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June 26, 2013

In Reply Refer To: HSST/ B-97C

Mr. Barry Stephens Trinity Highway Products 3617 Cincinnati Ave. Rocklin, CA 95765

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: Yodock TL-2 & TL-3 Barrier Rail Kit Type of system: Portable Barrier Test Level: National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350 Test Level 3 Testing conducted by: n/a Task Force 13 Designator: SWM19 Date of request: April 2, 2013 Date of completed package: May 6, 2013

#### Decision:

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

• Yodock TL-2/TL-3 Barrier Rail Kit

Based on a review of original crash test results and computational analysis submitted by the manufacturer certifying the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

The FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not endorse products or services and the issuance of a reimbursement eligibility letter is not an endorsement of any product or service.

## Requirements

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 350 or the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH).

## Description

The device and supporting documentation are described in the attached form.

### **Summary and Standard Provisions**

Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached form is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

Please note the following standard provisions that apply to FHWA eligibility letters:

- This letter provides a AASHTO/ARTBA/AGC Task Force 13 designator that should be used for the purpose of the creation of a new and/or the update of existing Task Force 13 drawing for posting on the on-line 'Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware' currently referenced in AASHTO Roadside Design Guide.
- This finding of eligibility does not cover other structural features of the systems, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Any changes that may influence system conformance with NCHRP Report 350 criteria will require a new reimbursement eligibility letter.
- Should the FHWA discover that the qualification testing was flawed, that in-service performance reveals safety problems, or that the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, we reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter.
- You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design and installation 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 crash test and evaluation criteria of the NCHRP Report 350.
- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility is designated as number B-97C and 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 at our office 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. The FHWA does not become involved in issues concerning patent law. Patent issues, if any, are to be resolved by the applicant.
- The Yodock TL-2 & TL-3 Barrier Rail is a patented product and considered proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.
- Because some water ballasted barriers and channelizers are similar in appearance, the FHWA recommends labeling each unit or module to indicate limitations on use. When

used as a barrier all hardware, both internal and external that was used in the crash testing, shall be installed per the manufacturer's instructions. Recommended guidance for such labels may be found on the web site of the AASHTO/AGC/ARTBA Task Force 13 at http://www.aashtotf13.org.

• Because it is a steel product, the Yodock TL-2 & TL-3 Barrier Rail is subject to Section 635.410 (Buy America) of Title 23, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, and cannot be permanently incorporated into any federally funded project unless it is made in the U.S. from U.S. steel.

Sincerely yours,

Michael S. Fuffith

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

Enclosures

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# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility Of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	April 02, 2013	New C Resubmission	
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ter	Company:	Trinity Highway Products		
Submitter	Address:	3617 Cincinnati Ave., Rocklin, CA 95765		
Sut	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.

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)	Physical Crash Testing     FEA & V&V Analysis	Yodock TL-2/TL-3 Barrier Rail Kit	NCHRP Report 350	TL3

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 NCHRP Report 350 (Report 350) and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the Report 350.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

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## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Modification to Existing Hardware Non-Significant - Effect is positive or Inconsequential

This modification is for an improved Yodock TL-2/TL-3 Barrier Rail kit. The modification consists of improved brackets that connect the two load bearing longitudinal rails on each side of the Yodock Barrier. The current longitudinal rails, end connector channels and end connector hardware will be unchanged and continue to be made from 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 1/4" A500 structural tubing, 3/8" A36 plate, and 3/4" Grade 8 fasteners, respectively. The current brackets are made from a combination of 3/8" thick A36 steel plates and 3/8" thick x 4" x 3" A36 steel angle that are welded to each longitudinal rail, and the two rail assemblies joined using two (2) 1/2" diameter Grade 5 fasteners. The proposed brackets are made from 1/2" thick A36 formed steel angles also welded to each longitudinal rail, and the two rail assemblies are also joined using two (2) 1/2" diameter Grade 5 fasteners. The proposed brackets are made from a tested in the original NCHRP 350 TL-2/TL-3 qualification testing. The overall weight of the current version is 192 lbs. and the weight of the proposed version is 218 lbs. See the attached drawings for exploded isometric drawings of each Yodock TL-2/TI-3 Barrier Rail kit example. We certify that the improved Yodock TL-2/TL-3 Barrier Rail kit is a non-significant and positive modification and request FHWA provide certification for continued Federal-aid reimbursement eligibility.

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## CRASH TESTING

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results	
3-10 (820C)	Test 3-10 was originally conducted as Test No. 400001-YWC8 on 1/28/02 and reported in TTI Crash Test Report No 40001-YWC8 per NCHRP 350 Test 3-10, TL-3 test level requirements. Test 3-10 is requested to be waived for this modification in lieu of the positive results as provided on the attached engineering analysis.	WAIVER REQUESTED	
Test S3-10 is an optional test and was waived in the original FHWA		WAIVER REQUESTED	
Test 3-11 was originally conducted as Test No. 400001-YWC6 on 9/14/01 and reported in TTI Crash Test Report No 400001-YWC6 pe NCHRP 350 Test 3-11, TL-3 test level requirements. Test 3-11 is requested to be waived for this modification in lieu of the positive results as provided on the attached engineering analysis.		WAIVER REQUESTED	
3-20 (820C)	Not Applicable		
S3-20 (700C)	Not Applicable		
3-21 (2000P)	Not Applicable		

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.):

Laboratory Name:	Texas Transportation Institute	
Laboratory Contact:	Eugene Buth	Same as Submitter
Address:	The Texas A&M University System College Station, TX 77843-3135	Same as Submitter 🗌
Country:	USA Same as Subn	
Accreditation Certificate Number and Date:	2821.01, 4/30/2015	

## ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 2) 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 key to understanding the performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

## FHWA Official Business Only:

Eligibility Letter		AASHTO TF13	
Number	Date	Designator	Key Words
B97C	May 17, 2013	SWM19	Work Zone Barrier; portable energy disbursement cell; blow molded high-density polyethylene; Barrier Wall Kit; water ballasted

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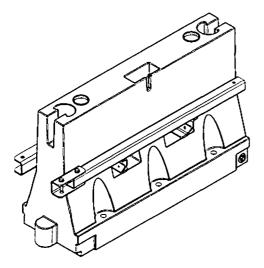
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# Engineering Analysis Of Improved TL-3 Rail Kit For Yodock Longitudinal Barrier

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March 28, 2013

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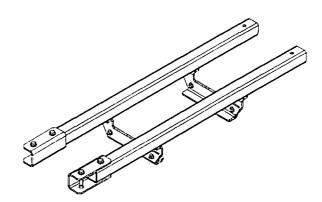


Figure 7. Model 2001 Yodock Barrier equipped with new Rail Kit



## **COMPONENT ANALYSIS - MOUNTING BRACKET:**

The simplification of the mounting bracket design, located within the forklift pocket, is the basic change to the rail kit. There are 2 areas to analyze with the new bracket design:

- Strength of Bracket Assembly
- Snag Potential

Each area will be discussed in detail below:

#### Strength of Bracket Assembly

When considering the strength of the new bracket assembly we compare the weakest element of each assembly. Version 1's weakest element is the (2) 3/4" diameter bolts which extend through the rail, through the wood spacers and finally through the c-channel below; see Figure 9 for reference. With version 3 we evaluate the three following modes of failure to determine the weakest element compared to version 1:

- a) Mounting bracket failure
- b) Bolted mounting bracket connection
- c) Strength of weld at mounting bracket to rail tube

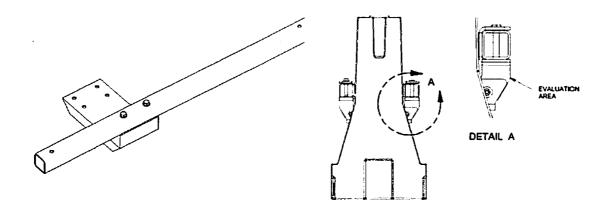


Figure 9. Evaluating (2) 3/4" bolts At version 1.

Figure 10. Evaluating smallest crosssectional area of version 3

First we evaluate the shear strength of the (2) 3/4" bolts at version 1:

$$\tau = .577\sigma = \frac{F}{2A}$$

Where:

Area =  $.344 \text{ in}^2$  (Tensile stress area of a 3/4-10 bolt)

σ = 120,000 psi

We solve to the find the maximum force allowable from version 1:

$$\therefore F = .577(120,000) * 2(.344)$$
$$\therefore F = 46,252 \ lbs$$

a) Mounting bracket failure

Refer to Figure 10 above. Evaluating the shear strength of the base material of the version 3 bracket we have:

$$\tau = .577\sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

Where:

Area = smallest cross-sectional area of bracket = 3.50in x .5in thick = 1.75in<sup>2</sup>

 $\sigma$  = ultimate stress of A36 steel = 58,000 psi

$$\therefore F = .577(58,000)(1.75)$$

 $\therefore F = 58,570 \, lbs$ 

#### b) Bolted mounting bracket connection

As mentioned previously, the version 3 rail kit will use (2) 3/4" diameter grade 5, hex head bolts to assemble the two rail kits together at each barrier. Therefore identical to the evaluation above we have:

$$\tau = .577\sigma = \frac{F}{2A}$$

Where:

Area =  $.344 \text{ in}^2$ 

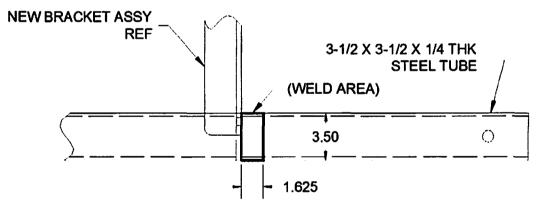
σ = 120,000 psi

We solve to the find the maximum force allowable from version 1:

$$\therefore F = .577(120,000) * 2(.344)$$
$$\therefore F = 46,252 \ lbs$$

c) Strength of weld at mounting bracket to rail tube

As mentioned previously the version 3 rail kit mounting bracket is now welded to the underside of the rail tube. Evaluating the strength of weld for maximum force we have:



PLAN VIEW

Figure 11. Strength of weld evaluation at underside of rail kit to mounting bracket

	Averag	the Shear Stress $ au = \frac{F}{0.707hl}$
Where:	τ = 36,000 psi	A36 Steel Shear Strength
	h = .250in	Height of Weld
	l = 10.25in	Total Length of Weld
	Evaluating for ma	x force : F = 36,000(0.707)(.25)(10.25)

 $:. F = 65,220 \, lbs$ 

Upon analyzing the three modes of failure we see the weakest element of the version 3 bracket assembly, failure mode "b", is equally as strong as the weakest element of version 1. Failure mode "a" and "c" are greater in strength compared to version 1.

## **Snag Potential**

When evaluating the snag potential of the new design with the tested and approved design of version 1, it can be seen from the figures below that the snag potential area is less than it was with the version 1 kit, therefore qualifying the version 3 kit. See Figure 12 below:

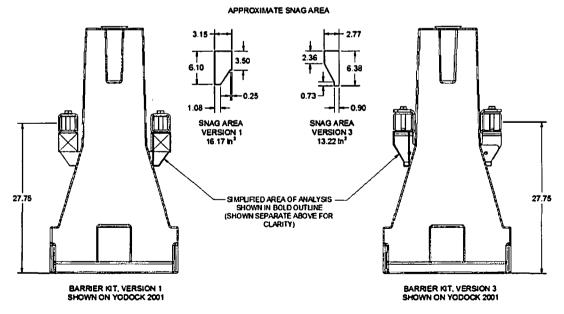


Figure 12. Evaluating Snag Area Potential, version 1 vs. version 3

#### **COMPONENT ANALYSIS – ADDITIONAL AREAS OF IMPORTANCE:**

Beyond the analysis of the mounting bracket and areas affected by *its* change, we can now look at other key elements and areas of importance when comparing all three versions.

- Rail Height
- Strength of hardware and other components
- Overall Weight

#### Rail Height

The centerline height of the rail above grade is dependent upon which barrier the rail kit is mounted to. However, as shown above in Figure 12, the relative height between version 1 and version 3 is identical at 27.75" above grade.

#### Strength of Hardware and other components

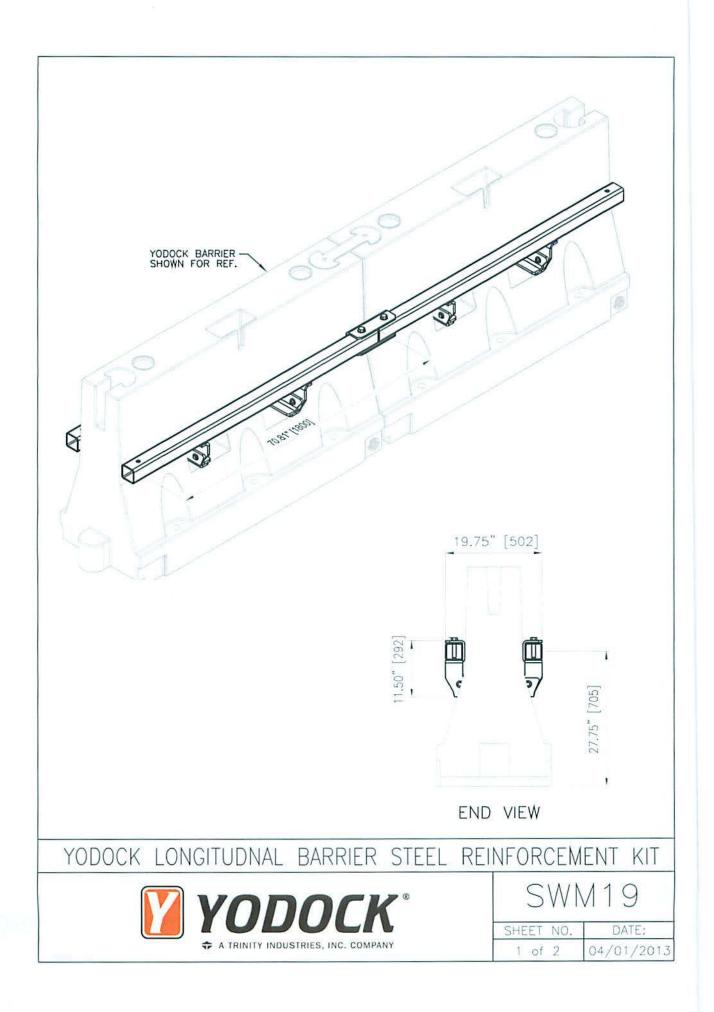
All hardware used at the splice location of the version 3 barrier kit is grade 8 steel and will be identical in strength and size to the hardware used on version 2. The tube rails and splice bracket itself will also be identical to the approved version 2 rail kit, see Figure 4 above for reference.

#### Weight

Due to all materials being either very similar or identical in size, type and shape the overall weight of the barrier kit is virtually unchanged. Total unit weight of version 3 is to be comparable to version 2, which is approximately 200 lbs.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Given the fact that the core design of the barrier kit (i.e. impact rails, splice connector, hardware material, size and grade) is identical to one or both of the previously approved rail kit versions, and given the analysis shown herein qualifying the revised brackets, it would be expected that the integrity of the design is maintained and the barrier kit will still perform as designed, tested and approved by FHWA for TL-2 & TL-3 applications as for which they were originally intended.



#### INTENDED USE

The Yodock Longitudinal Barrier Steel Reinforcement Kit is a connection system for use with the Yodock Barrier. Yodock Barriers are typically a channeling device, however if assembled with the Longitudinal Barrier Steel Reinforcement Kit, the system will meet NCHRP 350 criteria for TL2 and TL3 applications as indicated below:

TL-2

- Model 2001M Yodock Barrier w/Reinforcement Kit
- Model 2001MB Yodock Barrier w/Reinforcement Kit

TL-3

Model 2001 - Yodock Barrier w/Reinforcement Kit

The Reinforcement Kit runs parallel along the sides of each Yodock Barrier and consists of a set longitudinal steel tube members with a c-channel splice connector which connects each adjacent barrier/reinforcement kit to one another over the length of the system.

### APPROVALS

FHWA Acceptance Letter <u>HAS-10/B97</u>, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2002. FHWA Acceptance Letter <u>HAS-10/B97A</u>, January 27, 2010

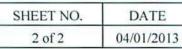
#### REFERENCES

H.E. Ross, Jr., D.L. Sicking, R.A. Zimmer, and J.D. Michie, *Recommended Procedure for the Safety Performance Evaluation of Highway Features*, National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report Number 350, Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C. 1993

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

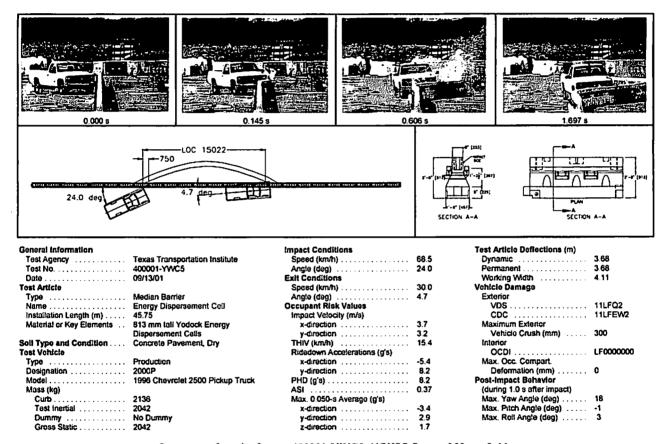
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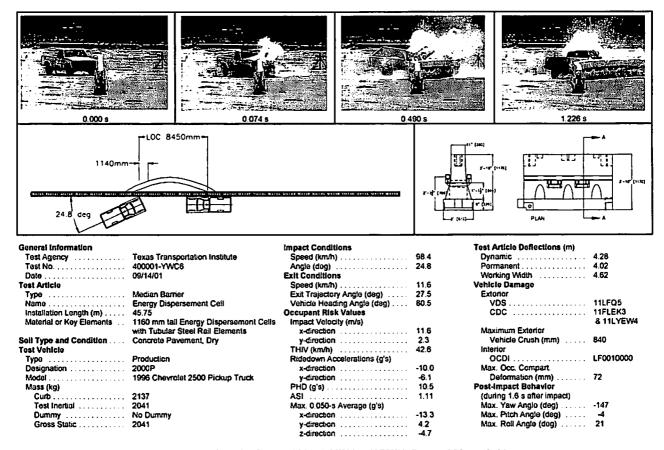






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Summary of results for test 400001-YWC6, NCHRP Report 350 test 3-11.

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Summary of results for test 400001-YWC8, NCHRP Report 350 test 3-10.