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12-01 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS:

A. This project is subject to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Construction General Permit under the Texas Pollutant Discharges Elimination System (TPDES) Program as well as the City's Ordinances. The City is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Operator.

B. The Contractor is considered the Primary Operator and is responsible for the Erosion Control Plan, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Permit (SWPPP), and or Notice of Intent/Notice of Termination (NOI/NOT) as well as ongoing compliance throughout construction. The Contractor shall provide adequate erosion, sedimentation and pollution controls, and shall be solely responsible for day to day operations, inspections, and maintenance of stormwater controls. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure no sediment leaves the site. An Erosion Control Plan has been included in the construction plans for the Contractor's use. The provided Erosion Control Plan serves as minimum measures to control erosion, sediment, and pollution during construction.

Note to staff – delete yellow highlighted if plans are not included

C. The City is considered the Secondary Operator and has control over specifications, plans and the Erosion Control Plan and/or SWPPP. The Contractor shall comply with all requests by the City for maintenance of stormwater controls or general site maintenance to prevent erosion, sedimentation, or pollution.

D. The information contained in the Erosion Control Plan, SWPPP, NOI and/or Site Notices shall be in accordance with the TPDES Construction General Permit and City's Ordinances. All plans, permits, and notices shall be submitted to the City for review at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to commencement of construction activities. Final plans, permits and notices shall be submitted to the City and TCEQ (if applicable). Notices must be posted on site prior to commencement of construction activities.

E. All plans and permits shall be prepared and certified by a Licensed Professional Engineer or other professional, approved by the City, certified in a discipline that includes erosion and sediment control principles appropriate for the site in accordance with City Ordinances.

F. For projects that disturb less than twelve thousand (12,000) square feet that are not part of a Larger Common Plan of Development, no submittals are required. Installation, inspection and maintenance of stormwater controls shall be in accordance with standards set forth in the TPDES Construction General Permit.

G. For projects that disturb between twelve thousand (12,000) square feet and 1-acre that are not part of a Larger Common Plan of Development, the Contractor shall prepare an Erosion Control Plan (if it is not provided in the construction plans). Inspection and maintenance of stormwater controls shall be in accordance with standards set forth in the TPDES Construction General Permit.

H. For projects that disturb between 1-acre and 5-acres, the Contractor shall provide a site specific SWPPP and two (2) separate Site Notices (one to be signed by the Contractor and one to be signed by the City). The SWPPP shall be prepared and certified by a licensed professional civil engineer or by a certified professional who is familiar with the TCEQ TPDES Construction General Permit requirements. The SWPPP shall be subject to approval by the City and/or TCEQ and shall contain information as required by the TPDES General Permit Regulations and the City's checklist included in the City's Design Criteria Manual.

I. For projects larger than 5-acres, the Contractor shall provide a site specific SWPPP and two (2) separate Site Notices (one to be signed by the Contractor and one to be signed by the City). The SWPPP shall be prepared and certified by a licensed professional civil engineer or by a certified professional who is familiar with the TCEQ TPDES Construction General Permit requirements. The SWPPP shall be subject to approval by the City and/or TCEQ and shall contain information as required by the TPDES General Permit Regulations and the City's checklist included in the City's Design Criteria Manual. The Contractor shall submit a NOI to TCEQ and obtain a site specific TPDES authorization number prior to the commencement of construction activities. The Contractor shall submit a NOT within thirty (30) days of project completion to TCEQ. Copy of the NOI and NOT must be submitted to the City.

J. The following shall be maintained on the project site by the Contractor at all times:
   1. Post near main entrance to project site or at project site office:

      a. Site Notices (signed by the Contractor and the City) depending on project size.

      b. Local contact person with phone number.

      c. Brief description of project.

      d. Location of SWPPP (if applicable)

   2. SWPPP including any revisions (if applicable).

K. **The stormwater controls must be in place on the project prior to any construction activity. Any stockpiles of unusable items and/or excavated materials shall be removed from the project site within seven (7) days.** In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to control soil erosion, pollution and/or siltation, the City reserves the right to employ outside assistance or to use City forces to provide the necessary corrective measures. Such incurred direct costs plus project engineering costs will be billed to the Contractor. Contractor shall not begin work to the detriment of work already begun. Contractor shall conduct operations so as to impose a minimum interference to traffic. Monthly pay estimates to the Contractor may be withheld until Contractor is in compliance.

L. A lump sum bid item in the amount designated in the PROPOSAL has been to pay the Contractor for SWPPP preparation as well as providing, installing, and maintaining the physical stormwater control measures throughout construction and removal of all items and structures constructed for stormwater pollution protection once vegetation is established. Twenty five percent (25%) of this amount will be paid on the first monthly pay estimate with the remainder amount prorated equally to the remainder months of the contract time.

M. Contractor shall provide an electronic file in pdf format of the final SWPPP, including all revisions, inspections and NOT (if applicable) with the final payment estimate.

12-02 FILTER FABRICS:

A. The filter fabric shall be of a synthetic material that will allow stormwater to freely flow through while trapping sediment and debris. The geotextile shall be non-biodegradable and resistant to degradation by ultraviolet exposure and resistant to contaminants commonly encountered in storm water.

B. When applicable, the applications and uses of the filter fabric include but are not limited to the selection listed below. The filter fabrics have the following Minimum Average Roll Values (MARV) for physical properties:

			Applications/Uses				
			Silt Fence	Sub-Drain, French Drain	Dewatering	Separation, Pipe Embedment, Concrete Channels, Concrete Slope Protection, Weepholes	Construction Access
Tensile Strength	ASTM D-4632	LBS	100x 100	120	200	250	300
CBR Puncture	ASTM D-6241	LBS	250	300	600	700	850
Apparent Opening Size (max)	ASTM D-4751	US Sieve (max)	30	70	70	80	80
Apparent Opening Size (min)	ASTM D-4751	US Sieve (min)	80	80	80	100	100
Water Flow Rate	ASTM D-4491	GAL/ MIN/	8	120	85	75	75

UV Resistance	ASTM D-4355	% (500 HRS)	80	70	70	70	70
Woven / Nonwoven			Woven	Nonwoven	Nonwoven	Nonwoven	Nonwoven

12-03 DETOURS AND BARRICADES:

A. After coordinating and discussing plans with the Project Manager and Inspector the Contractor shall submit one (1) copy of a Traffic Control Plan, together with the Temporary Traffic Control Permit two (2) weeks prior to closing any street or causing any obstruction to traffic on any street to the Department of Public Works. The Contractor shall not proceed with the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan until notified by the City that the plan has been accepted. The Traffic Control Plan shall be drawn at a scale not less than 1″=200′ unless approved by the Traffic Engineer; and such that it is legible; and shall include proposed street closings, detours, barricade placements, and sign placement, including advance warning signs, temporary signals, portable message boards and pavement markings, if necessary. (Rev. 9/2021)

B. The Contractor shall furnish and erect suitable barricades, signs, signals and appropriate pavement markings to protect motorists and pedestrians, as set forth in the latest edition of the TEXAS MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. However, vertical panels will not be allowed unless approved by the Traffic Engineer. The barricades, signs, signals and pavement markings shall be constructed, placed, and adequately maintained as set forth in the Traffic Control Plan or as directed by the City.

C. Unless otherwise approved by the City two-way traffic shall be maintained on all roadways under construction at all times. If it becomes necessary to detour traffic off the existing paved roadway for more than seven (7) days, a hard surface driving lane, such as asphalt, shall be properly constructed and maintained by the Contractor throughout the duration of the detour. All temporary tie-ins shall be constructed to a minimum of 4-inches Type “B” asphalt over a compacted subgrade (standard compaction). Subsequent maintenance of all detours and tie-ins shall be considered subsidiary to the unit prices bid for temporary asphalt. Cutting, removing, and replacing the asphalt for utility installations, excavation, and/or liming operations shall be considered subsidiary to the initial placement of asphalt and will not be paid for each re-installation. Asphalt shall be replaced within seven (7) days of removal for these activities. A bid item is included for furnishing, installing, maintaining and final removal of the asphalt.

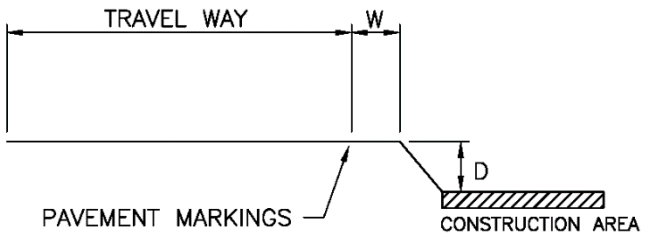
D. Where pavement drop-offs occur, traffic control plans shall be in accordance as illustrated on the following "Traffic Control Device Detail," which is enclosed as part of these specifications. These guidelines are applicable to construction work where continuous pavement edges or drop-offs exist parallel and adjacent to a lane used for traffic.

E. When performing maintenance on major arterials or as directed by the Traffic Engineer, Contractor shall use portable message boards to inform the public of the construction date,

length of project, and to expect delays. The signs shall be operational twenty-four (24) hours a day. Portable message boards shall be erected at minimum three (3) calendar days prior to beginning work or as directed by the City, and all verbiage shall be approved by the City Traffic Engineer.

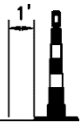
F. No direct compensation (unless bid item included) will be made to the Contractor for furnishing, installing, and maintaining any Traffic Control Devices, including but not limited to message boards, barricades, warning signs, signals, pavement markings, and detours and their subsequent maintenance and removal. This is to be considered subsidiary to the several items for which unit prices are requested in the PROPOSAL.

G. Should it be necessary for the City to provide and/or maintain signs, barricades, signals, and markings due to Contractors lack of response to correct deficiencies, Contractor shall be billed for the work performed by the City.



"W" GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 30' — NO DEVICE NEEDED

"W" LESS THAN 30' BUT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 12' WITHOUT CURB OR 2' WITH CURB



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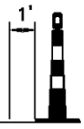

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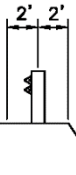
4'MIN. (6'DESIRED)

Ⓑ "D" GREATER THAN 6" TO 24"



Ⓒ "D" GREATER THAN 24"

MBGF, CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER OR "W" SECTION ON DRUMS FOR SLOPES STEEPER THAN 2:1 (IF SLOPE IS 2:1 OR FLATTER DETAIL B MAY BE USED)

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE DETAIL

ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE TEXAS MANUAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

REV: 03/31/16

CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS		
Traffic Control Device		
DATE:	SCALE: NTS	SHEET ___ OF ___
DESIGNED BY:	DRAWN BY:	CHECKED BY:

12-04 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS:

A. DESCRIPTION: Traffic signals at signalized intersections are required to remain operational at all times throughout the duration of the project. Temporary traffic signals shall be considered for all existing signalized intersections within the limits of this project. This section describes furnishing, installing, maintaining, and removing intersection temporary traffic signals. Temporary traffic signals are considered a part of the Traffic Control Plan and no additional pay will be made to the Contractor for this work.

B. GENERAL:

1. Contractor shall furnish, install, maintain, reconfigure, and remove temporary traffic signals in accordance with the latest TxDOT Standard Specifications. All traffic signals shall conform to the latest Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD)

2. Contractor shall provide temporary striping to compliment the temporary traffic signals. The temporary striping plans shall be part of the Traffic Control Plans submitted for approval.

3. City will supply signal controller cabinet and signal controller. Contractor shall contact the Traffic Operations Division to arrange for pickup of equipment.

4. Contractor shall furnish and install a temporary VIVDS system for the temporary signal. Contractor will be responsible for providing all materials necessary to make it operational.

5. The Contractor is responsible for providing connection between the temporary signal and the City's Signal Network. The Contractor shall coordinate with the City to facilitate the connection by providing three (3) business days notice to the Inspector prior to making the connection.

6. Contractor will be responsible for furnishing and installing the temporary electrical service for temporary traffic signals according to the requirements of the City. Contractor will also be responsible for all necessary permits, inspection, and coordination as needed between the City and the utility regarding billing.

7. A signal inspection of the completed temporary traffic signal installation will be performed by the City. Contractor shall provide three (3) business days notice to the Inspector to request for an inspection. The City will not approve activation until the Contractor corrects all discrepancies identified in the inspection.

8. Contractor will be responsible to verify the span heights throughout the project duration.

9. Signal faces shall be placed as directed by the City. Make every effort to give maximum visibility to all signals intended for view by the motoring public.

10. The name and telephone number of the persons qualified and assigned to maintain the temporary traffic signal shall be provided to the City. Ensure this personnel will be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, from the start of the project until the temporary traffic signal is no longer needed. Emergency calls must be received by an individual and not by an answering machine.

11. Upon completion of new signal installation, the Contractor shall switch control of the intersection over to the new permanent cabinet. Upon deactivation of the temporary signal, Contractor will need to call the electrical utility immediately for disconnection of the temporary electrical service.

12. Upon acceptance of new signal, completely remove poles and other supports used for temporary signals. Remove the temporary traffic signal faces the same day the permanent traffic signal is turned on. Removal of remaining temporary signal components shall be completed within three (3) days of activation of the permanent signal. With approval, concrete foundations may be left 2-feet or more below finish grade. Backfill and surface restoration is the responsibility of the Contractor.

13. Any equipment furnished by the city shall be returned to the city, unless the city desires to use the equipment in the permanent signal system. All other temporary signal components shall be completely removed and retained by the Contractor.

C. MAINTENANCE:

1. Contractor shall immediately correct lamp/LED outages within twenty-four (24) hours of the reported outage.

2. Contractor shall respond within one (1) hour of notification to provide corrective action to any emergency such as but not limited to signal cable problems and equipment failures. If equipment becomes damaged or faulty beyond repair, replace it within one (1) working day. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure sufficient amounts of materials and equipment are in stock to provide immediate repairs.

3. The City of Arlington Field Operations Division will make every effort to have permanent signals relocated, in place, and in working order as required by the time the project is accepted. If this does not occur, it will not delay project acceptance; and a separate agreement between the general Contractor, subcontractor, and the City may be written so the City takes over responsibility of payments to the traffic control subcontractor for on-going maintenance and removal of the temporary signals.

12-05 PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC:

A. The Contractor shall at all times conduct the work in such manner as to ensure the least possible obstruction to public traffic and protect the safety of the public. Any provisions necessary for the work being performed to provide public safety and convenience shall be the direct responsibility of the Contractor and shall be performed at his/her expense.

B. Materials placed on the site, materials excavated and construction materials or equipment shall be located so as to cause as little obstruction to the public as possible.

C. The City reserves the right to remedy any neglect on the part of the Contractor in regard to public convenience and safety which may come to our attention. The cost of such work done or material furnished by the City shall be billed to the Contractor.

12-06 PROTECTION OF FLOODPLAIN:

A. No dumping will be allowed in floodplains or below the 100-year flood elevation of drainage ways. Areas in the floodplain or near drainage ways shall be protected and be undisturbed unless otherwise noted in the construction plans. No items shall be placed in the floodplain or drainage ways unless approved by the City, including but not limited to temporary stockpiling and/or material storage.

B. Contractor is responsible for ensuring all applicable local, state and federal permits are approved prior to any land disturbance in floodplains or drainage ways. Construction activity shall not divert or obstruct the natural flow of surface water in a manner that damages surrounding properties.

12-07 PROTECTION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY:

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all fences, trees, curb and gutter, and other improvements on the property adjoining the construction sites from damage by the Contractor's equipment and personnel. The Contractor shall be responsible for notifying the property owners in advance of any trimming to be done on trees. The Contractor will notify the City of any trees, shrubs, or bushes that are not identified on the plans that must be removed by the construction. Trees not identified on the plans shall not be removed until permission is granted by the City. The Contractor will not be allowed to place excess material, forms, equipment, or any other material outside the street right-of-way without written permission of the property owner and approval of the City.

B. For documentation purposes, the Contractor will be responsible to video the job site prior to commencing work and to provide the Inspector with a date stamped copy of the video. To avoid any dispute of damages caused, it is strongly recommended the video be of good quality and capture as much detail as possible. Contractor will be responsible for any damages caused by the Contractor or his/her subcontractors. Damages shall be repaired or resolved promptly upon notification by the Inspector. Damages to irrigation by negligence of the Contractor shall be repaired by a licensed irrigator within forty-eight (48) hours of being damaged. Contractor will be responsible for any cost incurred if City forces or City's contractor repairs the damages due to lack of response from the Contractor. Such cost shall be billed to the Contractor.

12-08 PROTECTION OF ADJACENT LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS:

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of any existing landscaping improvements in the medians and parkways adjacent to the project including but not limited to trees, shrubs and irrigation from damage by Contractor's equipment or personnel.

B. If the Contractor damages any of the landscaping improvements, the Contractor shall be responsible for replacing and/or repairing the improvements at his/her expense. Monthly pay estimates may be withheld until the replacement or repair has been fully performed. If the Contractor feels any of the landscaping improvements are in conflict with the project and must be removed or have prior damage, the Contractor shall notify the City prior to removal of any landscaping improvements.

12-09 PROTECTION & CLEANING OF EXISTING STORM OR SANITARY SEWERS:

A. If the Contractor, through carelessness or negligence, obstructs the flow of or deposits any materials into any existing storm or sanitary sewer lines, the Contractor shall provide the necessary equipment and labor (or hire a subcontractor approved by the City) to clean and televise the affected lines. The limits of the lines to be cleaned and televised will be determined by the Inspector.

B. The identified lines shall be cleaned within forty-eight (48) hours of notification. In emergency situations, timeline for cleaning the lines will be determined by the Inspector. After cleaning, the Contractor shall televise and videotape the lines. Video tapes shall be delivered to the Inspector so they can be reviewed and approved for acceptance of the cleaning work.

12-10 MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE DRAINAGE: Contractor shall maintain adequate drainage at all times during construction. Changing of natural runoff flow locations or concentrating flows to a point of potential harm to the adjacent property will not be allowed.

12-11 TEMPORARY ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES:

A. The Contractor shall maintain all private drives in an accessible condition to allow residents ingress and egress before leaving the job site, except during the placing and curing of drive approaches. All commercial drives and other locations with high traffic volumes, as directed by the City, shall be a minimum of 4-inches Type "B" asphalt over a compacted subgrade (standard compaction). Subsequent maintenance of drives shall be considered subsidiary to the unit prices bid. Cutting, removing, and replacing the asphalt for utility installations, excavation, and/or liming operations shall be considered subsidiary to the initial placement of asphalt and will not be paid for each re-installation. Asphalt shall be replaced within seven (7) days of removal for these activities.

B. Should a vehicle become damaged or stranded due to an inaccessible condition, any legitimate claims arising from such conditions shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The City reserves the right to withhold monthly pay estimates until all claims are resolved.

12-12 CRUSHED STONE BAD WEATHER PROTECTION:

A. During periods of bad weather, the Contractor shall put in place, on excavated streets, 1½-inches to 2-inches crushed stone or crushed concrete sufficient to provide temporary access to private property. All material will be removed and stockpiled for future use at other locations as necessary. Any material removed and hauled off the project site without

approval from the City will be replaced by an equal quantity at the Contractor's expense. Special care will be taken by the Contractor during placement and removal of the material, not to unnecessarily combine it with native material on the project. If special care is not taken by the Contractor, an equal quantity of material will be replaced at the Contractor's expense.

B. Weight tickets shall be submitted to the Inspector or his/her representative no later than one (1) week after delivery. Any tickets not submitted within this time frame or signed by the Inspector shall not be paid.

C. NOTE: The use of crushed stone or crushed concrete as a means to detour traffic or maintain two-way traffic will not be paid under this item.

D. The tons in the bid quantity are rough estimates. The actual amount used will be determined by the need for temporary and/or emergency access during construction.

12-13 USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY:

A. The Contractor shall not at any time use private property to park or turn around construction vehicles or store equipment and/or materials without the written permission of the property owner.

B. The Contractor shall not at any time use water metered by meters set for the property owner's use without written permission of the property owner. Contractor is responsible for any and all damages caused to private property or additional cost incurred by property owner due to use of property for construction purposes.

12-14 USE OF CITY PARKS:

A. The Contractor shall obtain written permission from the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the use of City park property for access or for the storage of machinery, equipment, materials, and/or supplies.

B. Any damage incurred to City park property, by unauthorized use by the Contractor will be the responsibility of the Contractor to repair in an equal or better condition. Monthly pay estimates to the Contractor may be withheld until the damage is repaired and/or payment for the damages has been made.

12-15 CONSECUTIVE STREET CONSTRUCTION: The rate of progress shall be such that at no time shall more than three (3) streets be under construction at the same time without prior approval by the City.

12-16 TOWING OF VEHICLES: The Contractor shall follow applicable City Ordinances should it be determined that vehicles parked upon a City street must be moved in order to perform street maintenance or construction. Contractor shall provide ample notice to the City if any vehicle is to be towed.

12-17 CONSTRUCTION WATER:

A. Contractor is responsible to provide all water necessary for the construction of this project. All construction water will be metered by City owned meters. A fee and a deposit must be paid before the meter is released to the Contractor. Payment and meter pick up locations are the South Service Center, 1100 S.W. Green Oaks, or City Hall Customer Care, 101 W. Abram. The meter readings will be submitted online by the Contractor and billed each month in accordance with the current Customer Care and Business Services Policy.

B. Any damage that occurs to the meter during this time will be repaired by the City at the expense of the Contractor. The cost of the repairs will be deducted from the deposit and the remaining deposit will be returned to the Contractor. This procedure will be followed wherever construction water is needed.

C. If the meter is set on a fire hydrant, the meter assembly shall be provided with an approved backflow prevention device, provided by the Contractor in accordance with the standard detail and the Fire Hydrant Meter Agreement requirements located under http://www.arlingtontx.gov/details. (Rev 4/2019)

12-18 DAILY CLEANUP & REMOVAL ITEMS:

A. The removal of existing concrete curb and gutters, concrete valley gutters, concrete drive, and existing drainage features, shall be at the locations indicated by the City and shall be paid for under the right-of-way preparation pay item (See Special Provision Section 12-22, Right-of-way/Easement Preparation) unless a separate bid item is included in the PROPOSAL.

B. All concrete curb and gutter and drive approaches removed will be broken out at existing construction expansion joints if possible. Where existing concrete is removed, the slab will be sawed in a neat straight line the full depth of the slab. The cost for sawing and breaking shall be considered subsidiary to the unit price bid for concrete removal. The Contractor shall make every effort to protect all concrete surfaces that will remain. Any remaining surfaces damaged during removal operations by the Contractor will be replaced at the Contractor's expense.

C. Disposal of excess materials and debris resulting from construction, including but not limited to concrete, excess soil, forms, and rebar shall be removed and disposed of on a daily basis, unless other disposal schedule is approved by Inspector. Depending on type of material or debris, dump trucks should be the primary source of disposal. Contractor will be responsible for providing the necessary equipment or vehicle for such task.

D. Dump trucks must be tarped while in transit to disposal sites. Tarps must be secured and not torn or tattered. All applicable State and local laws and ordinances relating to hauling, handling, and disposal of such materials shall be complied with. Use of Roll Off Box shall meet the City's Ordinances.

E. The responsibility of locating suitable disposal sites for removal items on this project will be solely a function of the Contractor. The City will in no way be responsible for the actions of the Contractor if he disposes of excess material in locations that are not approved.

12-19 DUST CONTROL: Contractor will be responsible for minimizing dust on a daily basis and when instructed by the City. Dust control shall include, but is not limited to operations such as watering stockpiles, subgrade, pavement, sawing (including brick pavers), concrete joint sealing, routing, and crack sealing. Equipment necessary for capturing particulate matter during the process of routing, cleaning & sealing cracks & joints shall be considered subsidiary. The necessary application of water for dust shall be considered subsidiary to the other bid items.

(Rev. 10/2020)

12-20 MOWING DURING CONSTRUCTION: Contractor shall maintain existing parkways and medians at all times during construction by providing periodic mowing to meet the applicable City Ordinances. Any code violation or citation issued for not maintaining these areas will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Contractor will also be responsible for any cost incurred if City forces or City's contractor performs the mowing due to lack of response from the Contractor. Such cost will be billed to the Contractor.

12-21 EXISTING UTILITIES:

A. In the preparation of plans and specifications, the engineer has endeavored to indicate the location of existing underground utility lines which are known to the engineer. It is not guaranteed that all lines or structures have been shown on the plans. Prior to the start of construction, the Contractor shall communicate with the local representative of all utility companies and advise said representatives of the route of the proposed construction in order to obtain the assistance of the utility companies in the location of and in the avoidance of the conflicts with utility lines.

B. The Contractor should not assume the City has Surface Utility Engineering (SUE) maps for any of the proposed locations. Contractor will be responsible for calling for ALL locates (1-800-DIGTESS) in a timely matter to ensure utility issues are addressed and resolved within the allotted contract time. Contractor will also be responsible for complying with all State regulation and requirements.

C. For the City's Streetlights, Storm Water, Signals, Fiber Optics, Water and Sewer line locates, request must be made online through the City's web site or through the "Ask Arlington" App. For emergency locates, as defined as a situation that endangers life, health, or property; or a situation in which the public need for uninterrupted service and immediate re-establishment of service, or if services are interrupted compels immediate action, call (817) 459-5900. If a request is falsely called in as an emergency, Contractor will be liable for payment of the emergency line locate service call.

D. The Contractor shall contact the proper utility representative for questions or coordination of construction related to existing utilities. It is the Contractor's responsibility to uncover and determine the elevation and location of all potential conflicts well ahead of the excavation.

E. The Contractor shall make every effort to protect existing utilities and other lines or structures. The Contractor shall not adjust, remove, or operate existing utilities unless specifically requested to do so in these specifications or authorized to do so by the City.

F. Contractor shall protect all utility pole(s) impacted by the construction. Protection shall include temporary bracing of the utility poles where adjacent excavation could reasonably compromise the stability of the utility pole(s). Contractor shall coordinate the utility pole bracing with the owner of the utility pole(s) and the City. Unless there is a specific pay item for temporary pole bracing of utility pole(s), bracing of utility poles shall be incidental to other pay items included in the contract. Any utility damaged by the Contractor during the construction shall be suitably replaced at the Contractor's expense.

G. Where excavation endangers adjacent structures and utilities, the Contractor shall, at his/her own expense, carefully support and protect such structures and/or utilities so that there will be no failure or settlement. Where it is necessary to move services, poles, guy wires, pipe lines, or other obstructions, the Contractor shall notify and cooperate with the utility owner.

H. Should damage to any existing structure or utility occurs, whether from failure or settlement, the Contractor shall restore the structure or utility to its original condition and position without compensation from the City. All costs of temporarily or permanently relocating the conflicting utilities shall be borne by the Contractor without extra compensation from the City.

12-22 SITE PREPARATION:

A. Site preparation shall consist of preparing the right-of-way, designated easements, and additional areas made available for construction of this project by the removal and disposal of all obstructions. Such obstructions shall be considered to include: remains of houses not completely removed by others, foundations, floor slabs, concrete, brick, lumber, plaster, septic tanks, basements, abandoned utility pipes and conduits, equipment and other foundations, fences, retaining walls, outhouses, shacks, sheds, curb and gutters, driveways, paved parking areas, miscellaneous stone, brick, concrete sidewalks, concrete and asphalt pavement, drainage structures, manholes, inlets, abandoned railroad tracks, scrap iron, trees, stumps, bushes, vegetation, roots, shrubs, brush, logs, limbs, rubbish, and other debris, whether above or below ground except live utility facilities. Clearing and grubbing shall be done in a matter that will not damage adjacent property. (Rev 7/2021)

B. It is the intent of this specification to provide for the removal and disposal of all obstructions and objectionable materials not specifically provided for elsewhere in the plans and specifications. (Rev 7/2021)

C. Site preparation construction methods shall be in accordance with the NCTCOG Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas, Section 203.1.2. The contractor shall leave the construction site and disturbed areas in a neat and presentable condition. (Rev 7/2021)

D. The lump sum bid for this item shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid for the entire project. A prorated portion of the lump sum bid shall be paid monthly until such work is completed. The Contractor should take special precautions to avoid damaging any trees outside the construction limits and any other trees which the City may designate to remain.

12-23 TREE REMOVAL:

A. All trees to be removed shall be tagged and approved by the City prior to removal. (Rev. 7/2021)

B. All trees and bushes that are cut down shall be hauled off the same day. (Rev. 7/2021)

C. Contractor will fully comply with any and all federal, State and local laws related to the removal of trees including but not limited to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Contractor will be responsible for any fines, penalties, or damages due to any such violations of law and any such fines, penalties, or damages will be subject to the indemnification provision of this contract.

D. Payment for tree removal is included in the Site Preparation bid item. Measurement and payment shall be made in accordance with the Site Preparation specification. (Rev. 7/2021)

E. (Alternate to be used when there are more than 20 trees to be removed) Payment for tree removal is included in the Tree Removal bid item. A prorated portion of the lump sum bid shall be paid monthly until all tree removal is completed. (Rev. 7/2021)

12-24 TREE TRIMMING:

A. All trees shall be trimmed back to avoid damage by construction equipment. All cuts shall be clean and smooth, with the bark intact with no rough edges or tears. Tree trimming shall be done in accordance with the International Society of Arborists or National Association of Arborists Standards. Trees shall also be protected to avoid damage by construction activities. (Rev 1/2019)

B. Prior to initial acceptance of the project, Contractor shall trim the lower branches of all trees that overhang the sidewalk to a minimum height of 7-feet above the sidewalk. (Rev 1/2019)

C. Payment for tree trimming and protection is considered subsidiary to the contract unless a separate pay item has been included in the Proposal. (Rev 1/2019)

12-25 SITE GRADING:

A. All vegetation shall be removed from areas where fill is to be placed. Topsoil shall be grubbed, removed, and stockpiled. After the fill has been placed and compacted, the topsoil shall be spread to a thickness of 4-inches in all proposed areas that require it. The topsoil shall be free from grass, roots, sticks, stones, or other foreign materials. After placement is complete, the surface of the topsoil shall be finished to a reasonably smooth surface so grass may be planted and maintained.

B. Site grading will be based on the elevations and grades shown on the Grading and Paving Drawings. Filling, construction of embankments, removal, stockpiling, and spreading topsoil and offsite disposal of excess material will be considered incidental and subsidiary to excavation and shall not be a separate pay item.

C. No extra payment shall be made for rock excavation or crushing rock material for placement in fill areas. This work shall be considered incidental to site grading and shall not be a separate pay item.

12-26 BORROW:

A. It is the Contractor's responsibility to locate a suitable source of select borrow material for completing the fills on the project if there is insufficient material from the street excavation to complete all fills as shown on the construction plans. Prior to using any offsite borrow material, the material must be approved by the City. The following will be required prior to approval:

1. The Contractor must obtain a written, notarized certification from the landowner of each proposed borrow source stating that to the best of the landowner's knowledge and belief there has never been contamination of the borrow source site with hazardous or toxic materials.

2. The Contractor shall provide adequate testing to determine that the borrow source material is not contaminated with hazardous or toxic materials. The geotechnical engineer performing the testing for the Contractor shall notify the City in writing of his/her approval of the material.

3. Based on geotechnical testing performed on existing soil from the project site, a lime/cement application rate has been determined for subgrade stabilization as set forth in these Special Provisions. The quantities included in the PROPOSAL are based on the determined application rate. Before using any offsite borrow material for subgrade purposes, the Contractor shall provide necessary testing to determine the lime/cement application rate for the proposed borrow material. The results of these tests shall be submitted to the City in writing by the geotechnical engineer performing the testing for the Contractor. If the lime/cement application rate required for the offsite borrow material is greater than the rate specified in these Special Provisions, the Contractor shall be responsible for the cost of the additional lime/cement required or locate an alternative borrow source. If the application rate required for the borrow material is less than the rate specified in these Special Provisions, the Contractor will be paid for the actual quantity of lime/cement used on the project.

4. The Contractor shall provide testing (ASTM D 698) to determine the optimum density and moisture content for the borrow material if used as treated subgrade.

5. The borrow material shall be tested for the presence of soluble sulfates. Any soil with a content of soluble sulfate in excess of 2000 ppm will not be approved.

6. No organic material, trash, debris, trees, clippings or other deleterious material will be allowed in offsite borrow material.

7. Payment for Borrow is based on plan quantity. Contractor shall verify excavation/fill quantities and shall notify City in writing of concurrence or disagreement with plan quantities prior to start of construction. Any discrepancies in quantities shall be resolved prior to beginning excavation. No adjustments to plan quantities shall be allowed once excavation/fill activities have begun.

12-27 FILLING:

A. Fills shall be constructed at the locations and to the lines and grades indicated on the drawings. When rock excavation is used, it shall be broken or crushed so that the maximum dimension is 4-inches. No rock will be allowed in the upper 12-inches of the fill.

B. Equipment for compacting fills shall be sheep foot rollers, rubber-tired rollers, and other approved equipment capable of obtaining required density.

C. The combined excavation and fill placing operation shall be blended sufficiently to secure the best practicable degree of compaction. Fill shall be compacted to at least ninety-five percent (95%) Density per ASTM D698, +/- two percent (2%) optimum moisture content. The suitability of the materials shall be subject to approval of the City's laboratory. Dump, then spread and mix successive loads of material to give a horizontal layer of not more than 8-inches in depth, loose measurement. After each layer of fill has been spread to the proper depth, it shall be thoroughly manipulated with a disc plow or other suitable and approved equipment until the material is uniformly mixed, pulverized, and brought to a uniform approved moisture content.

D. No fill material shall be rolled until the layer of material has a uniform moisture content which will permit the proper compaction under that degree of moisture content which is the optimum for obtaining the required compaction.

E. Dry any material having moisture content too high for proper compaction by aeration until the moisture content is lowered to a point where satisfactory compaction may be obtained. If the moisture of the fill material is too low, add water to the material and thoroughly mix by blading and discing to produce a uniform and satisfactory moisture content.

F. If, in the opinion of the City's laboratory or Inspector, the rolled surface of any layer or section of the fill is too smooth to bond properly with the succeeding layer or adjacent section, roughen by discing or scarifying to the satisfaction of the City's laboratory before placing succeeding layer or adjacent sections.

12-28 SELECT FILL:

A. Select fill shall be in accordance with the construction plans. Contractor shall provide laboratory test reports for each soil select fill source used to supply general select fill and select fill materials. Contractor shall provide a test load to the project site for testing

purposes. Once material has been tested and has passed all requirements, the Contractor shall then be permitted to deliver material for the project.

B. Payment shall be in cubic yards in its final position using the average end area method as indicated on the plans. The bid price shall include transporting or hauling the material, furnishing, placing, compacting, proof rolling, disposal of excess or waste material, and reworking or replacement of undercut material. No additional compensation will be made for rock or shrinkage/swell factors.

12-29 SPRINKLER RELOCATIONS:

A. Sprinkler relocations may be required on this project. The City will be responsible for sprinkler relocations. Prior to construction, the Contractor and Inspector shall identify and document the sprinkler systems that will be affected by the construction of the project. The Contractor shall contact the owner of each sprinkler system and arrange to test each system. In the presence of the Inspector, the Contractor shall:

1. determine if the system functions properly

2. identify the layout of the system and

3. document in writing the layout and function of the system. The work described above is required by the Contractor for all projects and should be considered subsidiary to the unit prices bid for other items.

B. When construction activity approaches a sprinkler system, the Contractor shall provide the Inspector seven (7) days notice to allow for relocation of the sprinkler system. Should the Contractor damage any sprinkler system, it will be the Contractor's responsibility to repair or replace the same at no additional charge to the City.

12-30 CRUSHED STONE CUSHION:

A. When in the opinion of the City the subgrade material encountered at grade is soft spongy, and unsuitable, it shall be removed to a depth necessary below the barrel of the pipe to achieve stable layers and replaced with a crushed stone cushion so as to provide an unyielding stable foundation. The stone used in cushion shall be 1-inch washed crushed stone and shall be free from silt, loam, or vegetable matter and shall be of a gradation of from ¾-inch to 1-inch.

B. Crushed stone cushion will be paid for at the contract unit price per ton in place and shall be the total compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, and equipment for performing this particular phase of work. Crushed stone cushion shall be paid for the amount of stone placed at a depth greater than 6-inches below the bottom of the pipe.

C. Subgrades that have been allowed to become unstable by neglect or fault of the Contractor, by improper drainage or lack of drainage, the City shall order the Contractor to remove the unstable subgrade and replace the same with crushed stone cushion at the expense of the Contractor.

12-31 BACKFILL & BACKFILL MATERIAL:

A. Backfill operations shall begin immediately following removal of the forms on the permanent improvements. All loose concrete, rocks, roots, trash, and other debris shall be removed from the excavation prior to any backfill being placed.

B. Backfill material shall consist of the native material obtained from excavation unless in the opinion of the City, this material is unsuitable for use. The material shall not contain trash, rocks, concrete, asphalt, gravel, roots, or other debris. Sand shall not be used for backfill material unless the native soil in the construction area is sandy in nature. All backfill material will be considered subsidiary.

12-32 MECHANICALLY COMPACTED BACKFILL:

A. Areas shall be backfilled with native material and compacted by mechanical methods. Compaction must be achieved with equipment specifically designed for compaction only. If hand pneumatic tampers are used, the backfill shall be placed in layers not exceeding 6-inches in loose thickness and thoroughly compacted to at least ninety-five percent (95%) density per ASTM D698, +/- two percent (2%) optimum moisture content.

B. Backfill shall be placed in uniform layers completely across the area, and compaction shall proceed in an orderly, uniform manner. If compaction is performed by the use of heavy tamping (sheep's foot) rollers, backfill shall be placed in layers not exceeding 9-inches in loose thickness and compacted to at least ninety-five percent (95%) density per ASTM D698, +/- two percent (2%) optimum moisture content. The use of walk behind and remote compacting rollers will not be permitted.

C. Payment for backfill shall be subsidiary to unit prices bid for pipe.

12-33 TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY: This specification is for general application only and not for pipe bursting or other trenchless rehabilitation methods.

A. Prior to construction, all existing public facilities shall be physically located in the field when crossing over or under water lines, sanitary sewer, or storm drains or where the existing facility is running in the same direction and is within 5-feet of the proposed facility.

B. Construction shall be done in such a manner that will minimize interference with vehicular traffic and shall not weaken or damage the existing street.

1. The location of the boring pits shall be a minimum of 5-feet from the roadway to prevent undermining of the curb, gutter, or shoulder section.

2. The pit shall be dug to a depth sufficient to maintain a minimum boring depth of 48-inches below the traffic surface. Jetting types of boring equipment are not allowed.

3. All overcutting shall be remedied by pressure grouting the entire length of the installation.

4. The pits or trenches excavated to facilitate this operation shall be backfilled and compacted immediately after work is completed.

C. The Contractor shall be able to locate the bore head at all times in accordance with the latest technologies and provide the location of the bore to the City upon request.

D. All directional boring shall have the locator place bore marks and depths while the bore is in progress. Locator shall place a mark at each stem with a paint dot and indicate the depth at every other stem.

12-34 BACKFILL AND CLEANUP:

A. Backfill and cleanup shall be done daily. This work shall progress immediately behind pipe laying and shall be within 50-feet of the pipe laying operation at all times. It shall also include the disposal of all excess material on a daily basis. Ditch lines, storm drains, inlets, bar ditches, and other drainage facilities shall be maintained and cleaned on a daily basis so they will function for their intended purposes.

B. Where lines or services are laid in, along, or across the street pavement, the ditch line shall be backfilled and an approved all weather surface, such as flexbase or CTB shall be installed upon the completion of that day's work. Approved barricades shall be erected at these locations and shall be maintained by the Contractor until the permanent pavement is replaced. No later than the second day following the installation of a line, the specified asphalt shall be placed in the ditch and the street repair shall be completed. In the event these procedures are not followed, pipe laying shall cease immediately and not resume until the cleanup is completed and the roadway is safe for traffic.

C. Particular care shall be taken during inclement weather to ensure that driveways are backfilled with an approved all weather surface. No driveway shall be blocked for longer than two (2) hours and only after notifying the affected property owner.

D. All concrete shall be backfilled as soon as possible. If "honeycomb" appears, the Contractor shall grout back side to smooth out the surface within twenty-four (24) hours of form removal. (Rev. 1/2022)

E. Where lines or services are laid in, along, or across street pavement the pavement shall be left in a clean and acceptable condition. At the end of each work day the Contractor shall sweep and/or wash the pavement to leave the roadway completely clean of dirt and debris. Dirt, debris, and/or wash water shall be collected for appropriate disposal and shall NOT be washed into waterways or storm drains. Other suitable methods of maintaining the pavement in a clean, unobstructed condition may be utilized by the Contractor. No additional payment will be made for cleaning of pavement. Backfill and clean-up shall be considered subsidiary to the work performed under this contract. (Rev. 1/2022)

12-35 FLOWABLE BACKFILL: Use of flowable backfill shall be preapproved by the City prior to application.

A. FLOWABLE BACKFILL:

1. Flowable backfill shall consist of a mixture of native sand or a blend of native sand/manufactured sand, cement, fly ash and water which produces a material with unconfined compressive strength of between two hundred fifty (250) and four hundred fifty (450) psi after twenty-eight (28) days.

2. The flowable mixture shall be mixed at a concrete batch plant or a mobile transit mixer and shall have a minimum slump of 5-inches. Unless otherwise allowed by the City, the flowable mixture must be allowed to set at a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the placement of any overlying material.

B. MODIFIED FLOWABLE BACKFILL:

1. Modified flowable backfill in areas of possible future excavation such as utility installations shall consist of a mixture of native sand or a blend of native sand/manufactured sand, cement, fly ash and water which produces a material with unconfined compressive strength of between fifty (50) and one hundred fifty (150) psi after twenty-eight (28) days.

2. Modified flowable backfill in permanent areas such as abandoned pipe closures, abutments and embankments shall contain the same materials with an unconfined compressive strength of greater than one hundred fifty (150) psi after twenty-eight (28) days.

3. The flowable mixture shall be mixed at a concrete batch plant or a mobile transit mixer and shall have a minimum slump of 5-inches.

4. Unless otherwise allowed by the City, the flowable mixture must be allowed to set at a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the placement of any overlying material.

5. The Contractor shall submit to the City a mix design for the type of flowable backfill to be used ten (10) days prior to the start of the backfill operation. When the mix design has been approved by the City there shall be no changes or deviation from the proportions or sources of supply except as approved by the City.

12-36 TEMPORARY STREET REPAIR:

A. A temporary driving surface will be required on all street cut openings. It shall be composed of permanent type paving material, specifically excluding gravel or flexbase as the surface material, unless approved by the City.

B. A minimum of 4-inches hot mix asphaltic concrete (Type "D") over a minimum of 6-inches flexbase on compacted native material shall be used for all streets regardless of classification. (Rev. 9/2019)

C. All flexbase shall be in accordance with the latest TxDOT Standard Specifications and shall be Type "A" Grade 1 material. An acceptable alternative to Type "A" Grade 1

flexbase is crushed concrete. Crushed Concrete shall be categorized as Type "D" Grade 1 Flexbase. Flexbase shall be thoroughly compacted and placed to a depth specified on the City's detail and shall be subsidiary to the temporary street repair items.

D. Installation of temporary street repairs will be completed by the Contractor as soon as possible after completing the backfill, but always within five (5) business days after completion of the work involving the cut.

E. Road plates may not be used for more than five (5) business days. Any temporary driving surface that fails to provide an acceptable driving surface shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense, as directed by the Inspector.

12-37 VERTICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WATER VALVES, MANHOLES, ACCESS CHAMBERS AND CLEANOUTS:

A. Contractor shall identify, verify, and mark locations of all water valves, manholes, access chambers, and cleanouts. It is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain their functionality at all times during construction. Any damage through carelessness or negligence will be the contractor's responsibility to repair or replace the same at no additional charge to the City.

B. For concrete pavement, all water valves, manholes, access chambers, and cleanouts shall be brought to the final grade before placement of concrete. Valve boxes shall be adjusted to the final grade by adjustment of the screw type valve box.

C. For asphalt pavement reclamation, all new water valves, manholes, access chambers, and cleanouts shall be adjusted to approximately 1-foot below the bottom of the proposed subgrade prior to the application of cement or lime slurry. Adjustment to the final grade and installation of the concrete pad per details shall be made after placement of the top layer of surface course. The valve boxes shall be adjusted to the final grade by adjustment of the screw type valve box.

D. For asphalt pavement mill & overlay, ductile iron valve box extension for valve box and grade ring for manholes and access chamber may be used for adjustment to the final grade.

E. The existing lids for water valves, manholes, access chambers, and cleanouts may be reused if instructed by the City. All grade rings, frames and covers, and cones (if cone replacement is instructed by the City) for adjustments shall be furnished and installed by the contractor and subsidiary to other unit prices bid in the PROPOSAL. (Rev. 2/2021)

F. This paragraph is only applicable to the **City's Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Projects**. All the ductile iron valve box extensions, grade rings, frames and covers for adjustments will be furnished by the City. Contractor shall provide a minimum of two (2) weeks notice to the Inspector prior to picking up from the South Service Center Warehouse, 1100 SW Green Oaks Boulevard, and transporting to the job site. Any damage to the materials once they leave the warehouse will be the contractor's responsibility to replace the same at no

additional charge to the City. The valve boxes shall be adjusted to the final grade by adjustment of the screw type valve box.

12-38 GREEN CEMENT:

A. In striving to improve air quality in the North Texas area, an alternate bid item to add the additional cost of "green" cement above the cost of cement supplied from an unspecified source will be considered as part of this project. Utilization of "green" cement will be considered for raw cement and for items where concrete is placed or cast-in-place (examples: pavement, driveways, cement for stabilization, sidewalk, barrier free ramps, curb inlets, curb and gutter, flumes, and channel lining).

B. "GREEN" cement is defined as cement that is generated from a kiln whose emission rates:

1. Are in compliance with all applicable state and federal environmental standards relating to the emission of NOx, including all applicable TCEQ and EPA rules and regulations; and

2. Operate kilns that exceed the standards for NOx emissions set out in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 117.3110(a)(1)-(4) (as provided presently and as may be amended in the future) by the following percentage amounts:

   a. For each long wet kiln, ten percent (10%) lower than the standard for long wet kilns located in Ellis County, Texas as set out in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 117.3110(a)(1)(B);
   b. For each long dry kiln, twenty percent (20%) lower than the standard for long dry kilns, as set out in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 117.3110(a)(2);
   c. For each preheater kiln, twenty percent (20%) lower than the standard for preheater kilns, as set out in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 117.3110(a)(3); and
   d. For each preheater-precalciner kiln or precalciner kiln, thirty-five percent (35%) lower than the standard for preheater-precalciner or precalciner kilns, as set out in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 117.3110(a)(4).

C. Should the City award the contract with this alternate, the Contractor and the material supplier will need to sign a certified compliance statement. Form will be provided by the City. No payment on the alternate item for utilizing "green" cement will be made unless this statement is executed and returned to the City.

12-39 REINFORCING STEEL:

A. All reinforcing steel used on this project shall comply in all respects to TxDOT Item 440, "Reinforcing Steel".

B. Rebar that requires bending in the field shall be Grade 40 reinforcing steel. Payment for reinforcing steel shall be considered subsidiary to the various bid items.

12-40 RESTORATION OF EXISTING PAVED SURFACES:

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintenance of existing paved roadway surfaces within the project limits throughout the duration of the project. The Contractor shall perform daily inspections and restoration work required to provide an acceptable driving surface, as determined by the City.

B. Restoration of paved surfaces shall be of asphalt, unless otherwise approved by the City. Should the Contractor be notified of unacceptable roadway conditions, the Contractor shall restore the surface within twenty-four (24) hours. Should it become necessary for the City to provide for the restoration of the surface, the cost of such will be billed to the Contractor. All asphalt for restoration of existing paved surfaces shall be considered subsidiary to the various bid items on this contract.

12-41 GALVANIZED GABIONS WITH PVC COATING:

A. Gabion structures consist of rectangular, compartmented, woven wire mesh baskets filled with stone used to build earth retaining and erosion control structures such as: retaining walls, channel linings, headwalls and flexible aprons for pipes, slope protection, bridge revetments and weirs.

B. MATERIALS:

1. Gabions:

a. Gabions shall be prefabricated in *accordance* with ASTM A975-97 to the size called for on the plans, or as otherwise approved. Gabions shall consist of galvanized wire with an additional PVC coating woven into a uniform, hexagonal-shaped double twist pattern with openings approximately 3¼ -inches x 4½-inches. The mesh shall be fabricated in such a manner as to be non-raveling and to provide the required flexibility and strength.

b. All wire used for gabions, including lacing wire, shall have a tensile strength of 54,039-68,259 psi in accordance with ASTM A641-92 Class 3, soft temper. Elongation shall not be less than 12% in accordance with ASTM A370-92. The zinc coating shall meet the requirements of ASTM A641-92, Class 3, soft temper coating and shall be a minimum quantity of 0.70 oz/ft^2 for wire 0.087" in diameter, 0.80 oz/ft^2 for wire 0.106-inch in diameter, 0.85 oz/ft^2 for wire 0.120-inch and 0.134-inch in diameter and 0.90 oz/ft^2 for wire 0.154-inch in diameter.

c. Mesh wire, selvedge wire and lacing wire diameters for galvanized gabions with a PVC coating shall be in *accordance* with the nominal diameters listed in the below table. Tolerances of all wire diameters shown shall be +/- 0.004-inch. All testing of wire diameters shall be prior to fabrication.

	Galvanized Wire with PVC Coating
MeshWire	0.106-inch (US 12 gauge)

Selvedge Wire	0.134-inch (US 10 gauge)
Lacing Wire	0.087-inch (US 13-1/2 gauge)

d. Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) used to coat gabion wire shall meet the following specifications:

Color - gray; *Nominal Thickness* - 0.020-inch; *Minimum Thickness* - 0.015-inch; UV *Resistance* - 3000 hours using apparatus Type E when tested according to ASTM D1499 and ASTM G23; *Salt Spray Test* - 3000 hours when tested according to ASTM Bl17; *Abrasion Resistance* - weight loss not more than 12% according to ASTM D1242. The PVC coating shall be uniformly applied and shall be free from cracks, splits, stretched or stressed areas.

e. Unless otherwise specified, gabion cells shall generally be 3-feet by 3-feet by 3-feet, whereas Gabions mattress will generally form a rectangular unit with a minimum thickness of 12-inches. The base and sides are to be woven into a single unit. The bottom of the end panels shall be factory connected to the body in such a manner that the strength and flexibility at the point of connection is approximately equal to that of the mesh. The lid for specially fabricated gabions may be separate construction. The gabion shall be divided into cells of approximately equal size by factory connected diaphragm panels using mesh of the same type and gauge as the body of the gabion. The diaphragm panels shall be secured in proper position on the base in such a manner that no additional tying is necessary. The length of the cell shall not exceed its horizontal width. All perimeter edges of the wire mesh forming the body, end and diaphragm panels shall have a heavier gauge selvedge wire woven into the edge of the mesh panel. All cut edges of the mesh panels forming the body, tops of ends and diaphragms shall be securely attached to a heavier gauge selvedge wire by a minimum of two complete turns of the wire mesh around the selvedge wire.

f. Lacing wire shall be supplied for securely fastening the gabions during all steps of assembly and construction. Lacing wire shall be included with the gabions in sufficient quantity for tying gabions in accordance with the specifications. No other wire except of the type supplied with the gabions may be used.

g. Gabions furnished by a manufacturer shall be of uniform size and subject to dimension tolerance limits of +/- five percent (5%). The gabions shall be certified by a notarized, sworn affidavit from the manufacturer showing compliance with the specification requirements.

2. Gabion Rock. Used to fill the gabions, shall be uniform in color, be clean, hard, durable, 4-inches to 8-inches well-graded crushed limestone. Not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the rock (by weight) shall pass a 4-inches opening. The rock shall

be clean and shall be stored and handled in a manner to prevent contamination. Prior to placing the rock, samples shall be delivered to site and shall be approved for gradation and appearance by the City.

3. Geotextile Fabric. Used as a filter media, when specified on the plans, shall be placed along the gabion structure as shown in the plans. The fabric to be used shall be: Mirafi 140N or approved equal.

B. CONSTRUCTION:

1. General: The gabions shall be installed in accordance with the locations, size, type, and alignment as shown on the plans. Areas over excavated beyond the limits of proposed gabions or natural rock will be backfilled with excavated material free of large rocks, stones, vegetation or debris. This backfilling will not be paid for separately but shall be incidental to items bid.

2. Geotextile Fabric Placement: After excavation to the subgrade elevation has been performed, the geotextile fabric (when specified) shall be placed to the limits as shown on the plans. Where splices occur, adjacent pieces of geotextile shall be overlapped a minimum of 18-inches. Fabric shall be secured, when necessary, by pins or other suitable means before placing the gabions. Excess fabric protruding past the finished gabions shall be cut off.

3. Tying Method: Proper tying of gabions at all steps in the assembly and construction of the gabion structure is critical to the performance of the finished gabion structure.

   a. Gabions must be tied in the specified manner at each step of construction:
      1 - Initial assembly
      2 - Tying to adjacent gabions along all contacting edges
      3 - Tying of lid to sides
      4 - Tying of lid to top of diaphragms
      5 - Re-tying of the cut gabions

   b. All tying of gabions shall be performed in the following manner:
      1 - Cut a length of lacing wire approximately 5-feet long.
      2 - Secure the lacing wire onto the gabion at the end by looping and twisting the tie wire together.
      3 - Proceed tying with double loops (made at the same point) every 5-inches apart. The basket pieces should be pulled tightly together during the tying operation.
      4 - Secure the other end of the lacing wire by again looping and twisting the wire around itself. No other wire except of the type supplied with the gabions may be used for tying the gabions.

4. Gabion Placement: After each gabion has been assembled, it shall be placed in position empty and shall be tied to adjacent gabions along all contacting edges in order to form a continuously connected structural unit. The gabions shall be placed

in a staggered pattern.

5. Filling Gabions: It is critical to the performance of the finished gabion structure that gabions are filled to their maximum density with voids in the gabion minimized.

   When the assembled empty gabions have been installed and tied together, the gabions shall be filled in the following manner:

   a. The gabions may be filled by machine but shall be filled in layers or lifts not exceeding 12-inches. Care shall be taken when placing the rock into the gabions to ensure that the gabions are not damaged or bent. Do not drop rock from a height greater than 3-feet. Suitable sized and appropriate machinery will help prevent damage to the gabions during the filling operation. Edges of gabions and diaphragms may be protected when necessary by tying steel reinforcement to the edges of the gabions or other suitable guard mechanisms to prevent damage or deformation of the gabions.

   b. After a 12-inches layer of rock has been placed in the cell, sufficient hand manipulation for the rock shall be performed to minimize voids and result in a maximum density of rock in the gabion.

   c. Gabions that are 3-feet high shall have a looped inner tie wire installed in each cell connecting the front and back faces of any unsupported face at the vertical third points, or 12-inches and 24-inches from the base of the gabions. Individual cells may not be filled to a height greater than 12-inches above any adjacent cell unless looped inner tie wires are installed in both directions.

   d. Each gabion shall be filled to its maximum density, which is slightly higher than the sides and the surface smoothly leveled minimizing voids.

6. Closing Gabions: After the rock has been leveled, the lids shall be pried down and over with a bar or lid closing tool until the edge of the lid and the edge of the gabion are together. Care shall be taken so that the mesh is not excessively deformed. It should require a light stretching in order to bring the two gabion pieces together. The heavy projecting selvedge wire of the lid shall then be twisted around the heavy selvedge wire on the sides two (2) complete turns. The lid shall then be tied to the sides of the gabions and the tops of the diaphragms in the specified tying method. The lids of the gabions shall also be tied to adjacent gabions along all contacting edges to insure the formation of a continuous, connecting structural unit. Special attention shall be given that all projecting sharp ends of wire are turned in on the completed gabion structure.

7. Cutting Gabions: Gabions may be cut to form curves or bevels. Overlap the cut pieces and re-tie in the specified manner. Re-tying shall be in a manner so as to produce a closed cell when completed. Excess mesh wire shall be cut off or shall be tightly and neatly laced down. Care shall be taken that all projecting wire ends are turned inwards or cut off.

8. Tie Backs: If tie backs are used, they shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

C. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: Measurement and payment of gabion structures shall be based on the volume in cubic yards of gabions installed and shall include all appurtenances necessary for proper installation. The unit price shall include full compensation for placing all materials (gabions, rock, geotextile and/or granular filter media) and for furnishing all tools, labor, equipment, and other incidentals necessary to complete and install the gabion structure in accordance with the intent of the plans and specifications. Excavation and removal items shall be subsidiary to gabion installation unless a separate item has been included in the PROPOSAL. Filling required to prepare finish grade for gabion placement will be incidental to payment for excavation.

12-42 CONDUIT:

A. MATERIAL:

Conduits for installation of City's fiber optics shall be purple High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Standard Dimension Ratio (SDR) 13.5 plastic conduits. All other conduits shall be schedule 40, polyvinylchloride (PVC), certified to UL Standard 651.

B. CONSTRUCTION METHODS:

1. Prior to the installation of conduits, the City shall be notified so that a representative may be present to inspect the installation of the conduit. Failure to contact the City shall constitute grounds for rejecting conduit which has been installed without the presence of a representative of the City.

2. All conduits shall be placed in accordance with line and grade, details and dimensions as shown on the plans, or as directed by the City. All ends of pipe shall be reamed to remove burrs and fitted with appropriate sized bell end. All splicing of conduit shall be done by using standard couplings manufactured for this purpose. All bare ends of conduit for future connections by others shall be capped with standard conduit caps. The location of ends of all conduit for future electric circuits in structures shall be marked by a "Y" at least 3-inches high, cut into the face of curb, gutter or wall directly above the conduit.

3. All conduits shall be placed a minimum depth of 36-inches below the top of curb. Conduit shall extend 6-inches behind back of curb unless otherwise called for on the plans. Installation under existing pavement may be accomplished by jacking, tunneling, or drilling.

4. Where pullboxes or junction boxes are required in medians which are to be surfaced, they shall be installed by the Contractor at the location and grade as shown on the plans or as directed by the City. Unless otherwise indicated on the plans, Type "C" pull boxes shall be used for signals and fiber; and Type "A" for streetlights.

5. All necessary fittings for proper installation of conduit in the pull-box shall be furnished and installed by the Contractor. Where it is required that pull-boxes be installed, the conduit shall be fitted with standard ninety degree (90°) ell fittings to enter the pull-box from the bottom. A nipple shall be attached to the ell of sufficient length so that the distance from the top of the pull-box to the end of the nipple shall be 8-inches.

6. A mule tape shall be placed in all conduits. Prior to the placement of paving, the tape shall be moved back and forth to ensure that the conduit is free from obstructions. Before final acceptance of the conduit work, this method of checking shall again be incorporated to ensure that the paving operations have not rendered the conduit useless. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to remove and replace all damaged conduit at his/her own expense.

7. All plastic conduit shall have factory bends.

8. Conduit locations shown on the plans are for bidding purposes only and may be changed with permission of the City to avoid underground obstacles. If necessary, the Contractor shall furnish and install conduit to an electrical service point as determined by the City prior to the beginning of construction.

C. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT:

1. Conduit of the size specified on the plans shall be measured by the linear foot along the main line of conduit. Fittings shall not be measured directly but shall be considered subsidiary to this item.

2. Conduit, as measured in this item, shall be paid for at the unit price bid for "conduit" of the size specified, excavation, backfill, labor, tools, equipment, materials, fittings and all incidentals necessary to complete the work.

12-43 SLOPE EROSION CONTROL:

A. Erosion control material shall be "Curlex Blanket" heavy jute netting, such as "AMXCO Curlex Blanket," or approved equal (no plastic meshes are allowed), and shall be applied after seeding is complete. Heavy jute mesh shall be open plain weave of unbleached single jute yarn, averaging one hundred and thirty (130) pounds per spindle of 14,400 yards. Jute mesh shall be furnished in approximately ninety (90) pound rolled strips.

B. Other criteria for jute mesh shall be as follows:

Length	- approximately 75-yards.
Width	- 48-inches (+/- 1-inch).
0.78 warp ends per width of cloth.	
Forty-one (41) weft ends per yard.	
Weight of cloth	- 1.22 pounds per linear yard (+/- 5%).

C. Staples shall be of No. 11 gauge steel wire formed into a "U" shape 6-inches long.

D. To install erosion control material on channel slopes, bury the up-channel end in a trench 6-inches deep. After the jute is buried, the trench shall be tamped firmly closed. Using a steel tube or ¾-inch pipe through the paper core of the roll with a rope on each end will enable the operator to lower the roll down the slope. The material should be applied without stretching. The material should lie smoothly, but loosely on the soil surface. In order to keep the area as smooth as possible, workers should avoid, as much as possible, walking directly on the seed bed, either before or after the jute is applied. In cases where one roll ends and another is needed, the up-channel piece should overlap the second roll by at least 18-inches. Where two or more widths are applied side by side, an overlap of at least 4-inches shall be maintained. The material shall be brought to level area before terminating. The end shall be across the fold on 12-inches centers. Outside edges, centers, and overlaps on banks shall be stapled on 2-feet intervals. Each width of cloth will have a row of staples down the center as well as along each edge. On soft or sandy soil or windy areas, apply staples in alternate slanting position and space at closer intervals (12-inches to 18-inches). For extra hard soil or shale areas, use sharp pointed, hardened steel 3-inches fence-type staple. Outside edges shall have loose topsoil spread over them to allow for smooth entry of water. The entire jute covered area should be rolled with a smooth roller weighing fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) pounds per foot of length.

E. Any clumps, debris, etc., which hold the jute off the ground, shall be tamped into the soil. The netting shall completely cover all areas to be protected from erosion. Overlaps must be ample and well stapled so that no gapping can occur. The material shall be in intimate contact with the surface at all points. If some areas experience severe erosion, two layers shall be in intimate contact with the surface at all points.

F. The quantity shown in the PROPOSAL is a rough estimate as the actual amount and location of the jute mesh will be determined in the field as directed by the City in areas where excessive slopes exist. Overlapping of material will not be paid for double.

G. Heavy jute netting will be paid for at the unit price bid per square yard, which price will be full compensation for furnishing and placing all materials, including all labor, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

12-44 TOPSOIL:

A. A minimum of 4-inches of topsoil shall be placed on all disturbed areas within and adjacent to permanent improvements within the project limits. Topsoil shall be approved by the City prior to application. The topsoil shall be free from stone, rock, lumps, clods of hard earth, plants or their roots, sticks and other foreign material and shall be brought to the lines and grades as established by the City. Under no circumstances will topsoil be accepted unless it is free from the aforementioned contaminants. (Rev. 9/2019)

B. Contractor may use approved means of treating the topsoil to ensure its acceptability. This item shall be considered subsidiary to the other items in this project and shall not be a separate pay item.

C. The existing topsoil from the project limits may be used if Contractor stockpiles and protects it properly. No trash, lime shavings or other foreign material, shall be added to this stockpile. All topsoil including existing topsoil that is stockpiled shall meet the following specification:

D. The soil texture shall be classified as loam or sandy loam according to the following criteria:

	(% Passing) Loam	(% Passing) Sandy Loam
Sand (0.074 to 4.76 mm diameter)	25-50%	45-85%
Silt (0.002 to 0.074 mm diameter)	30-50%	Less than 50%
Clay (Smaller than 0.002 mm) (Hydrometer analysis)	5-25%	Less than 20%

Soil texture shall be determined by utilizing processes as prescribed in ASTM D 422.

E. Topsoil material shall be stockpiled at locations approved by the City. After completion of the permanent improvements, topsoil shall be placed on all disturbed areas so as to provide a minimum 4-inches depth of topsoil. Clumps shall be reduced to less than 1-inch diameter.

12-45 HYDRO-MULCH SEEDING:

A. DESCRIPTION: This item shall consist of preparing ground, providing, and planting seed, or a mixture of seeds, of the kind specified along and across such areas as are designated by the City.

B. MATERIALS: The type seed used shall be in accordance with COG Specification, Section 202.6, and approved by the City. All seed must carry a Texas Seed Label showing purity and germination, name and type of seed, and that it meets all requirements of the Texas Seed Law. Seed furnished shall be of the previous season's crop and the date of analysis shown on each tag shall be within nine (9) months of the time of delivery to the project. Each variety of seed shall be furnished and delivered in separate bags or containers. The City may require a sample of each variety of seed to be furnished for analysis and testing. Grass seed shall equal or exceed ninety-five percent (95%) purity and ninety percent (90%) germination.

C. PLANTING SEASON: Planting of hulled bermuda grass seed shall be done between the months of April through September. The density of seeds planted shall be eighty (80) pounds per acre. A blend of thirty (30) pounds Rye grass and forty (40) pounds unhulled bermuda may be used between the months of September through April.

D. CONSTRUCTION METHODS: The designated areas shall be raked, leveled and fine graded as necessary to provide a smooth uniform grade, free of ruts, depressions, humps and objectionable soil clods, prior to seeding. The area shall also be free of weeds, rubbish,

and building materials. Any low areas shall also be filled to prevent ponding. All particles in the seed bed shall be reduced to less than 1-inch in diameter or they shall be removed. The areas to be seeded shall be moisture conditioned prior to placement of seed. In areas that appear to be overly compacted or to destroy existing vegetation, the soil shall be loosen or disked, at the direction of the City. The cost of any chemical treatment to the soil in order to establish a uniform stand of grass will be subsidiary to "Hydro-mulch Seeding." Seeding of the type specified shall be performed in accordance with the requirements in COG Specification 202.6 except as hereinafter described:

1. Watering: The seeded areas shall be watered as necessary to establish grass as described in Establishment and Acceptance of Seeding.

2. Hydro-Mulch Seeding: In accordance with COG Specification 202.6.4.4 alternate methods for placement of seed may be used if approved by the City

E. MEASUREMENT: Work and acceptable material for "Hydro-mulch Seeding" will be measured by the unit bid, complete in place.

F. ESTABLISHMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF SEEDING: Regardless of unseasonable climatic conditions or other adverse conditions affecting planting operations and the growth of the grass, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to establish a uniform stand of grass as herein specified. When adverse conditions such as drought, cold weather, high winds, excessive precipitation, or other factors prevail to such an extent that satisfactory results are unlikely, the City may, at his/her own discretion, stop any phase of the work until conditions change to favor the establishment of grass.

G. MAINTENANCE: Maintenance shall begin immediately after each portion of grass area is planted. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the existing grades and leave them in a true and even condition after planting. All planted areas will be protected and maintained by watering, weed control, mowing, and replanting as necessary for at least thirty (30) days after initial planting and for as much longer as necessary to establish a uniform stand with complete coverage of the specified grass.

H. FERTILIZER: (Subsidiary to Seeding Item)

1. Description: This item shall consist of providing and distributing fertilizer over the seeded areas.

2. Materials: Shall be in accordance with COG Specification 202.4.1 and Special Provisions, Landscaping Specifications, Section 17.

2. Materials: Shall be in accordance with COG Specification 202.4.1 and Section 12-46 below.

3. Construction Methods: The fertilizer shall be pelleted or granular fertilizer and shall be applied uniformly over the entire area specified to be fertilized and in the manner directed for the particular item of work. The fertilizer shall be dry and in good

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physical condition. Fertilizer that is powdered or caked will be rejected. Distribution of fertilizer for the particular item of work shall meet the approval of the City.

Unless otherwise indicated on the plans, fertilizer shall be applied uniformly at the average rate of four hundred (400) pounds per acre for all types of seeding.

I. PAYMENT:

1. The work performed and materials furnished and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit price bid for "Seeding" which price shall be full compensation for furnishing all materials and for performing all operations necessary to complete the work, including fertilizer. Once a "uniform stand of grass" is provided, the City will provide payment for the seeding. See definition of "uniform stand of grass" below.

2. Uniform Stand of Grass: A uniform stand with complete coverage of the specified grass shall be defined as not less than one hundred-fifty (150) growing plants per square foot seeded. Growing plants shall be defined as healthy grass plants of two blades or more at least 2-inches tall.

12-46 SODDING: For this project, sodding shall be in conformance with Special Provisions, Section 17, Landscaping Specifications. Payment for sodding shall include the cost of all top soil, fertilizer and water. No separate payment will be made for top soil, fertilizer and sprinkling. Buffalo grass sod shall be used on all medians unless otherwise specified in the plans. (Rev. 9/2019)

12-46 SODDING/TURFGRASS PLANTING: This work includes labor, material, and equipment for soil preparation, fertilization, planting, and other requirements regarding turfgrass planting areas. Payment for sodding shall include the cost of all fertilizer and water. Grass sod variety shall match existing and adjacent property.

A. SUBMITTALS: Samples and Producers' Specifications: Various samples, certificates, and specifications of seed, fertilizer, sand, compost, other soil amendments and other materials shall be submitted for approval as required by subsequent sections of this specification.

B. TURFGRASS:

1. Buffalograss Sod, Bermuda Sod or Saint Augustine: Turfgrass sod shall be "Buchloe dactyloides" (Buffalograss) 'Prairie Grass' variety, “Cynodon dactylon” Common Bermuda Grass, or “Stenotaphrum secundatum” Saint Augustine Grass.. Sod shall consist of stolons, leaf blades, rhizomes, and roots with a healthy, virile system of dense, thickly matted roots throughout the soil of the sod for a thickness not less than ¾-inches. Sod shall be alive, healthy, vigorous, free of insects, disease, stones, and undesirable foreign materials and grasses. The grass shall have been mowed prior to sod cutting so that the height of the grass shall not exceed 2-inches. Sod shall have been produced on growing beds of clay or clay-loam topsoil. Sod shall not be harvested or planted when its moisture condition is so excessively wet or dry that its survival will be affected. All sod is to be harvested, delivered, and planted within a

thirty-six (36) hour period of time. Sod shall be protected from exposure to wind, sun and freezing. If sod is stacked, it shall be kept moist and shall be stacked roots-to-roots and grass-to-grass.

2. Dimensions: All sod shall be machine cut to uniform soil thickness of 1-inch plus or minus ¼-inch. All sod shall be of the same thickness. Rectangular sections of sod may vary in length, but all shall be of equal width and of a size that permits the sod to be lifted, handled, and rolled without breaking. Broken pads and torn, uneven ends will be unacceptable.

3. Solid Sodding: Prior to laying the sod, the planting beds shall be raked smooth to true grade and moistened to a depth of 4-inches, but not to the extent causing puddling. The sod shall be laid smoothly, tightly butted edge to edge, and with staggered joints. The sod shall be pressed firmly into contact with the sod bed by rolling or by hand tamping with an approved tamper so as to eliminate all air pockets, provide a true and even surface, and insure knitting without displacement of the sod or deformation of the surfaces of sodded areas. Following compaction, fine screened soil of good quality shall be used to fill all cracks between sods. Excess soil shall be worked into the grass with suitable equipment and shall be well watered. The quantity of fill soil shall be such that it will cause no smothering of the grass.

4. If sod is placed after September 15, final acceptance on the grass will not occur until after April 15. The grass shall not be over-seeded with rye. The Contractor shall water the grass until the grass is accepted.

C. FERTILIZER:

1. General: Fertilizer shall be an organic commercial product uniform in composition, free flowing, and suitable for application with approved equipment. Fertilizer shall be delivered to the site in fully labeled original containers. Fertilizer which has been exposed to high humidity and moisture, has become caked or otherwise damaged making it unsuitable for use, will not be acceptable.

2. Planting Application: Fertilizer shall be an organically based product (nutrients contained in the project shall be derived solely from the remains, part of the remains, or a by-product of a once-living organism) supplying nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in a 1-1-1 to 5-5-5 analysis, such as Green Sense (3-1-2) or Sustane (5-4-2), or approved alternate formulation. The fertilizer shall contain a variety of cultures of soil-borne bacteria and trace elements, and be high (min. 18% each) in humus and humic acid. The Contractor shall submit a sample label or specification of the fertilizer proposed to be used for the City's approval. The specified fertilizer shall be applied at the rate of twenty (20) pounds per one thousand (1,000) square feet according to specific label. Fertilizer shall be applied over sodded areas after planting, but not more than two (2) days later.

D. HERBICIDES:

1. General: Herbicides will be applied as necessary for the eradication of weeds. The

Contractor will choose an appropriate herbicide for application with respect to the kind of turfgrass being planted, climatic conditions, site conditions, and the state of work and the approved City chemical list available through the Parks Department. The applied herbicides shall not be detrimental to the establishment of turfgrass. Herbicides shall be approved for application by relevant U.S. Government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency. A pre-emergent that will not cause root pruning of new sod must be applied when sod is laid.

2. Application: The rates and methods of application shall be in strict conformance with local, state and federal laws and regulations. Applications shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations. All applications must be licensed by Texas Structural Pest Control Board or Texas Department of Agriculture.

3. Weed Control: The Contractor shall apply appropriate herbicides in the following situations:
    a. Where weeds are present in the prepared soil, prior to the commencement of planting operations.

    b. Where weeds are present in the planted turfgrass areas, prior to the establishment of the turfgrass to a uniform stand.

    c. In the planted turfgrass areas, where the presence of weeds precludes the acceptability of the turfgrass as a uniform stand.

    d. In other situations where the City judges that the presence of weeds is detrimental to the establishment or acceptability of the turfgrass.

E. PLACEMENT: All turfing operations shall be executed across the slope, parallel to finished grade contours.

F. SOIL PREPARATION:
1. Scarification: Scarification shall be accomplished to loosen the soil, destroy existing vegetation, and prepare an acceptable sod bed. Initial tillage shall be done in a crossing pattern for double coverage, then followed by a disc harrow. Depth of scarification shall be 1-inch to 1½-inches.

2. Cleaning: Soil shall be further prepared by the removal of debris, building materials, rubbish, weeds, and stones larger than 2-inches in diameter. During the soil preparation process, a "Rock Pick" or other approved piece of machinery shall be used to gather surface stones as small as 1-inch in diameter. The Contractor shall be responsible for the disposal of collected materials.

3. Fine Grading: After scarifying and cleaning, all areas to be planted shall be leveled, fine graded, and dragged with a weighted spike harrow or float drag. The required result shall be the elimination of ruts, depressions, humps, and objectionable soil

clods. Unless specified by the City medians shall be crowned in the center with cross slopes of approximately two percent (2%). This shall be the final soil preparation step to be completed before the commencement of fertilizing and planting.

4. City shall approve bed preparation before grass planting begins.

G. PROTECTION: No heavy equipment shall be moved over the planted lawn area unless the soil is again prepared, graded, leveled and replanted. It will be the responsibility of this Contractor to protect all paving surfaces, curbs, utilities, plant materials, and any other existing improvements from damage. Any damage shall be repaired or replaced as soon as possible at no cost to the City. The City may repair emergency conditions or noncompliance hazards at the cost of the Contractor.

H. ESTABLISHMENT AND ACCEPTANCE: Regardless of unseasonable climatic conditions or other adverse conditions affecting planting operations and the growth of the turfgrass, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ESTABLISH A UNIFORM STAND OF TURFGRASS AS HEREIN SPECIFIED. When adverse conditions such as drought, cold weather, high winds, excessive precipitation, or other factors prevail to such an extent that satisfactory results are unlikely, the City may stop any phase of the work until conditions change to favor the establishment of turfgrass.

1. Uniform Stand of Turfgrass: A uniform stand with complete coverage of the specified grass shall be defined as not less than one hundred fifty (150) growing plants per square foot. Growing plants shall be defined as healthy grass plants of two blades or more at least 1½-inches tall. A uniform stand of turfgrass shall be free of weeds. No payment will be made for turfgrass until a uniform stand of grass has been established. Partial projects will not be accepted. A uniform stand of grass over 4-inches in height will not be accepted.

2. Thirty (30) days following planting, the City will inspect the medians to verify establishment as described above. Contractor will be required to replant and/or maintain any areas of grass that are unacceptable to the City until they meet the standards above.

I. MAINTENANCE: Maintenance shall begin immediately after each portion of grass area is planted. All planted areas will be protected and maintained by watering, weed control, and replanting as necessary to establish a UNIFORM STAND WITH COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIFIED GRASS. The entire project will continue to be replanted and maintained by the Contractor until complete coverage and acceptance are achieved over one hundred percent (100%) of the area. Any water equipment deemed necessary by the Contractor will be provided by the Contractor.

1. Watering: Use a temporary irrigation system to irrigate the entire planted area daily for the first ten (10) days on which less than ½-inch of rain has fallen in the previous twenty-four hours and then two (2) times per week for the balance of the month

following planting. Water trucks will be permitted as a means of irrigating the sodded areas.

2. Weed Control: Appropriate herbicides shall be applied as necessary as previously specified.

3. Grass shall be edged where it is adjacent to concrete areas.

4. All concrete areas where weeds are growing in the joints must be trimmed or chemically sprayed. These areas must have all growth removed.

5. Ant infestations must be treated with Award, Amdro or approved equivalent.

J. GRADING: It is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the existing grades and leave them in a true and even condition after planting turfgrass.

K. EROSION CONTROL: Throughout the project and the maintenance period for turfgrass, it is the Contractor's responsibility to maintain the topsoil in place at specified grades. Topsoil and turfgrass losses due to erosion will be replaced by the Contractor until establishment and acceptance is achieved.

L. CLEAN-UP: The Contractor shall remove any excess material or debris brought onto the site or unearthed as a result of his/her turfgrass operations.

M. GUARANTEE: The Contractor shall guarantee all materials used for this work to be type, quality, and quantity specified.

12-47 FINAL CLEANUP: The intent of this section is to ensure that an adequate cleanup job be performed by the Contractor. Prior to accepting the project by the City, Contractor shall sweep and remove all trash, debris and remnants from all locations or areas affected by construction activities. All necessary cleanup work shall be considered subsidiary to the various bid items on this contract.

12-48 FINAL INSPECTION: The City will make final inspection of all work included in the contract as soon as practicable after the work is completed and ready for acceptance. If the work is not acceptable at the time of such inspection, the City will inform the Contractor as to the particular defects to be remedied before final acceptance will be made.

END OF SECTION