bridge Barrier contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was not obtainable during the test, however, maximum permanent deformation was 0.5 inch. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present hazard to others in the area. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 2.75 inches in the right front floor pan. The 10000S vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event.	PASS
4-20 (1100C)	This Optional Test was not performed. This request is only for a stand alone bridge rail system, and not for a Transition between two different barrier systems. Therefore, Test 4-20 is Non-Relevant.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-21 (2270P)	This Optional Test was not performed. This request is only for a stand alone bridge rail system, and not for a Transition between two different barrier systems. Therefore, Test 4-21 is Non-Relevant.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-22 (10000S)	This Optional Test was not performed. This request is only for a stand alone bridge rail system, and not for a Transition between two different barrier systems. Therefore, Test 4-22 is Non-Relevant.	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

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Laboratory Name:	Texas A&M Transportation Institute		
Laboratory Signature:	Bill Griffith Digitally signed by Bill Griffi Date: 2019.09.27 09:24:16		
Address:	TTI, TAMU 3135, College Station, TX 77843-3135		Same as Submitter
Country:	USA		Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period :	ISO 17025-2017 Laboratory A2LA Certificate Number: 2821.01 Valid To: April 30, 2021		

Submitter Signature\*:

Submit Form

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# ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

### FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibil	ity Letter	
Number Date	Date	Key Words



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