## Supplementary Guidelines for Design of End-details of W-beam and Concrete Profile Barriers

With a view to further improving road safety, the principles for design of end-details of thrie-beam barrier fence should be adopted for W-beam and concrete profile barriers on expressways and roads with posted speed limit of 70km/h and above. An end of W-beam / concrete profile barrier constituting a hazard to the road users should be treated according to one of the following means whenever possible :

(a) Flaring the end of barrier away from carriageway and ending it beyond the <u>clear-zone</u>

In this case, W-beam barrier can be anchored using the typical anchor block (HyD Standard Drawing No. H 2122) according to Drawing No. TB-30. Concrete profile barrier may be ended with a sloped end treatment according to Drawing No. TB-31.

(b) Extending the barrier to connect with adjacent uphill slope, retaining wall, <u>barriers or parapets</u>

## Connect with an adjacent uphill slope or retaining wall

For W-beam, its end can be ended using the typical anchor block (HyD Standard Drawing No. H 2122) and then blended into an adjacent slope as shown on Drawing No. TB-25. Where there is a retaining wall, the W-beam end can be connected to a thrie-beam barrier and anchored onto the wall according to Drawing No. TB-24.

For concrete profile barrier, the end can be blended into an adjacent uphill slope according to Drawing No. TB-26. Where there is a retaining wall, the end of the concrete profile barrier should abut on the end of the retaining wall such that the vertical surface of the barrier will flush with the surface of the retaining wall (depression between the barrier and the wall should be smoothened out using sand cement mortar).

Connect with an adjacent barrier or parapet

For a W-beam:

- i. If the adjacent barrier is a W-beam, then the two barriers can be smoothly connected.
- If the adjacent barrier is a thrie-beam or a double thrie-beam, then the W-beam end can be connected to the thrie-beam on the traffic side according to HyD Standard Drawing No. H 2196.
- iii. If the adjacent barrier or vehicle parapet is a concrete profile barrier, concrete parapet or a steel parapet, then the W-beam end can be connected to a transition to thrie-beam and then anchored onto the adjacent barrier or vehicle parapet according to Drawing No. TB-24.

For a concrete profile barrier:

- iv. If the adjacent barrier is a concrete profile barrier, then the two barriers can be smoothly connected.
- v. If the adjacent barrier is a W-beam, then the adjacent W-beam end can be connected to a transition to thrie-beam and then anchored onto the concrete profile barrier according to Drawing No. TB-24.
- vi. If the adjacent barrier is a thrie-beam or a double thrie-beam, then the concrete profile barrier end can be connected to the adjacent barrier according to para. 15 of HQ/GN/10.
- vii. If the adjacent barrier is a steel parapet, then the barrier and the steel parapet can be ended according to Drawing No. TB-27.
- (c) <u>Provision of a crash cushion for the leading end of the barrier</u>

If the above connection arrangements are not feasible due to site constraint, a crash cushion can be installed at the leading end of the barrier. (d) Extending the end of barrier to terminate at a road section with a lower posted speed limit
Where site situation allows, consideration can also be given to extending the barrier to end at a road section with posted speed limit lower than 70km/h to reduce the necessity of sophisticated end treatment.

2. Whilst these supplementary guidelines are for W-beams and concrete profile barriers on roads with posted speed limit of 70km/h or above, it is worth noting that no blunt end should be formed for any type of barriers regardless of the posted speed limit of the road.

3. Existing end arrangement of W-beam and concrete profile barrier, if not in compliance with the principles depicted in these guidelines, shall be modified according to these guidelines whenever resources and site conditions permit.

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