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**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES IN THE INCLUSION OF
"PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF
TRAFFIC CONTROL" AS PAY ITEM IN
THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE
CONTRACT (ABC) ON
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

It has been observed that some Regional Offices of the Commission on Audit (COA) had issued Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) to the DPWH Regional Offices relative to their review on various infrastructure contracts, questioning the inclusion of Traffic Management in the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) as a pay item in the contract citing therein that it is contrary to the provisions under the DPWH Standard Specifications for Public Works and Highways, 1988 Edition (Blue Book), Volume I (Requirements and Conditions of Contracts), Part 1 (Legal Relations and Responsibility to the Public), specifically;

1. Clause 75 (Public Convenience and Safety). xxx " The Contractor will provide, erect and maintain at his own cost all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs and other traffic control devices, and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the Works and Safety of the Public"; and
2. Clause 76 (5) (Maintenance of Traffic) xxx " The Contractor shall bear all expenses of maintaining traffic over the section of existing road undergoing improvement and of constructing and maintaining such approaches , crossings, intersections and other features as may be necessary without direct compensation.

The above cited provisions are already considered as amended/modified with the issuances of the following Department Orders, allowing the inclusion of Traffic Management as a pay item in the ABC for Roads and Bridge Projects;

1. Department Order (D.O.) No. 56, series of 2005 " Guidelines for the Implementation of DOLE D.O. No. 13, series of 1998, On Occupational Safety and Health in the Construction Industry". Under Item 4c-Signages and Barricades- For general signages and barricades not included in specific pay item of work but necessary for promoting safety in and around the construction site, the quantity and cost shall be a separate pay item and included in the overall cost of safety and health (SPL).


Likewise, under Item 1.8b of D.O. 13 series of 1998 of DOLE, provisions of Traffic Control is required for the protection of the general public in the premises during construction. This includes flagmen, warning signs, barriers or lane control devices.

2. Department Order No. 36, series of 2007 "Provision and Installation of Road Safety Devices along Critical Sections of all DPWH Preventive Maintenance/Asphalt Overlay and Re-blocking Projects". This D.O. specifically provides the inclusion of such safety items in the engineering design, program of work, estimates, budget and bidding and contract documents of aforesaid projects.

3. Department Order No. 22, series of 2015 "Amendment to D.O. 72 series of 2014 Re: Guidelines in the Preparation of Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for infrastructure projects". As provided in Item B.7.6 of said D.O., Traffic Management is a pay item under the General Requirements.

Henceforth, this Department Order clarifies the inclusion of Traffic Management as a pay item in the preparation of ABC for Roads and Bridge projects and issued for the guidance of all the DPWH Implementing Offices.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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