

Research Problem Statement

Project Title:

MASH TL 3-20 Evaluation of a Transition with Storm Inlet (2023-01-LSRB)

Storm Drain Inlets are meant to be free opening for discharging storm water from roadways. Such openings create a discontinuity for a roadside safety device such as a transition.

Some state DOT's are considering adopting the guardrail transition developed by the Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) that can be used with or without a 4" (max.) tall curb and gutter configuration. However, there is some concerns about a 4" (max.) tall curb being insufficiently tall to contain the flow coming off the bridge on certain structures, and this could result in water flowing over the curb and lead to erosion issues.



Project Synopsis:

The goal of this project is to conduct crash test a transition with storm inlet per MASH 3-20.
There is an interest in guidance on how to address the issue of accommodating inlets capable of handling moderate to high water flow coming off the bridge with a guardrail transition and a curb and gutter. Developing such transition would help incorporating storm drain inlet into a crashworthy transition. A proposed transition with storm inlet was simulated in a current pool fund project and it shows promising behavior to pass MASH 3-21 and 3-20. The proposed system will be constructed and tested per MASH TL 3-21 conditions in fall 2022.
1.) Task 1 – Construction of the proposed design of a transition with storm inlet
7 spaces at 37-1/2" Transition Details 21'-10-1/2"
±10-1/2" — 75" — 7
19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9
Plan View 2" Guardrail Bolt Rectangular Guardrail Washer (under Nut) Thrie- to Wheam Asymmetric Transition Thrie- beam Terminal Connector Straight Beam TXDOT Type C Pre-cast Inlet Approach Slab Bolt, 7/8 x 14" hex 6325 (x 5) with F436 Washers (x 2) and the ry Hex Nut Elevation View 2.) Task 2 — Crash test of the system per MASH 3-20 3.) Task 3 — Report and recommendations
TTI researchers will provide a report documenting the simulation cases the results of the crash tests
In a current pool fund project, a design of transition with storm inlet is designed and being simulated for CIP and subsequent testing for MASH 3-21. However, to be an applicable MASH TL-3 compliant design, MASH 3-20 test also needs to be conducted. Therefore, this project/continuation is aimed to conduct MASH 3-20 test and utilize the test installation to be built in Fall 2022 with minor repair.
Total Estimated Cost = \$XX,XXX Period of Performance = 12 months
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