



In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/B-372

Nina Ertel Pennsylvania Department of Transportation 400 North St., 7th Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 USA

Dear Ms. Ertel:

We received your correspondence of November 10, 2021 requesting issuance of a reimbursement eligibility letter under the Federal-aid highway program for the roadside safety system, device, design, product, or hardware (collectively "device") described below. This letter is assigned Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) control number B-372.

ELIGIBILITY LETTERS

The FHWA issues Federal-aid reimbursement eligibility letters for new roadside safety devices that are crash tested in accordance with the industry standard of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH).

FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States (government) do not regulate roadside safety devices, crash test facilities, or the manufacturing industry. Issuance of eligibility letters is discretionary and provided only as a service to the states. FHWA may, at its discretion, decline to issue, revise, or rescind an eligibility letter. Eligibility letters are only issued by the FHWA headquarters Office of Safety.

Eligibility letters are issued only as notice to the states that a device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. They do not establish approval or certification for any other purpose. Issuance of an eligibility letter is not a prerequisite or requirement for state transportation agencies seeking to use Federal-aid funds for roadside safety devices. State agencies may use a device for which an eligibility letter has not been issued and seek Federal-aid reimbursement.

FEDERAL-AID REIMBURSEMENT

The request for issuance of this letter certified the device was crash tested in accordance with the industry standard of AASHTO's MASH. This eligibility letter is based on that certification and the material offered in support of its issuance. The device described below is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4-

inches of Asphalt

Type of system: Longitudinal Barrier

Test Level: Test Level 4

Testing conducted by: Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Date of request: November 10, 2021

Information about the device, including material such as the eligibility request, crash test reports, drawings, or images are included in one or more attachment(s) to this letter.

In accordance with FHWA's Memo "Federal-aid Reimbursement Eligibility Process for Safety Hardware Devices" dated November 12, 2015, FHWA will make note of any reported damage to a test vehicle's fuel tank, oil pan, or other feature that might serve as a surrogate of the fuel tank. AASHTO's MASH states "Although not a specific factor in assessing test results, integrity of a test vehicle's fuel tank is a potential concern. It is preferable that the fuel tank remains intact and not be punctured. Damage or rupture of the fuel tank, oil pan, or other feature that might serve as a surrogate of the fuel tank should be reported". A test report included in the submittal documents states that there was damage to the right fuel tank in Test 4-12.

Eligibility letter B-372 is inapplicable to devices, optional equipment, alternate materials, or other features that were not crash tested in accordance with AASHTO's MASH.

This letter is issued only for the subject device as crash tested under AASHTO's MASH. Later modification(s) of the device are not eligible for Federal-aid reimbursement under this letter. Notice of later modification(s) should be given to transportation agencies, facility owners, and operators (collectively "agencies").

Agencies should be provided appropriate information about the device's design, installation, maintenance, materials, and mechanical properties.

Issuance of this letter is discretionary, and it may be revised or rescinded at FHWA's discretion. This letter is not a determination of compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) or ownership of any intellectual property rights.

This eligibility letter is not a determination by the government that a crash involving the subject device will result in any particular outcome. It is limited to only the device's eligibility for Federal-aid reimbursement.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Issuance of this eligibility letter does not convey property rights of any sort nor any exclusive privilege. This letter is not authorization or consent by the government for the use, manufacture, or sale of any patented or proprietary system, device, design, product, or hardware for which the requester is not the patent owner. Eligibility letters are not an expression of any view, position, or determination by the government as to the validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device. These letters do not grant, impute, suggest, or otherwise

establish any ownership, distribution, or licensing rights to the requester. The government expresses no opinion about the intellectual property rights relating to any device for which this or any other eligibility letter is issued.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

To prevent any misunderstanding, and as discussed above, this eligibility letter is assigned FHWA control number B-372. It should only be reproduced in full with its attachment(s). This letter and the material offered by the requester supporting its issuance is public information. All eligibility letters and supporting material are subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Eligibility letters are available to the public at https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/countermeasures/reduce_crash_severity/.

If you have any questions please contact Aimee Zhang at Aimee.Zhang@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Ritter

Director, Office of Safety Technologies

Office of Safety

Enclosures

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Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

itter	Date of Request:	November 10, 2021	New	○ Resubmission
	Name:	Nina Ertel, P.E.	{{March 6, 2023 Rev #	2 to Orig'l Request }}
	Company:	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation		
Address: 400 North St., 7th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120 Country: USA			ennsylvania 17120	
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	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.

Device & Testing Criterion - Enter from right to left starting with Test Level

System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'B': Rigid/Semi-Rigid Barriers (Roadside, Median, Bridge Railings)	Engineering Analysis	PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4-inches of Asphalt	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:	Nina Ertel, 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 Submitt		Same as Submitter
Country: USA Same as Submitter		Same as Submitter
Enter below all disclosures of financial interests as required by the FHWA `Federal-Aid Reimbursement 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 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in Asphalt. There are no shared financial interests in the PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in Asphalt by TTI, or between PennDOT and TTI, or between Gannett Fleming, Inc. and TTI other than the costs involved in the actual crash tests and reports for this submission to FHWA.		
TTI 611851 -1-2-3 &-4		

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Significant Modification	Existing Hardware		
The test installation was comprised of 8 precast, steel reinforced concrete barrier segments keyed in 4-inches of asphalt. Each barrier segment was 12 ft long, and adjacent barrier segments were connected to each other with drop-in pins through loops that were cast into the barriers. There was an approximately 2 inch space between the barriers, for a total length of approximately 97 ft-2 inches. Each barrier was 54 inches tall, 5 inches wide at top, and 24 inches wide at bottom. A 4-inch thick layer of asphalt, 9 ft wide, was placed on the traffic and field sides of the barriers, resulting in a 50-inch height from grade to the top of the barriers.			
	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: 2021.11.18 08:53:03 -06'00'			
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg. 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807 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
4-10 (1100C)	===This 4-10 Test in 4-inches of Asphalt=== Test 4-10 involves an 1100C vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°. The target CIP for the right corner of the front bumper was 3.6 ft upstream of the centerline of the joint between segs 4 and 5. The results of the re-test conducted on November 13, 2020, are found in TTI Test Report No. 611851-4. The test vehicle was traveling at a speed of 61.7 mi/h as it contacted the PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4 inches of Asphalt 3.5 ft upstream of the centerline of the joint between barriers 4 and 5 and at an impact angle of 25.2°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 194 ft downstream of the impact point and 23 ft toward the field side. PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4 inches of Asphalt contained and redirected the 1100C vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in MASH. Maximum dynamic deflection of the barrier during the test was 1.6 inches at the top of the barrier. No permanent deformation was observed. Working width was 24.0 inches. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate, or to show potential for penetrating, the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard for others in the area. The 1100C vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 7° and 10°, respectively. Longitudinal OIV was 20.3 ft/s and lateral OIV was 30.2 ft/s. Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 7.8 g. Occupant risk factors were within the allowable limits specified in MASH. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 9.0 inches in the right front kick panel laterally across the front of the inside of the vehicle. The PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4-inches of Asphalt performed acceptably for MASH Test 4-10.	PASS

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Required Test	Narrative	Evaluation
Number	Description	Results
	===This 4-11 Test in 2-inches of Asphalt===	
	Test 4-11 involves a 2270P vehicle	
	impacting the test article at a target impact	
	speed of 62 mi/h and target angle of 25°.	
	The target CIP for the right corner of the	
	front bumper was 4.3 ft upstream of the	
	centerline of the jnt between seg 9 and 10.	
	The results of the test conducted on July 17,	
	2019, are found in TTI Test Report No.	
	611851-2. The test vehicle was traveling at	
	a speed of 63.4 mi/h as it contacted the	
	PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape	
	Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2 inches of	
	Asphalt 4.2 ft upstream of the centerline of	
	the joint between segments 9 and 10 and at	
	an impact angle of 24.5°. After loss of	
	contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to	
	rest 187 ft downstream of the impact point	
	and 7 ft toward the field side.	
	The PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape	
	Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2 inches of	
	Asphalt contained and redirected the 2270P	
	vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate,	
	underride, or override the installation. The	
	vehicle exited within the exit box criteria	
	defined in MASH.	
	Maximum dynamic deflection during the	
4-11 (2270P)	test was 13.2 inches at the top of the barrier.	PASS
	Maximum permanent deformation was 4.0	
	inches. Working width was 26.75 inches.	
	Although some gouging of the concrete occurred on the barrier face, no detached	
	elements, fragments, or other debris were	
	present to penetrate, or to show potential	
	for penetrating, the occupant	
	compartment, or to present undue hazard	
	for others in the area.	
	The 2270P vehicle remained upright during	
	and after the collision event. Maximum roll	
	angle was 13° and max pitch was 16°.	
	Longitudinal OIV was 19.4 ft/s and lateral	
	OIV was 23.3 ft/s. Maximum longitudinal	
	occupant ridedown acceleration was 6.4 g	
	and maximum lateral occupant ridedown	
	acceleration was 6.2 g. Occupant risk	
	factors were within the preferred limits	
	specified in MASH.	
	Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was	
	16.0 inches in the side plane at the right	
	front corner at bumper height. Maximum	
	occupant compartment deformation was	
	3.0 inch in the right side firewall area.	
	The PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape	
	Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2-inches of	
	Asphalt performed acceptably for MASH	
	Test 4-11.	

===This 4-12 Test in 2-inches of Asphalt=== Test 4-12 involves a 10000S vehicle impacting the test article at a target impact speed of 56 mi/h and target angle of 15°. The target CIP for the right corner of the front bumper was 5.0 ft upstream of centerline of the joint between segs 4 and 5. The results of the test conducted on July 15, 2019, are found in TTI Test Report No. 611851-3. The test vehicle was traveling at a speed of 56.6 mi/h as it contacted the PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2 inches of Asphalt 4.4 ft upstream of the centerline of the joint between segments 4 and 5 and at an impact angle of 14.8°. After loss of contact with the barrier, the vehicle came to rest 280 ft downstream of the impact point and 2 ft toward the traffic side. The PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2 inches of Asphalt contained and redirected the 10000S vehicle. The vehicle did not penetrate, underride, or override the installation. The vehicle exited within the exit box criteria defined in MASH. Maximum dynamic deflection during the test was 21.8 inches at the top of the barrier. PASS 4-12 (10000S) Maximum permanent deformation was 6.75 inches. Working width was 69.3 inches. No detached elements, fragments, or other debris were present to penetrate or to show potential for penetrating the occupant compartment, or to present undue hazard for others in the area. The 10000S vehicle remained upright during and after the collision event. Maximum roll and pitch angles were 36° and 10°, respectively. Longitudinal OIV was 5.6 ft/s, and lateral OIV was 13.1 ft/s. Maximum longitudinal occupant ridedown acceleration was 4.7 g, and maximum lateral occupant ridedown acceleration was 12.6 g. Maximum exterior crush to the vehicle was 14.0 inches in the side plane at the right front corner at bumper height. Maximum occupant compartment deformation was 4.0 inches in the right side firewall/floor pan The PennDOT 50-inch Tall Precast F-shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 2-inches of Asphalt performed acceptably for MASH Test 4-12. Test 4-20 for transition is not applicable for

4-20 (1100C)

this median barrier system

Non-Relevant Test, not conducted

4-21 (2270P)	Test 4-21 for transition is not applicable for this median barrier system	Non-Relevant Test, not conducted
4-22 (10000S	Test 4-22 for transition is not applicable for this median barrier system	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.):

Laboratory Name:	Texas AM Transportation Institute	
Laboratory Signature:	Digitally signed by Darrell L. Kuhn 'Date: 2023.03.06 10:40:14 -06'00	
Address:	1254 Avenue A, Bldg. 7091, Bryan, Texas 77807	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, 2023		

Submitter Signature*:

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ATTACHMENTS

Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) 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.

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Eligibility Letter		
Number	Date	Key Words

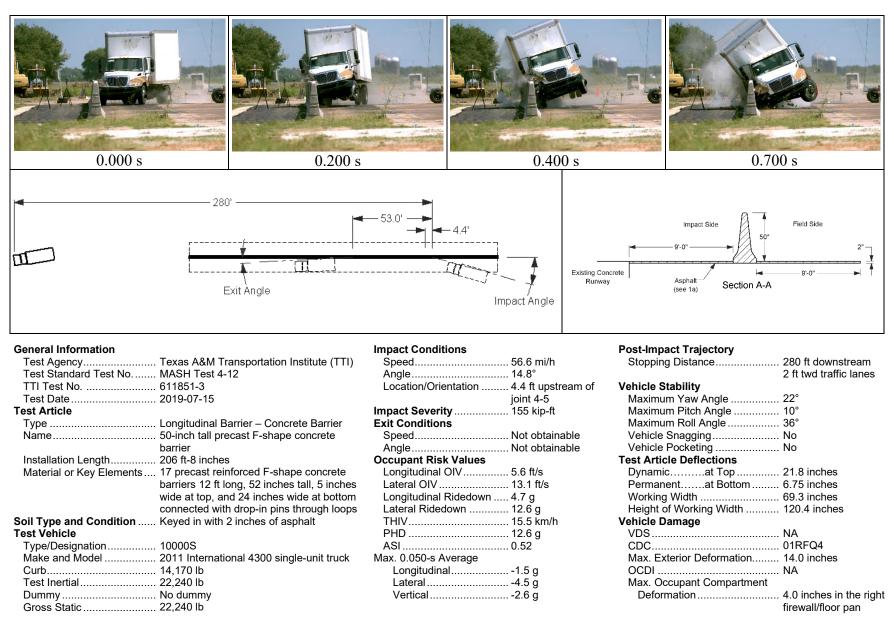


Figure 5.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-12 on 50-inch Tall Precast F-Shape Concrete Barrier.

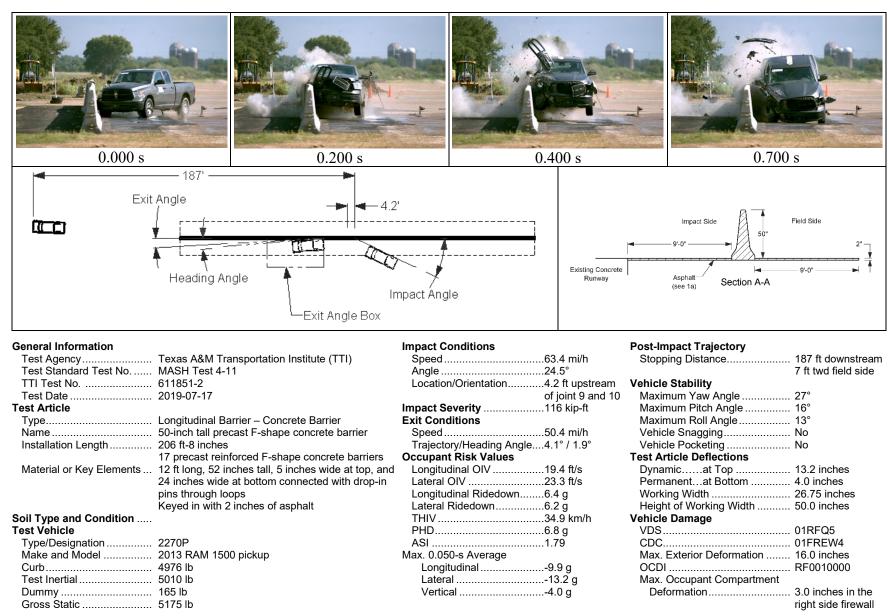


Figure 6.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-11 on 50-inch Tall Precast F-Shape Concrete Barrier.

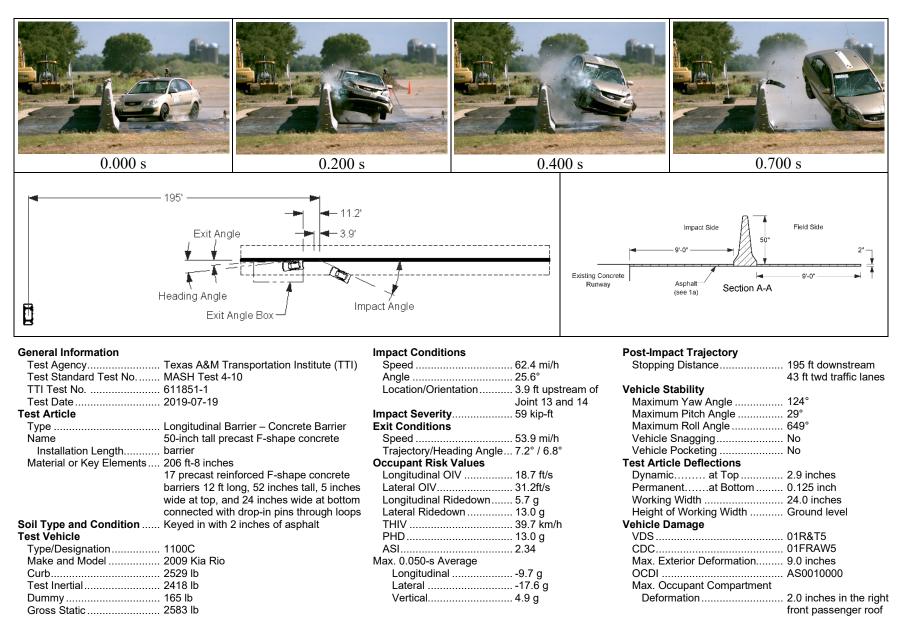


Figure 7.6. Summary of Results for MASH Test 4-10 on 50-inch Tall Precast F-Shape Concrete Barrier.

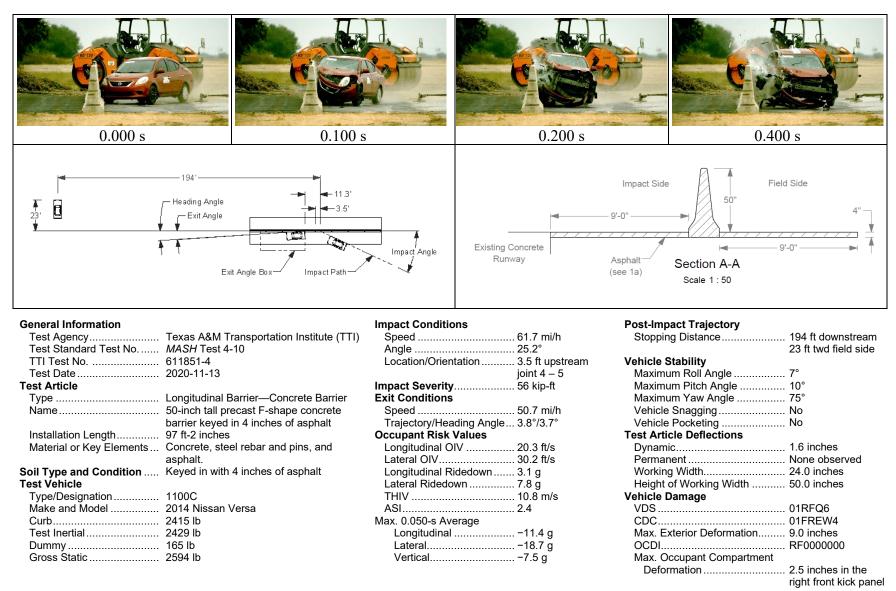
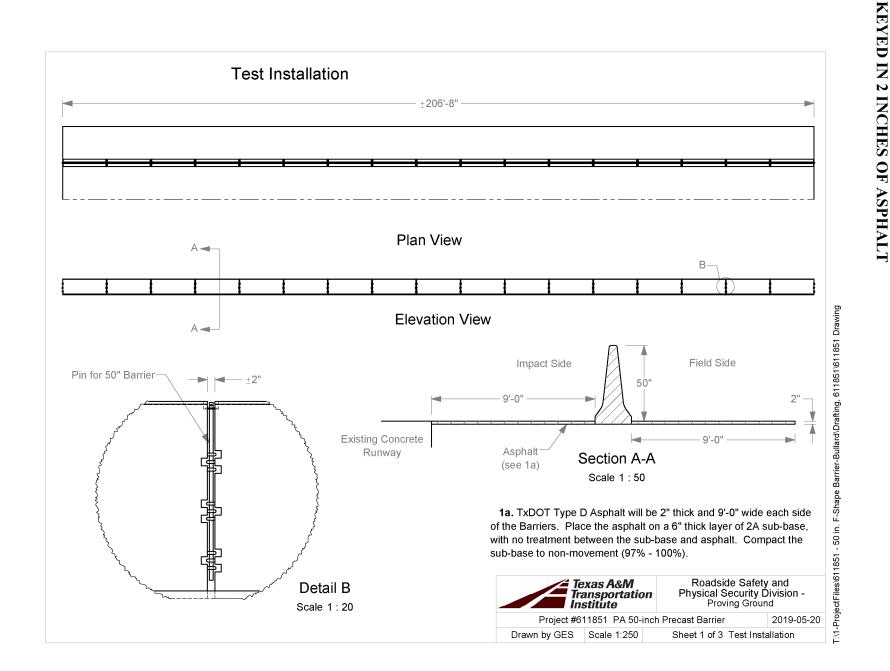
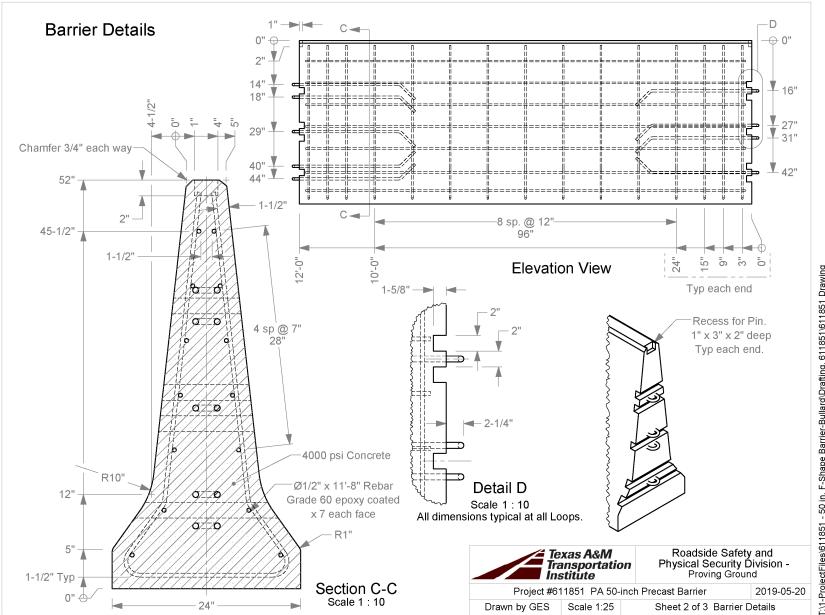
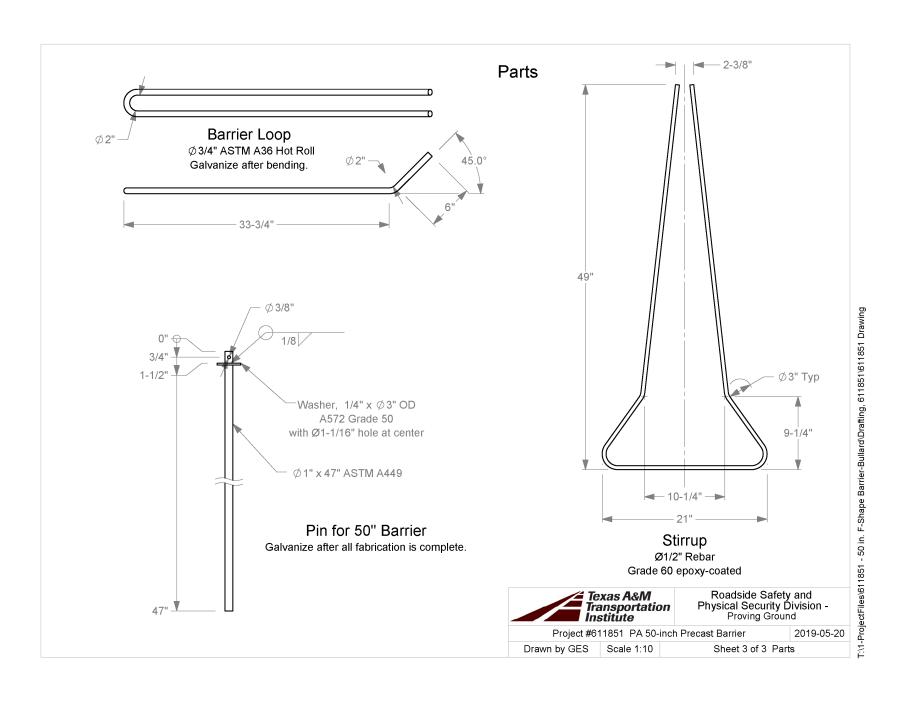


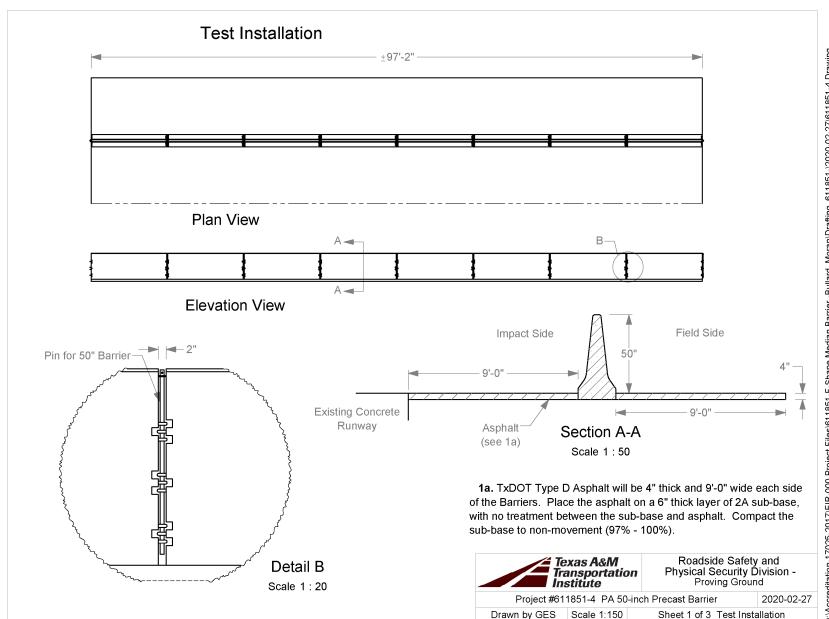
Figure 8.6. Summary of Results for *MASH* Test 4-10 on 50-inch Tall Precast F-Shape Concrete Barrier Keyed in 4 inches of Asphalt.



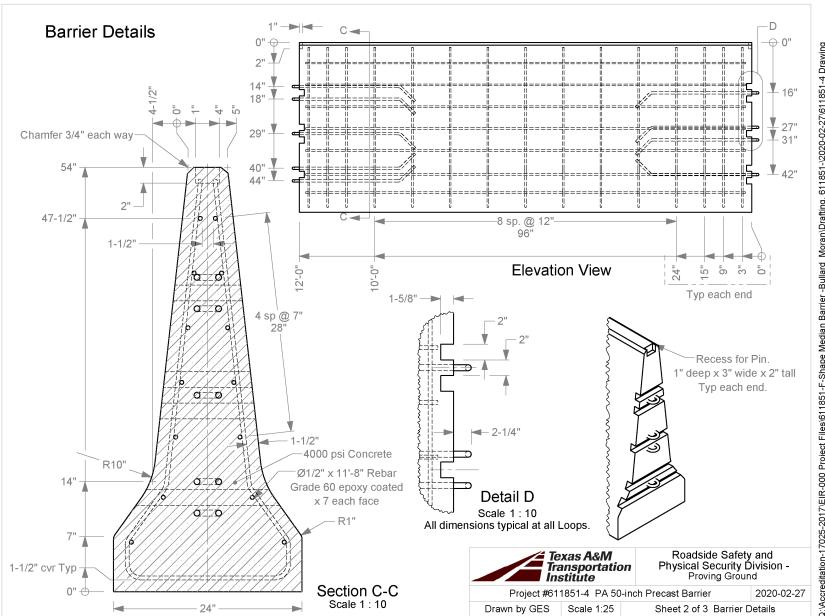


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