

X1400326 RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLY
(COMPLETE) (LCDOT)

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Description: This work shall consist of furnishing and installing the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Assembly complete with RRFB; power supply; traffic signal post; foundation; pedestrian push button; warning signs and plaques; controller and cabinet; and wireless communication equipment as shown on the plans and/or as specified by the Engineer. All equipment and hardware required to mount the RRFB and associated equipment to the assembly shall be included in the unit cost of this item.

Materials: All components shall be manufactured and assembled as a complete system and consist of the following:

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon: Each RRFB assembly shall satisfy the FHWA *Interim Approval of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (IA-21)*, dated April 30, 2018, and all subsequent FHWA Official Interpretation Letters and the 2009 edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including the unit size, mounting location, flash rate, and operational parameters unless modified herein by this special provision. The RRFB assembly shall be programmable to allow the County Traffic Engineer to set the duration of the flashing beacon display based on the crossing time requirements established in the MUTCD. The Contractor shall furnish and install two direction RRFB units with far side indicator light mounted to the sign structure as indicated on the plans. The minimum size of the LED beacon shall be 7 inches x 3 inches with a minimum spacing between the two indications of at least 7 inches. The RRFB shall be able to be seen at least 1,000 feet in advance of the crossing during the day. The RRFB shall have an operating temperature meeting NEMA specifications.

Power Supply: The installation may be either of an external power supply or solar powered power supply.

- A. External Power Supply: If used, the external power supply shall meet the following sections of the "Standard Specifications" and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provisions except as modified herein:

Section 805, Electrical Service Installation-Traffic Signals
Section 806, Grounding
Section 810, Underground Raceways
Section 870, Multi-Conductor Power Cable
Section 873, Electric Cable

- B. Solar Power Supply: If used, the solar power supply shall be easy to install, fully self-contained weather, corrosion, and vandal-resistant, with a UV-resistant solar panel. The solar power supply shall be power autonomous without need of an external power supply. The batteries shall be sealed, maintenance free, and field-replaceable independently of other components. The battery pack shall have a minimum rated lifespan of three years. The power supply system shall have the capacity to operate the RRFB for 30 days at a normal use of 400 activations of 30 seconds per day without solar charging. The RRFB shall have an automatic light control to provide useful light during extreme conditions that prevent charging over an extended period of time. The manufacturer shall provide documentation for each installation consisting of solar power calculations to verify load, duty cycle and battery capacity based on location.

The solar panel shall be installed at the highest point on the assembly structure, or as directed by the Engineer, and away from the travelled way. The solar panel shall be installed at an angle specified by the manufacturer facing the equator (due south) with a full unobstructed solar exposure for optimum performance of the system, or as recommended by the manufacturer and directed by the Engineer. If batteries are to be installed in a separate cabinet, the cabinet shall be a minimum of seven feet above the ground and located on the post as to be not over the sidewalk, bike path or trail.

Controller: The RRFB controller shall meet the requirements of Section 858 of the "Standard Specifications" and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provisions except where modified herein:

- A. Power Options: The controller unit shall be available in both solar-powered and AC powered options.
- B. Controller to Controller Communication: At each location all installed RRFB assemblies shall communicate wirelessly using an unlicensed radio band so as to simultaneously commence operation of their alternating rapid flashing indications and cease operation simultaneously. The communication equipment shall comply with FCC requirements and the vendor representative shall field test the equipment prior to placing the units in operation to demonstrate the RRFBs ability to achieve proper operation under the requirements of FHWA Memorandum IA-21 and all subsequent interpretation letters. Up to 10 optional RF channels shall be available to allow multiple RRFB Systems to operate within close proximity of each other.
- C. Timing: The controller shall provide the full programmed timing upon all push button activations.

Traffic Signal Post: The traffic signal post shall meet the requirements of Section 875 of the “Standard Specifications” and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provisions for traffic signal post or traffic signal post, special, as shown on the plans.

Foundation: The traffic signal post foundation may be either concrete or metal.

- A. Concrete Foundation: If used the concrete foundation shall meet the requirements of Section 878 of the “Standard Specifications” and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provisions.
- B. Light Pole Foundation Metal: If used the metal foundation shall meet the requirements of Section 836 of the “Standard Specifications”.

Pedestrian Push Button: The pedestrian push button shall meet the requirements of Section 888 of the “Standard Specifications” and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provisions.

Beacon Flashing Requirements: As a specific exception to the requirements for the flash rate of beacons provided in Paragraph 3 of Section 4L.01, RRFBs shall use a much faster flash rate and shall provide 75 flashing sequences per minute. During each 800-millisecond flashing sequence, the left and right RRFB indications shall operate using the following sequence:

- A. The RRFB indication on the left-hand side shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 50 milliseconds.
- B. The RRFB indication on the right-hand side shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 50 milliseconds.
- C. The RRFB indication on the left-hand side shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 50 milliseconds.
- D. The RRFB indication on the right-hand side shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 50 milliseconds.
- E. Both RRFB indications shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 50 milliseconds.
- F. Both RRFB indications shall be illuminated for approximately 50 milliseconds. Both RRFB indications shall be dark for approximately 250 milliseconds.

The flash rate of each individual RRFB indication, as applied over the full flashing sequence, shall not be between 5 and 30 flashes per second to avoid frequencies that might cause seizures. The RRFB shall be rated for Class I light intensity output according to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

Standard J595 with a 15 year life expectancy. During the night time hours, the RRFB shall be equipped with an automatic dimming feature.

Signs: Each RRFB assembly shall include two crossing signs (W11-2, W11-15 or S1-1) 36 inch x 36 inch dimension, two diagonal downward pointing arrow (W16-7P) plaques 24 inch x 12 inch dimension, mounted back-to-back and a R10-25 9 inch x 12 inch dimension, mounted as part of or above the pedestrian push button. The W-series sign panels shall be manufactured with fluorescent yellow green type ZZ sheeting meeting the requirements of Section 1091 of the "Standard Specifications". The R-series signs shall be manufactured with type AP sheeting meeting the requirements of Section 1091 of the "Standard Specifications" and shall be vandal resistant. All signs shall meet the latest requirements of the MUTCD. The signs shall have brackets and sign channels which are equal to and completely interchangeable with those used by the LCDOT Sign Shop. The Signfix Aluminum Channel Framing System is currently recommended, but other brands of mounting hardware are acceptable based upon the County's approval.

Warranty: All materials shall be warranted for three years from date of acceptance or turn on by the LCDOT Traffic Department.

Installation: The RRFB Assembly (Complete) shall be installed strictly according to the manufacturer's recommendations, the applicable portions of the "Standard Specifications" and the LCDOT Traffic Signal Special Provision as modified herein, as shown on the Plans, and/or as directed by the Engineer.

The final elevation and location of the beacons shall be approved by the Engineer prior to the Contractor beginning work.

Basis of Payment: This work will be paid at the contract unit price for each RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLY (COMPLETE). The unit price shall include all labor, equipment, materials and documentation required to furnish and install the RRFB assembly complete with power supply; traffic signal post; foundation; pedestrian push button; warning signs and plaques; controller and cabinet; wireless communication equipment; and mounting hardware.