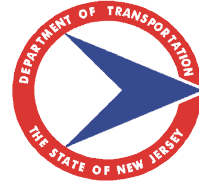


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Baseline Document Change Announcement

ANNOUNCEMENT: **BDC25S-05**

DATE: **June 12, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Emergency Towing Service**
 - **Revisions to Subpart 159.03.09 and Subsection 159.04 of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.**

Subpart 159.03.09 and Subsection 159.04 of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction have been revised to incorporate additional emergency towing service specifications and pay items, and clarify their units of payment.

The following revisions have been incorporated into the 2019 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction via the 2019 Standard Inputs, SI2019:

159.03.09 Emergency Towing Service
THE SUBPART IS CHANGED TO:

At least 30 days before the start of construction operations, submit to the RE for approval an emergency towing service plan for removing abandoned vehicles and vehicles that are disabled but not as the result of an accident. The police will arrange for towing services to remove vehicles that are disabled due to traffic accidents. Indicate in the plan the proposed manner of providing towing service, including the type, quantity, and location of towing equipment to be used.

Provide towing service to remove disabled and abandoned vehicles from the construction zone to the nearest location where the vehicle can be legally parked. Ensure that the towing service responds immediately upon notice of a disabled vehicle. If the towing service fails to respond within a timeframe as determined by the RE, the Department will use its own forces to remove the disabled vehicle and may recover these costs as specified in 107.16.

Provide light duty emergency towing service for emergency towing of vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) up to and including 26,000 pounds, and heavy-duty emergency towing service for emergency towing of vehicles with a GVWR greater than 26,000 pounds that require specialized equipment capable of moving large disabled vehicles.

Provide on-site emergency towing service only when lane closures include a lane that is barrier-delineated on both sides (barrier-delineated lane) and when directed by the RE. Ensure that the tow vehicle is stationed at the end of the barrier-delineated lane and remains on standby as long as the barrier-delineated lane is in place.

159.04 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

THE FOLLOWING PAY ITEM IS DELETED:

EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE

UNIT

THE FOLLOWING PAY ITEMS ARE ADDED:

EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, LIGHT DUTY
 EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, HEAVY DUTY
 EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, ON-SITE

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THE FOLLOWING IS ADDED AFTER THE LAST PARAGRAPH:

The Department will make payment for EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, LIGHT DUTY and EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, HEAVY DUTY by the unit. A unit consists of 1 tow of a disabled or abandoned vehicle, not as the result of an accident, from the construction zone to the nearest location where the vehicle can be legally parked.

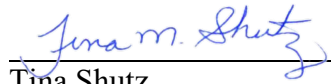
The Department will make payment for EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE, ON-SITE, based on the total hours the approved tow vehicle and driver are on-site as directed by the RE, which includes compensation for both the standby time and time for the towing service.

Implementation Code R (ROUTINE)

Changes must be implemented in all applicable Department projects scheduled for Final Design Submission at least one month after the date of the BDC announcement. This will allow designers to make necessary plan, specifications, and estimate/proposal changes without requiring the need for an addenda or postponement of advertisement or receipt of bids.

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