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TO: Region Engineers

ATTN: Area Operation, Construction, and County Transportation Engineers

FROM: Winston J. Powe, PE *WJP*
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RE: Standard Specification 529 - Retaining Wall Payment

It has recently come to our attention that some MSE Wall contractors are requesting payment based on the quantity shown in their approved wall design submittals in lieu of the wall quantity shown in the contract documents/ALDOT plan set. Please note Standard Specification 529.04 (Retaining Wall Method of Measurement) states:

Compensation for retaining walls will be made for the number of square feet (square meters) within the limits of payment shown on the plans. (The Engineer will not conduct field measurements of the wall for the purposes of payment, other than for Partial Payments under Article 109.07.) The limits of payment will be the following:

- top of the wall;
- bottom of the wall (bottom of the leveling pad or footing where the bearing capacity is shown);
- beginning and end of the wall.

Section 101, Definition of Terms defines the plans as:

Plans. The contract drawings, which show the location, character, dimensions, and details of the prescribed work, including layouts, profiles, cross sections, and other details or reproductions thereof.

The wall design submittals required by Subarticle 529.03(c) are not contract drawings. Therefore, they should not be used as the basis of payment for Retaining Walls under Standard Specification 529.

Please ensure that your Project Managers are familiar with this CIM.

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