# Revision of Section 614

# Impact Attenuator (Low Maintenance)

**Revise Section 614 of the Standard Specifications for this project to include the following:**

## Description

This work consists of furnishing and installing low-maintenance impact attenuators. This work shall be done per these specifications and in conformity with the lines and details shown on the plans or established.

## Materials

The low maintenance impact attenuator shall be one of the following:

1. Smart Cushion, as manufactured by SCI Inc., 2500 Production Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174
2. QUADGUARD Elite System, as manufactured by Energy Absorption Systems, Inc., One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
3. QUADGUARD LMC System, as manufactured by Energy Absorption Systems, Inc., One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601

The design speed of this portion of the roadway is ♦ miles per hour.

The low maintenance impact attenuator shall meet the following design parameters:

NCHRP Report 350 (or) MASH Test Level: TL ♪

Hazard Width: ▲

Bi‑directional: ♥

Location: ♣

Object to be shielded: ♠

## Construction Requirements

The site shall be prepared to receive the low maintenance impact attenuator by filling, excavating, and smoothing the subgrade, constructing the concrete foundation pad, installing approved transition and anchoring, and all other work necessary for the proper installation of the attenuator. The foundation pad shall be 6-inch thick reinforced concrete or 8-inch thick non-reinforced concrete. Other foundations may be used, if recommended by the impact attenuator manufacturer and approved by the Engineer. The impact attenuator shall be fabricated and installed per the manufacturer's recommendations. The Contractor shall provide a copy of the manufacturer’s installation instructions and parts lists to the Engineer before installation of the device.

Each installation shall be certified as correct upon completion by a representative of the device manufacturer or by an employee of the Contractor who is a certified installer. The Contractor shall submit acceptable documentation to validate that the certified installer has completed device training and has been registered with the manufacturer as a certified installer.

## Method of Measurement

Low maintenance impact attenuators will be measured by the actual number of attenuators that are installed and accepted.

## Basis of Payment

The accepted quantities of low maintenance impact attenuators will be paid for at the contract unit price for the pay item listed below.

Payment will be made under:

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| --- | --- |
| Pay Item | Pay Unit |
| Impact Attenuator (Low Maintenance) | Each |

Payment will be full compensation for all work and materials required to furnish, install, and certify the low maintenance impact attenuator. Site preparation, foundation pad and all necessary hardware including anchors and transitions will not be measured and paid for separately but shall be included in the work.

All costs associated with either having a manufacturer's representative on-site, or training and certifying an employee of the Contractor as a certified installer, will not be measured and paid for separately, but shall be included in the work.

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**Instructions to Designers** (Delete instructions and symbols from final draft.):

Use this special provision in all urban locations and locations where the device is anticipated to be:

1. impacted at least once per year,
2. ADT is over 25,000 vehicles per day, or
3. a repair time of less than one hour and an average repair cost of less than $1,000 per impact is desired.

The special provision may be used in other locations, as determined by the Designer.

♦ Insert the design speed.

♪ Insert NCHRP Report 350 or MASH and insert TL-2 or TL-3. NCHRP Report 350 should only be used for devices developed before 2011; otherwise, MASH testing criteria should be utilized, TL-2 is used for design speeds up to 45 miles per hour. TL-3 is used for speeds greater than 45 miles per hour.

▲ Insert the hazard width.

♥ Indicate "yes" or "no". Use of an approved transition from shielded obstacle to impact attenuator is required for bidirectional use.

♣ Indicate where the attenuator will be installed such as "Median", "Gore", "Roadside", or "Construction Zone".

♠ Identify the object to be shielded, such as "Guardrail Type 3", Guardrail Type 7", "Bridge Rail", or other object.