



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: All Regional Engineers
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Subject: Special Provision for Mast Arm Assembly and Pole
Date: April 15, 2016

This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Bridges and Structures to update mast arm assembly and pole to LRFD code requirements.

This special provision should be inserted into contracts requiring mast arm assemblies and poles.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the July 29, 2016 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory April 15, 2016.

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MAST ARM ASSEMBLY AND POLE (BDE)

Effective: July 1, 2016

Revise Article 1077.03(a)(1) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(1) Loading. The mast arm assembly and pole, and combination mast arm assembly and pole shall be designed for the loading shown on the Highway Standards or elsewhere on the plans, whichever is greater. The design shall be according to AASHTO “LRFD Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaries and Traffic Signals” 2015 Edition. However, the arm-to-pole connection for tapered signal and luminaire arms shall be according to the “fillet welded, ring stiffened box connection” detail as shown in Figure C5.6.7-2. The mast arm and pole shall be designed assuming the ADT > 10,000, Risk Category Typical, and Fatigue Category I Natural Wind Gust only.”

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