



## CDOT Specification Library – April 24, 2024 Release Notes

This CDOT Specification Library portal houses all recurring CDOT Specifications. The library associates commonly used CDOT specialty line items to their corresponding specifications. The library is the record of truth for CDOT Specifications and is for use on all projects impacting the City of Chicago public way. Key system features are detailed below.

- The initial release will contain commonly utilized CDOT specialty line items and their associated CDOT Specifications.
- Standard details will be included in a subsequent release.
- Line items and specifications can be filtered and sorted using column header filter boxes or sort arrows.
- Line items with similar core characteristics varying only in size, type, or shape have been associated with a single specification for efficiency and consistency.
- Specifications are separated into two types, line item level and project level. Project level are overarching specifications that are not associated to any specific line items, but rather a material category. These are non-payment based specifications such as workmanship requirements for a type of material, or a special QC/QA process specific to a project funding source. Line item specifications are always associated with a line item.
- Specifications designated as “Yes” under the IDOT Preapproved column have been previewed by IDOT and will not be under additional scrutiny if a project is required to go through an IDOT review prior to project advertising.
- The system is designed to allow users to add line items and specifications to a download cart for export to their computer desktop download folder.
- Line items added to the download cart will automatically add the associated specification(s) to the cart.
- Specification not associated to a line item will show up in the download cart as red text indicating to the user there is no line item currently associated with that specification. This occurs if a specification is selected prior to the associated line item, or if a project level specification is selected that has no line item associations. Designers are encouraged to start at the line item side of the library to ensure the appropriate specifications are included, then progress to the project level specifications prior to downloading the items in the cart.
- The download process creates a zip folder containing a word document that includes the standard CDOT Book 3 table of line items with the associated specification numbers and a readme excel document with details on what line items and specifications were downloaded.
- The reference section of the library includes links for other Agency/Department websites and files that may be necessary during the development of contract documents.

If an item is not included in the library check the standard IDOT coded pay item list to determine if the item is covered by the IDOT SSRBC. New CDOT line items and specifications should be the last option and first discussed with the CDOT PM to determine necessity. If necessary the CDOT PM will coordinate with the CDOT Specification Manager before creating any new CDOT specifications or line items.

If something seems to be missing or there are questions about any items contained in the library, please do not hesitate to call the CDOT Specification Manager, Katherine Au with TranSystems, at 630-606-2204, or by email at [kau@transystems.com](mailto:kau@transystems.com).