

Clarification of June 2018 Sunset Date in the AASHTO/FHWA Joint Implementation Agreement for the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware, 2016

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The following Q&A is a supplement to the May 2018 document entitled “Clarifications on Implementing the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware, 2016.”

This Q&A has been approved by AASHTO and FHWA for dissemination to the roadside safety hardware community.

IMPLEMENTATION

What is included in the June 30, 2018, sunset date in the AASHTO/FHWA Joint Implementation Agreement?

The AASHTO/FHWA Joint Implementation Agreement states that for contracts on the National Highway System with a letting date after June 30, 2018, new permanent installations and full replacements of w beam terminals must be MASH 2016-compliant. This sunset date covers tangent terminals. Other applications, such as double-sided or median terminals, flared terminals, and terminals installed on a flare, are included in the December 31, 2019, sunset date for “all other terminals.”