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## ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

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### Incidental Cost Percentages (2018)

This bulletin provides updated guidance on selecting the Incidental Costs associated with estimates of Department-administered construction contracts. This guidance supersedes the January 10, 2014 memorandum titled *Incidental Cost Estimates and Project Contingencies* (Attachment 2, [Cost Estimating Guidelines](#)).

The initial estimated amount for construction incidentals should be based upon a percentage of the estimated construction cost (contract items). Following a review of the incidental costs and final construction costs for various sizes and types of projects based on historical data, the incidentals percentages to be applied for the respective categories of projects are shown in the table below.

<b>Project Size/Type</b>	<b>Estimated Incidental Cost (as percent of contract cost)</b>
Less than \$1 Million	40
\$1 Million to \$5 Million	25
\$5 Million to \$20 Million	20
\$20 Million to \$50 Million	15
Greater than \$50 Million	15
Resurfacing, Safety Improvements*	30
Traffic, Incident Management	35

\* Applies to Resurfacing by Contract (RBC) and Pavement Preservation Projects (PPP) if the design estimate is less than \$20 Million. If greater than \$20 Million use lower rates as applicable to the other project ranges.

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The incidental percentages shown above should be used for all cost estimates through PS&E approval. The Construction Districts will continue to prepare the incidental budget for the units involved in construction support. The incidental establishment memorandum will be produced after the award amount and consultant fees, if any, are known and will be incorporated into the project budget with the first Project Modification. **For projects that exceed \$50 million in construction costs, any estimate for incidentals that is greater than the percentages in the guidelines require approval from the Construction Administrator.**