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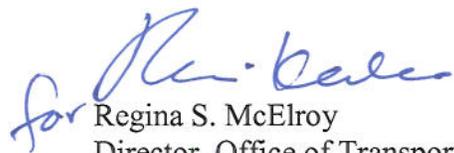
Dear Mr. Meis:

Thank you for your March 15 letter requesting approval to use Automated Flagger Assistance Devices (AFAD) in all jurisdictions in the State of California in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and our Interim Approval of January 28, 2005.

Your request is approved. Your agency should maintain a record of the usage of the devices and ensure they are being applied in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Technical Provisions for the AFAD. We would appreciate it if you would keep us apprised of the performance of these devices.

Our Interim Approval for Automated Flagger Assistance Devices has been assigned the number 1A-4R for recordkeeping purposes, and your specific approval has been numbered 1A-4R-20. Please reference this number in any future correspondence on this subject. If we can be of any further assistance on this matter, please contact Mr. Ken Wood at 708-283-4340.

Sincerely yours,


for Regina S. McElroy
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March 15, 2006

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RE: Interim Approval for the use of Automated Flagger Assistance Devices (AFADs)

Dear Ms. McElroy:

As per Section 1A.10 of the MUTCD, the California Department of Transportation requests interim approval for the use of Automatic Flagger Assistance Devices (AFAD's) in all jurisdictions in the State.

We have received requests from both the public and private sectors to use these devices. The devices will be used to assist one-way traffic control on two-lane roadways. At this time, the agencies that plan to use AFAD's are not known.

We understand that if approval is granted, per Section 1A.10 of the MUTCD, the local jurisdiction using the AFADs under this statewide interim approval is required to inform the State of such use. Also, they must agree to terminate the use of AFAD's if it becomes apparent that there are significant safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-4551.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerry Meis".

GERRY MEIS, Chief, Office of
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