INSTALLATION GENERAL NOTES

14. EPOXY COATED DOWEL BARS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 1006.06 (b) OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR DOWEL BAR RETROFITTING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR "DOWEL BAR RETROFIT".

15. EPOXY COATED TIE BARS FOR STITCHING SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 1006.10 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.

16. THE BACKER ROD USED AS A SEAL RESERVOIR GASKET AROUND THE PERIMETER OF A SLAB, NEAR THE TOP OF THE JOINTS, SHALL BE A CLOSED-CELL. PLASTIC FOAM ROD COMPATIBLE WITH THE SEALANT AND THE ELEVATED TEMPERATURES OF FINAL JOINT SEALANT APPLICATION. A CLOSED CELL PLASTIC FOAM BACKER ROD OF 3/8 " DIAMETER SHALL BE PINNED OR NAILED TO THE FINISHED BASE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF EACH OPENING BEFORE THE PANELS ARE SET.

EQUIPMENT

17. FOR BASE PREPARATION, A MECHANICALLY-CONTROLLED SCREEDING DEVICE OR STRAIGHTEDGE DEVICE CAPABLE OF GRADING FULLY COMPACTED FINE AGGREGATE USED AS THE LEVELING SAND TO A TOLERANCE OF 1/8 INCH PER 6 FT. LENGTHS OF PLACEMENT.

18. CHIPPING HAMMERS SHALL BE HAND HELD AND HAVE A MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF 30 LBS. PRIOR TO ANY HANDLE MODIFICATION WHERE APPLICABLE.

19. WITH ANY FIELD RETROFITTING OF DOWEL BARS, A TEMPLATE SHALL BE ROUTINELY USED FOR ALL STANDARD SLABS IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND ALIGN THE SAWCUTS CONSISTENTLY. EITHER SINGLE DIAMOND BLADED SAWS OR DIAMOND BLADED GANG SAWS SHALL BE USED TO MAKE SAW CUTS PERPENDICULAR TO THE TRANSVERSE (NONSKEWED) JOINT LINE TO ALLOW FOR DOWEL BAR PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING TOLERANCES:
    ± 1/2 INCH OF THE MIDDLE OF THE CONCRETE SLAB DEPTH.
    ± 1/2 INCH OF BEING CENTERED OVER THE TRANSVERSE JOINT
    ± 1/4 " FROM PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OVER 12 INCHES OF THE BAR
    ± 1/4 " FROM PARALLEL TO THE ROADWAY SURFACE OVER 12 INCHES OF THE BAR
SAWCUTS SAWED ACROSS SKEWED JOINTS SHOULD ALLOW EQUAL LENGTH OF THE DOWEL BAR TO BE PLACED ACROSS THE TRANSVERSE JOINT. THE ALIGNMENT OF SAWCUTS MUST BE PARALLEL TO THE ROADWAY CENTERLINE, REGARDLESS OF TRANSVERSE JOINT SKEW.

20. WITH ANY FIELD INSERTIONS OF DOWEL BARS INTO PREDRILLED HOLES, THE DRILLING MACHINE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 442.03(g) OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. HAND HELD DRILLING TOOLS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

21. THE COMPRESSOR FOR AIR BLASTING SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM CAPACITY OF 120 CFM. THE COMPRESSED AIR SHALL BE FREE FROM OIL AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS.

22. CONSOLIDATION EQUIPMENT USED TO CONSOLIDATE THE CONCRETE REPAIR MATERIAL IN THE RETROFITTED DOWEL BAR SLOTS SHALL BE INTERNAL VIBRATORS WITH A MAXIMUM DIAMETER OF 1 INCH AND SHALL HAVE A RESILIENT COVERING THAT WILL NOT DAMAGE THE EPOXY COATED REINFORCEMENT DURING USE. ANY VIBRATORS OR RODS USED FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE REPAIR MATERIAL FOR NARROW MOUTH SLOTS SHALL HAVE A DIAMETER OF LESS THAN 1 INCH.

23. BATCHING EQUIPMENT FOR FLOWABLE FILL SHALL HAVE DEVICES DESIGNED TO MEASURE THE SPECIFIED QUANTITIES OF EACH COMPONENT MATERIAL, AND MIXING SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT DURATION TO INSURE UNIFORM CONSISTENCY OF THE MIXTURE. NO WATER WILL BE ADDED TO THE FLOWABLE FILL MIXTURE AFTER BATCHING. WATER CONTENT SHALL BE MAINTAINED SUCH THAT COMPRESSIVE STRENGTHS ARE ACHIEVED AND A UNIFORM, FLOWABLE MIXTURE IS DEVELOPED THAT IS ESSENTIALLY SELF-LEVELLING WHEN PLACED.

24. EQUIPMENT FOR HIGH-DENSITY FOAM INJECTION SHALL INCLUDE A TRUCK MOUNTED PUMPING UNIT CAPABLE OF INJECTING THE POLYURETHANE BETWEEN THE CONCRETE AND THE SLAB SUBBASE. THE PUMP SHALL BE CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING THE RATE OF RISE OF THE PAVEMENT SLAB. A LEVELING UNIT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ENSURE THE SLABS ARE RAISED TO AN EVEN PLANE, WITH VERTICAL ELEVATION DIFFERENCE ACROSS ANY CORNER NOT TO EXCEED 1/4 INCH.

25. EQUIPMENT FOR MIXING AND PUMPING ANY GROUT/ADHESIVE MATERIALS FOR BEDDING THE SLABS, RETROFITTING DOWEL BARS, OR CROSS STITCHING TIE BARS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MATERIAL MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS.

REMOVAL /INSTALLATION:

26. PERIMETER SAWCUTTING OF THE REMOVAL AREA AND SAWCUTTING OF THE DOWEL BAR SLOTS SHALL NOT BE CARRIED OUT MORE THAN (1) WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE EXPECTED DATE OF REPAIR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE A TEMPLATE TO PRECISELY DELINEATE THE LIMITS OF THE AREAS TO BE REPAIRED AS DEFINED ON THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND APPROVED SHOP DRAWINGS. WITHIN A TOLERANCE OF 1/2 INCH. REPAIRS SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THE FULL WIDTH OF A LANE AND THE FULL DEPTH OF CONCRETE.

27. REMOVAL OF EXISTING PAVEMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 440 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

    A. THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE REPAIR AREA WILL BE SAWCUT FULL DEPTH AND SHALL NOT EXTEND (OVERCUT) BY MORE THAN 10 INCHES INTO THE ADJACENT CONCRETE THAT IS TO REMAIN IN PLACE. OVERCUTS SHALL BE FILLED WITH A PRODUCT ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE OUTER LIMITS FOR REPAIR SHALL BE MARKED OUT BY THE CONTRACTOR AND APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER PRIOR TO ANY SAWCUTTING.

    B. REMOVAL OF CONCRETE WITHIN THE PERIMETER SAWCUTS SHALL BE BY THE LIFT-OUT METHOD, AND CONCRETE BETWEEN SAWCUTS FOR DOWEL BAR RETROFITS SHALL BE REMOVED USING JACKHAMMER AND HAND TOOLS. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT REMOVALS ARE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DAMAGING THE ADJACENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT OR ASPHALT SHOULDER OR DISTURBING THE UNDERLYING BASE. HEAVY BREAKING EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HOE RAMS SHALL NOT BE USED IN THE REMOVAL OPERATION. THE CONCRETE PAVEMENT SHALL NOT BE BROKEN IN PLACE.

    C. IF DURING THE REMOVAL PROCESS THE ADJACENT CONCRETE IN THE SAME LANE OR IN AN ADJACENT LANE THAT CAN ONLY BE REPAIRED DURING NIGHT TIME LANE CLOSURES, IS DAMAGED OR CRACKED DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR'S REMOVAL PROCEDURE, THE DAMAGED AREA SHALL BE CUT BACK FULL DEPTH TO SOUND CONCRETE AND REPLACED WITH PRECAST SLABS AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. IF CONCRETE IN THE ADJOINING LANE IS DAMAGED DURING THE REMOVAL PROCESS AND WEEKEND REPAIRS ARE POSSIBLE, THE DAMAGED CONCRETE SHALL BE REPAIRED IN ACCORDANCE SECTION 442 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. ASPHALT SHOULDER DAMAGED DURING THE REMOVAL PROCESS SHALL BE REPAIRED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS TO THE ENGINEER FOR DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.

    D. DISPOSAL OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS FROM THE REMOVAL OF CONCRETE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF ARTICLE 202.03 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

    E. ALL SLURRY FROM SAW CUTTING OPERATIONS SHALL BE THOROUGHLY SCRAPED AND REMOVED FROM THE PAVEMENT SURFACE BEFORE THE PAVEMENT IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC. DISPOSAL OF SLURRY SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 202.03 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AT THE CONTRACTORS EXPENSE.

28. ANY AREAS OF SUBBASE WHICH ARE BELOW THE REQUIRED ELEVATION OF THE FINISHED SUBBASE, SHALL BE BUILT UP TO GRADE WITH SATISFACTORY COMPACTED GRANULAR MATERIAL.

29. LEVELING MATERIAL PLACED BEFORE SLAB INSTALLATION SHALL BE EITHER A FLOWABLE FILL OR A FINE AGGREGATE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT. FLOWABLE FILL SHALL BE USED AS A LEVELING MATERIAL ONLY ON TANGENT PAVEMENT SECTIONS. GRADE CONTROL SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR ALL LEVELING MATERIAL USING STRINGLINES, LASER GUIDANCE, OR OTHER APPROVED METHODS. THE TEMPERATURE OF THE FLOWABLE FILL MIXTURE AS MANUFACTURED AND DELIVERED SHALL BE AT LEAST 50° F. NONFLOWABLE FILL WILL BE ALLOWED IF THE ANTICIPATED AIR TEMPERATURE WILL BE 36°F OR LESS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SLAB PLACEMENT. THE FLOWABLE FILL MUST OBTAIN FINAL SET BEFORE THE PAVEMENT MAY BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

30. WHEN FLOWABLE FILL IS USED AS THE LEVELING MATERIAL WITH SLAB INSTALLATION. A PERIMETER BACKER ROD WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE SLAB.

31. LEVELING MATERIAL PLACED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAB INSTALLATION SHALL ONLY BE A HIGH-DENSITY POLYURETHANE FOAM MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT. PLACEMENT OF POLYURETHANE FOAM SHALL FILL ALL VOIDS BENEATH THE PRECAST PANELS THAT MAY BE PRESENT AFTER PLACING THE PANELS OVER THE PREPARED SUBBASE AND LEVELING AGGREGATE. PLACEMENT OF THE POLYURETHANE SHALL UTILIZE THE UNDERSLAB GROUT PORT HOLES AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. THE PORT HOLES ARE TO BE FILLED WITH THE DOWEL BAR BACKFILLING MATERIAL.

32. FOLLOWING PROPER REMOVAL OF EXISTING PAVEMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE BASE PREPARATION/LEVELING, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE ALL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR PANEL INSTALLATION ON-SITE PRIOR TO BEGINNING PANEL INSTALLATION. LIFTING AND TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT DAMAGE THE PREPARED SUBBASE/LEVELING MATERIALS PRIOR TO OR DURING PANEL INSTALLATION. PRIOR TO SLAB INSTALLATION, ALL VERTICAL SURFACES OF SURROUNDING PAVEMENT SHALL BE COATED WITH A BOND BREAKER SUCH AS FORM OIL OR A CURING COMPOUND.

33. PANELS SHALL BE INSTALLED ONE AT A TIME, AND SHALL BE INSTALLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE SUBBASE/LEVELING MATERIAL OR ANY REMAINING PAVEMENT IS NOT DAMAGED DURING INSTALLATION. DURING PLACEMENT OF THE SLABS, USE TIE OFF ROPES TO AVOID CHIPPING OR SPALLING EDGES OF THE PRECAST UNITS. USE WOOD SHIMS OR WEDGES TO GUIDE THE SLAB INTO THE CORRECT POSITION. THE USE OF STEEL PRY BARS THAT CHIP EDGES SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

34. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SLAB HAS BEEN SET AND LEVELED, SURVEY THE VERTICAL ELEVATION ACROSS ALL CORNERS TO VERIFY THE VERTICAL DIFFERENCE ABOVE ADJACENT CONCRETE IS 1/4 INCH ACROSS ALL CORNERS. ALL PRECAST SLABS SHALL RECEIVE A PROFILE DIAMOND GRIND THAT MAY INCLUDE UP TO 4' OF THE SURROUNDING PAVEMENT TO MAINTAIN SLOPE.

35. IF A SET PRECAST SLAB IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC BEFORE ANY GROUTING OPERATIONS, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

    i) DURING INSTALLATION, INCOMPRESSIBLE SHIMS, APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER, SHALL BE PLACED IN THE DOWNSTREAM TRAVERSE JOINT TO CORRECT AND MAINTAIN HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE SLAB. INCLUDE SHIMS ON THE LONGITUDINAL JOINT FOR SLABS SUBJECTED TO TURNING PRESSURES. THE TOTAL THICKNESS OF SHIMS USED IN ANY JOINT SHALL BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN ⅜ ". SHIMS SHALL BE REMOVED BEFORE JOINT SEALING OPERATIONS. EQUIPMENT AND METHODS USED FOR REMOVING SHIMS SHALL BE SUCH AS TO PREVENT CRACKING, SHATTERING OR SPALLING OF PAVEMENT REMAINING IN PLACE. THE WORK TO REMOVE THE SHIMS SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE PRECAST SLAB.

    ii) ASPHALT SHOULDERS SHALL BE BACKFILLED TO MAINTAIN HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT.

    iii) WIDE MOUTH DOWEL SLOTS LEFT OPEN SHALL BE TEMPORARILY FILLED WITH A COMPRESSION SEAL APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER TO WITHIN 1 INCH FLUSH WITH THE PAVEMENT SURFACE.

    iv) NARROW MOUTH DOWEL SLOTS MAY BE LEFT OPEN.

    v) ALL GROUTING MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF EACH SLAB'S PLACEMENT.

36. PRIOR TO DOWEL BAR PLACEMENT, THE TRANSVERSE JOINT SHALL BE CAULKED WITH A SILICONE SEALANT AT THE BOTTOM AND SIDES OF THE SLOT. THE CAULKING FILLER SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ANY FARTHER THAN 1/2 INCH OUTSIDE EITHER SIDE OF THE JOINT, AND APPLIED SUFFICIENTLY TO PREVENT ANY PATCHING MATERIAL FROM ENTERING THE JOINT AT THE BOTTOM OR SIDES OF THE SLOT. EXCESSIVE SEALANT AROUND THE SLOT DOES NOT ALLOW THE CONCRETE PATCHING MATERIAL TO BOND TO THE SIDES OF THE SLOT. BEFORE PLACEMENT, THE DOWEL BARS SHOULD BE LIGHTLY COATED WITH PARTING COMPOUND AND FULLY RETROFITTED DOWEL BARS PLACED ON A CHAIR THAT WILL PROVIDE A MINIMUM 1/2 INCH CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE DOWEL AND THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOT. FOR ANY DOWEL BARS INSERTED INTO PREDRILLED EPOXIED HOLES, AN APPURATUS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING VERTICAL ALIGNMENT OF THE DOWEL AND TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM 1/2 INCH CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE DOWEL AND THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOT SHAL BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRCTOR. A 3/8 INCH THICK FOAM INSERT SHOULD BE PLACED AT THE MIDDLE OF THE DOWEL TO MAINTAIN THE TRANSVERSE JOINT. THE FOAM INSERT SHOULD FIT TIGHTLY AROUND THE DOWEL, THE BOTTOM, AND THE EDGES OF THE SLOT, AND BE UP TO THE SURFACE OF THE EXISTING CONCRETE SURFACE. THE FOAM INSERT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF REMAINING IN A VERTICAL POSITION AND HELD TIGHTLY TO ALL EDGES DURING PLACEMENT OF THE PATCH. IF FOR ANY REASON THE FOAM INSERT SHIFTS DURING PLACEMENT OF THE CONCRETE PATCHING MATERIAL, THE WORK SHALL BE REJECTED AND REDONE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

37. PLACEMENT OF HARDWARE GROUT/ADHESIVES:

    A. DOWEL BARS - THE PLACEMENT OF ANY APPROVED BACKFILL MATERIAL FOR DOWEL BAR RETROFITTING OR FOR DOWEL BAR INSERTIONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR "DOWEL BAR RETROFIT". THE PAVEMENT WILL NOT BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL THE BACKFILL MATERIAL AROUND THE PAVEMENT HARDWARE OBTAINS 3,000 PSI COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH. ALL CONCRETE SURFACES WITHIN THE SLOT SHALL BE SOLID, FREE FROM LOOSE OR UNSOUND FRAGMENTS. BEFORE GROUTING, SANDBLAST ALL EXPOSED SURFACES IN THE DOWEL BAR SLOT FOLLOWED BY AIR BLASTING TO REMOVE ANY DUST, RESIDUE OR DEBRIS LEFT IN THE SLOT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE RETROFITTING WORK, THE GROUT OR CONCRETE PATCH MATERIAL SHALL FILL ALL SLOTS TO THE SURFACE OF THE EXISTING PAVEMENTS. ANY SLOTS INSUFFICIENTLY FILLED BELOW EXISTING PAVEMENT SURFACES SHALL BE REDONE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

    B. TIE BARS - A FOAM BOARD GASKET SHALL BE INSERTED INTO THE LONGITUDINAL JOINT AT THE STITCHING LOCATION AND THE TIEBAR HOLE PREDRILLED THROUGH THE GASKET. AFTER PREDRILLED HOLES ARE AIR BLASTED, PRESSURE INJECT THE APPROVED ADHESIVE INTO THE PREDRILLED HOLES, LEAVING SOME VOLUME FOR THE BAR TO OCCUPY THE HOLE. INSERT THE TIEBAR INTO THE HOLE, LEAVING ABOUT I INCH FROM THE TOP OF THE TIE BAR TO THE PAVEMENT SURFACE. REMOVE EXCESS ADHESIVE AND FINISH FLUSH WITH THE PAVEMENT SURFACE.

    C. FILL LIFTING INSERT HOLES AND GROUT PORTS WITH THE APPROVED GROUT USED FOR DOWEL BAR RETROFITTING.

38. PLACEMENT OF UNDERSEALING GROUT SHALL FILL ALL VOIDS BENEATH THE PRECAST PANELS AND GROUT PORT HOLES THAT MAY BE PRESENT AFTER PLACING THE PANELS OVER THE PREPARED SUBBASE AND LEVELING AGGREGATE. PLACEMENT OF THE UNDERSEALING GROUT SHALL UTILIZE THE UNDERSLAB GROUT PORT HOLES AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. PLACEMENT OF UNDERSEALING GROUT SHALL NOT OCCUR UNTIL AFTER ALL HARDWARE DEVICES ARE PLACED AND GROUTED. IF UNDERSEALING GROUT FILLS ANY LONGITUDINAL JOINT TO WITHIN 9" OF THE SLAB SURFACE, A 9" SAW CUT OF THE JOINT SHALL BE REQUIRED DURING INSTALLATION. IF UNDERSEALING GROUT FILLS ANY TRANSVERSE JOINT TO WITHIN 9" OF THE SLAB SURFACE, THEN A 9" SAW CUT OF THE JOINT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWED BY REMOVAL AND FULL RETROFITTING OF ALL SEVERED DOWEL BARS ACROSS THE JOINT.

39. AFTER INSTALLATION AND GROUTING IS COMPLETED ALL LONGITUDINAL AND TRANSVERSE JOINTS SHALL BE SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 420.12 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS