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LETTER TO HIGHWAYS AGENCY MAINTAINING AGENTS

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Dear Sir,

RE: TRL Project – Whole Life Cost-Benefit Analysis for Median Safety Barriers

TRL Ltd. have been commissioned by the UK Highways Agency to undertake an investigation into the Whole Life Costs associated with concrete and metal vehicle restraint systems (safety fences and barriers) in the median of UK Motorways and Trunk Roads.

The output from this work is required to support a review of Highways Agency policy on the level of containment provided in the median and the optimum products in terms of safety and cost benefit to provide this.

The output is also required to inform a review of the use of concrete barrier to support a new initiative for 'Maintenance Friendly Design'. This will require the review to take particular account of all aspects of maintenance requirements for metal and concrete barriers.

As a result of this study, and its outlined aims and objectives, I would be most appreciative if you could supply me with any information relating to the following salient points:

- The number and extent of repairs as a result of accidents involving concrete and metal barrier systems;
- Repair costs per annum and for the whole life of concrete and metal barrier systems;
- The time required for the repair and maintenance of concrete and metal barrier systems and associated traffic delay costs;
- Any information relating to the severity injuries observed after impacts with concrete and metal barrier systems.

Due to the time scale associated with the project, it would be most helpful if you could reply to me by Friday 31st October 2003.

Many thanks for your time in this matter, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G.L.Williams, Researcher, Vehicle Restraint Systems.