GENERAL NOTES

SOIL REPORT AVAILABILITY

All soils data collected and processed for the Soils Report made in conjunction with the design of this improvement is on file at the District Office where it is available for the inspection of Contractors or prospective bidders.

AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC FILES

MicroStation and GEOPAK files of this project will be made available to the Contractor. If there is a conflict between the electronic files and the printed contract plans and documents, the printed contract plans and documents shall take precedence over the electronic files. The Contractor shall accept all risk associated with using the electronic files and shall hold the Department harmless for any errors or omissions in the electronic files and the data contained therein. Errors or delays resulting from the use of the electronic files by the Contractor shall not result in an extension of time for any interim or final completion date or shall not be considered cause for additional compensation. The Contractor shall not use, share, or distribute these electronic files except for the purpose of constructing this contract. Any claims by third parties due to use or errors shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall include this disclaimer with the transfer of these electronic files to any other parties and shall include appropriate language binding them to similar responsibilities.

UTILITIES - LOCATIONS/INFORMATION ON PLANS

The locations of existing water mains, gas mains, sewers, electric power lines, telephone lines and other utilities as shown on the plans are based on careful field investigation and the best information available, but they are not guaranteed. Unless elevations are shown — all utility locations shown on the cross sections are based on the approximate depth supplied by the utility company. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ascertain their exact location from the utility companies and by field inspection.

TREE REMOVAL - UTILITY RELOCATION

Tree removal may be necessary prior to utility companies being able to relocate their facilities outside the construction limits. The Contractor should coordinate any contract tree removal activities with the utility companies to eliminate conflicts and potential delays caused by utility tree removal activities or incomplete utility relocations.

PLAN ELEVATIONS - U.S.G.S. MEAN SEA LEVEL DATUM

All elevations shown on the plans are established from U.S.G.S. mean sea level datum.

PROPERTY OWNER ACCESS REQUIREMENT

Access must be maintained to all existing properties during construction per article 107.09 unless arrangements are made in writing by the Ccontractor with the property owners with a copy to the Engineer for short-term closures.

CONSECUTIVE SIDE STREET (ROAD) CLOSURE - PROHIBITED

1. No two consecutive side streets (roads) may be closed at the same time during construction. The Contractor must alternate streets (roads).

2. Adjacent side roads will not be closed simultaneously. BLR standard 21 shall be used for all local road closures without any entrances within the closed area. BLR Standard 22 can be used where it is necessary to allow local traffic access.

TEMPORARY MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS - UTILITY AND DRIVEWAY CROSSINGS

Incidental bituminous surface shall be used for all temporary side road crossings. Aggregate surface course may be used for all driveway crossings except during winter shutdown in accordance with article 107.09.

WINTER SHUTDOWN RESTRICTIONS ON COLD MILLED PROJECTS

Prior to winter shutdown the following steps shall be taken:

- All cold milled surfaces shall be overlaid.
- All Lanes shall be reopened to traffic.

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- Manholes, where applicable, shall be adjusted to the elevation of the binder to ease in

plowing snow, and re-adjusted to finished grade in the Spring. The initial manhole adjustment will be paid for at the contract unit price and any re-adjustment, as

- directed by the Engineer, will be paid for in accordance with Article 109.04. - Temporary or permanent payement marking shall be placed as applicable.

GENERAL NOTES (continued)

CRITICAL PATH WORK SCHEDULE REQUIREMENT

The Contractor will submit to the Engineer a satisfactory progress schedule <u>and</u> critical path schedule which show the proposed sequence of work at the time of the pre-construction conference.

CLEARING

At locations where clearing is indicated on the plans beyond the limits of the proposed excavation or embankment, the Contractor shall restore the disturbed earth by blading and shaping to blend with the adjacent ground. The clearing will not be paid for separately but shall be included in the cost of Earth Excavation. Payment for reseeding or resodding shall be as provided in the plans.

TREE REMOVAL

The District Four Tree Committee should be contacted and prior approval obtained for any tree removal beyond the limits/locations included in the plans.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Prior to the use of any proposed borrow areas, use areas (temporary access roads, detours, run-arounds. etc.) and/or waste areas, the Contractor shall file the required environmental resource request surveys according to Section 107.22 of the Standard Specifications. These surveys are required in order for the Department to conduct cultural and biological resource surveys for the proposed site.

Prior to any waste materials being removed from the construction site the required environmental resource surveys will need to be obtained and filed by the Contractor. Excess waste products removed from the construction site shall be disposed of as required in Section 202.03 of the Standard Specifications.

Any protruding metal bars shall be removed prior to the disposal of broken concrete at approved disposal sites.

The required environmental resource documentation shall include the following:

*BDE Form 2289 (Environmental Survey Request) *A location map showing the size limits and location of the use area *Signed property owner agreement form *Color photographs depicting the use area

Please note that a minimum of two weeks shall be allowed for the District to obtain the required environmental clearances.

SEEDING - SIDESLOPE RIPPING

All slopes steeper than 1 to 3 and over 4.5 m (15 ft.) in height shall be ripped. This shall consist of ripping between 450 mm to 600 mm (18 inches to 24 inches) deep normal to the slope. The interval of ripping along the slope shall be 3.6 m (12 ft.). This work shall be done after the seed bed has been prepared but before any fertilizer or seed has been applied. The fertilizer and seed shall be applied within a 24-hour period after the ripping has been done. This work will not be paid for separately but will be included in the cost of the various items of seeding involved.



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