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Request for a Finding in the Public’s Interest.

Project Number

Route and County

The City is requesting approval of a proprietary item for use on the above referenced project. In order to meet the purpose and need of the project, the City requests the usage of the Frey Traffic Crosswalk Pedestal.

The Frey Traffic Crosswalk Pedestal allows the City to replace pedestrian push buttons when they are destroyed or damaged by a vehicle. The product eliminates the need to dig up the existing concrete speeding up the replacement of pedestrian push buttons. The pedestal also eliminates the hazard of having a sharp end of the pedestal remnant after impact, thereby improving pedestrian safety in the interim between incidents and replacement.

Although alternative products for this need and usage exists, the City request that this specific product as it has been introduced at a public meeting and the appearance and usage was preferred by those in attendance. Additionally, we have collected comments online and in person on the aesthetics and usage of available products, resulting in a demonstrated preference for this product.

The City is interested in making this product the standard product for all City inventories and future usage. Our maintenance inventory and repair processes and staff training will be oriented around the usage of this product. Additionally, usage of this product will establish the aesthetic appearance of our streetscape, for which future projects will support.

A cost comparison with alternative products indicates no significant difference between this product and other crosswalk pedestals.

In accordance with 23 CFR 635.411(c) we request your approval of this proprietary item.