

#### INTENDED USE

A non-blocked Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) with standard post spacing can be placed on top of and forward from a wire-faced, mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall system and used in locations where a maximum dynamic deflection of 27.4" [696] or less is acceptable and where a working width of 35.7" [907] is provided. The non-blocked MGS should be anchored and terminated using a suitable guardrail end treatment that is approved with a 31" [787] nominal top mounting height. The non-blocked MGS should be used with wide-flange steel posts (PWE06). The non-blocked MGS adjacent to a 3:1 fill slope on wire-faced, MSE wall system has been crash tested under TL-3 using test designations nos. 3-10 and 3-11 and was found acceptable according to the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) performance criteria.

#### **COMPONENTS** Unit Length - 150" [3810]

DESIGNATOR	COMPONENT	NUMBER
FBB01	Guardrail splice bolts and nuts	10
RWB01a	W-beam back-up plate	2
PWE06	Wide-flange guardrail post	2
RWM04a	W-beam rail	1
	MSE Wall	1

### ACCEPTANCE

FHWA Acceptance Letter will be pursued according to the TL-3 MASH performance criteria.

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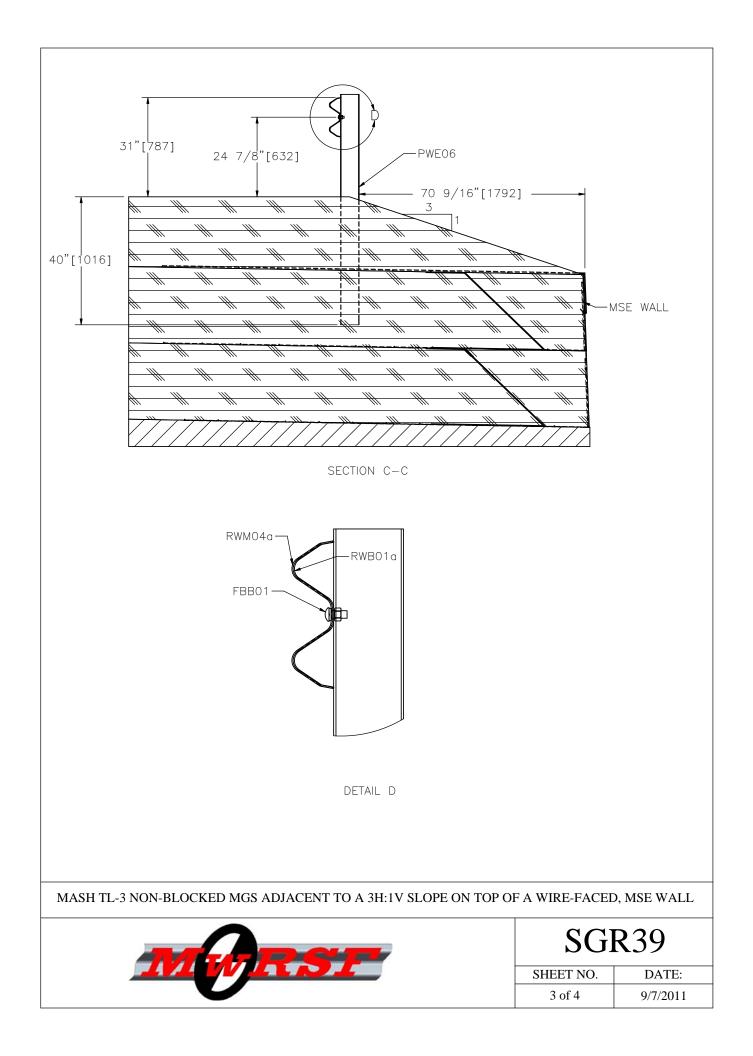


MASH TL-3 NON-BLOCKED MGS ADJACENT TO A 3H:1V SLOPE ON TOP OF A WIRE-FACED, MSE WALL

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# MSE SPECIFICATIONS

The wire-faced, MSE wall system is configured with three 2-ft (0.6-m) thick layers of roller-compacted, course, crushed limestone material and has a 3H:1V fill slope at the outer edge. The soil-aggregate material shall meet the select wall backfill materials denoted in Sections 255 and 704 of the 2003 FHWA *Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects*, which also closely conforms to the Grading B specifications of AASHTO M147-65 denoted in MASH and NCHRP Report No. 350. The outer region of the bottom two layers shall contain a wall facing fill material that consists of 4 to 6-in. (102 to 152-mm) diameter rocks that shall be placed by hand. Steel-wire reinforcement mats are used to construct and stabilize the MSE wall system.

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