

PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS**ROADWAY****CLEARING AND GRUBBING – METHOD II:**

(9-17-02)

SP2 R01

Perform clearing on this project to the limits established by Method “II” shown on Standard No. 200.02 of the *2006 Roadway Standard Drawings*.

EXCAVATION OF ROCK BY USE OF EXPLOSIVES:

(1-1-02)

SP2 R20

The Contractor’s attention is directed to Article 107-11 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

In addition to the requirements of this Article, submit to the Engineer a written report after each blast that gives complete details of the blast procedure. Submit the blast report on forms provided by the Engineer within 24 hours after each blast.

The Engineer will, as necessary, monitor blasting operations with an engineering seismograph. In order to facilitate such work, provide to the Engineer seven days advance notice before the initial blasting is performed and 24 hours notice of subsequent blasting operations.

Cooperate with the Engineer in establishing a signal system that will allow vibrations to be effectively monitored.

The monitoring blast vibrations by the Engineer or the submission of blast reports by the Contractor in no way relieves the Contractor of his responsibilities as defined in Article 107-11 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

TEMPORARY DETOURS:

(7-1-95)

SP2 R30

Construct temporary detours required on this project in accordance with the typical sections in the plans or as directed.

Payment for the construction of the detours will be made at the contract unit prices for the various items involved. After the detours have served their purpose, remove the portions deemed unsuitable for use as a permanent part of the project as directed by the Engineer. Salvage and stockpile the aggregate base course removed from the detours at locations within the right of way, as directed by the Engineer, for removal by State Forces. Pipe culverts removed from the detours remain the property of the Contractor. Remove pipe culverts from the project when they are no longer needed. Place pavement and earth material removed from the detour in embankments or dispose of in waste areas furnished by the Contractor. Aggregate base course and earth material that is removed will be measured and will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard for *Unclassified Excavation*. Pavement that is removed will be measured and will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard for *Removal of Existing Pavement*. Pipe

culverts that are removed will be measured and will be paid for at the contract unit price per linear foot for *Pipe Removal*. Such prices and payments will be full compensation for the work of removing, salvaging, and stockpiling aggregate base course; placing and removing pipe culverts; and for placing earth material and pavement in embankments or disposing of earth material and pavement in waste areas.

SHOULDER AND FILL SLOPE MATERIAL:

(5-21-02)

SP2 R50

Description

Perform the required shoulder and slope construction for this project in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 560 and Section 235 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* except as follows:

Construct the top 6 inches of shoulder and fill slopes with soils capable of supporting vegetation.

Provide soil with a P.I. greater than 6 and less than 25 and with a pH ranging from 5.5 to 6.8. Remove stones and other foreign material 2 inches or larger in diameter. All soil is subject to test and acceptance or rejection by the Engineer.

Obtain material from within the project limits or approved borrow source.

Compensation

When the Contractor elects to obtain material from an area located beneath a proposed fill sections which does not require excavation for any reason other than to generate acceptable shoulder and fill slope material, the work of performing the excavation will be considered incidental to the item of *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*. If there is no pay item for *Borrow* or *Shoulder Excavation* in the contract, this work will be considered incidental to *Unclassified Excavation*. Stockpile the excavated material in a manner to facilitate measurement by the Engineer. Fill the void created by the excavation of the shoulder and fill slope material with suitable material. Payment for material used from the stockpile will be made at the contract unit price for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*. If there is no pay item for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*, then the material will be paid for at the contract unit price for *Unclassified Excavation*. The material used to fill the void created by the excavation of the shoulder and fill slope material will be made at the contract unit price for *Unclassified Excavation*, *Borrow Excavation*, or *Shoulder Borrow*, depending on the source of the material.

Material generated from undercut excavation, unclassified excavation or clearing and grubbing operations that is placed directly on shoulders or slope areas, will not be measured separately for payment, as payment for the work requiring the excavation will be considered adequate compensation for depositing and grading the material on the shoulders or slopes.

When undercut excavation is performed at the direction of the Engineer and the material excavated is found to be suitable for use as shoulder and fill slope material, and there is no area on the project currently prepared to receive the material generated by the undercut operation, the Contractor may construct a stockpile for use as borrow at a later date. Payment for the material used from the stockpile will be made at the contract unit price for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow*.

When shoulder material is obtained from borrow sources or from stockpiled material, payment for the work of shoulder construction will be made at the contract unit price per cubic yard for *Borrow Excavation* or *Shoulder Borrow* in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 230 or Section 560 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

PIPE TESTING:

4-17-07

SP3R33

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 3-3, Article 300-6, add the following as a new paragraph before (A):

The Department reserves the right to perform forensic testing on any installed pipe.

AGGREGATE BASE COURSE:

12-19-06

SP5 R03

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 5-11, Article 520-5 Hauling and Placing Aggregate Base Material, 6th paragraph, replace the first sentence with the following:

Base course that is in place on November 15 shall have been covered with a subsequent layer of pavement structure or with a sand seal. Base course that has been placed between November 16 and March 15 inclusive shall be covered within 7 calendar days with a subsequent layer of pavement structure or with a sand seal.

SHPO DOCUMENTATION FOR BORROW/WASTE SITES:

(12-18-07)

RR8R02

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Division 2 Earthwork

Page 2-17, Article 230-4(B) Contractor Furnished Sources, first paragraph, first sentence replace with the following:

Prior to the approval of any borrow sources developed for use on any project, obtain certification from the State Historic Preservation Officer of the State Department of Cultural Resources certifying that the removal of the borrow material from the borrow sources(s) will

have no effect on any known district, site building, structure, or object, architectural and/or archaeological that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Division 8 Incidentals

Page 8-9, Article 802-2 General Requirements, add the following as the 1st paragraph:

Prior to the removal of any waste from any project, obtain certification from the State Historic Preservation Officer of the State Department of Cultural Resources certifying that the deposition of the waste material to the proposed waste area will have no effect on any known district, site building, structure, or object, architectural and/or archaeological that is included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Furnish a copy of this certification to the Engineer prior to performing any work in the proposed waste site.

Page 8-10, Article 802-2, General Requirements, 4th paragraph, add the following as the 2nd sentence:

The Department's borrow and waste site reclamation procedures for contracted projects is available on the NCDOT website and shall be used for all borrow and waste sites on this project.

GABION WALLS

(11-20/06)

1.0 General

Description

The work in this Special Provision governs the construction of the Gabion Retaining Wall in accordance with the details and dimensions shown on the plans and this special provision. The term Gabion is used generically in this special provision to refer to any proprietary system able to satisfy this special provision and the contract plans.

Gabions are baskets manufactured from 8x10 double twisted hexagonal woven steel wire mesh, as per ASTM A975-97. Gabions are filled with stones at the project site to form gravity retaining walls. The gabion is divided into cells by diaphragms positioned at approximately 3 foot (0.9 m) centers. To reinforce the structure, all mesh panel edges are selvedged with a wire having a greater diameter. The steel wire used in the manufacture of the Gabions is heavily zinc coated soft temper steel. A Polyvinyl Chloride Coating (PVC) coating is then applied to a nominal thickness of 0.02 inc. (0.50 mm) to provide additional protection. Gabions are manufactured and shipped with all components mechanically connected at the production facility.

Work Experience

Assign a field supervisor with experience on at least three (3) projects of similar scope to this project, completed over the past five (5) years. The on-site foreman must have completed three (3) projects within the last five (5) years involving gabion retaining wall installations of similar scope and size. The Department may suspend the retaining wall construction work if the Contractor substitutes unqualified personnel and the Contractor shall be liable for additional costs resulting from the suspension.

Submit the above experience qualifications list and personnel list for approval at the time of bidding.

Preconstruction Meeting

Conduct a retaining wall preconstruction meeting with the field supervisor, the on-site foreman, the Resident Engineer and/or his or her representatives, the Area Roadway Engineer and the Geotechnical Operations Engineer to discuss construction and inspection of the gabion retaining wall.

2.0 Materials

All materials are to be as specified or better, and as approved by the Engineer. Submit requests for substitutions to the Engineer 14 calendar days before intended installation. The materials used for the construction of the gabion retaining wall must satisfy the following requirements:

Wire

Use wire for the manufacture of the gabions and lacing wire, that has a maximum tensile strength of 75,000 psi (515 MPa) as per ASTM A641/A641-03. Perform all tests on the wire before manufacturing the mesh. Use wire that complies with ASTM A975-97, style 3 coating, galvanized and PVC coated steel wire.

Woven Wire Mesh Type 8x10

Use mesh and wire for the manufacture of the gabions with characteristics that meet the requirements of ASTM A975-97 Table 1., Mesh type 8x10 and PVC coated. The nominal mesh opening, D = 3.25 in. (83 mm.) The minimum mesh properties for strength and flexibility should be in accordance with the following:

- 1) A minimum Mesh Tensile Strength of 2,900 lb/ft (42.3 kN/m) when tested in accordance with ASTM A975-97 section 13.1.1 is required
- 2) A minimum Punch Test resistance of 5,300 lb (23.6 kN) when tested in compliance with ASTM A975-97 section 13.1.4 is required.
- 3) A minimum Connection to Selvedges of 1,200 lb/ft (17.5 kN/m) when tested in accordance with ASTM A975-97 is required.

Polyvinyl Chloride Coating (P.V.C.)

The technical characteristics and the resistance of the PVC to aging should meet the relevant standards. The main values for the PVC material are as follows:

- 1) The initial property of the PVC coating shall be in compliance with ASTM A975-97 section 8.2.
- 2) Before UV and abrasion degradation, the PVC polymer coating shall have a projected minimum durability of 60 years when tested in accordance with UL 746B *Polymeric Material – Long Term Property Evaluation* for heat aging test.

Fabrication at Manufacturing Facility

1) Gabion

Manufacture and ship gabions with all components mechanically connected at the production facility. The front, base, back, and lid of the gabions shall be woven into a single unit. Factory connect the ends and diaphragm(s) to the base. Selvedge all perimeter edges of the mesh forming the basket and top, or lid, with wire having a greater diameter. The gabion is divided into cells by means of diaphragms positioned at approximately 3 foot (1 m) centers. Secure the diaphragms in position to the base so that no additional lacing is necessary at the jobsite.

2) Lacing Wire

Use lacing wire meeting all of the physical characteristics outlined in Section 2A, 2B, and 2C and having a minimum diameter of 0.127 in. (3.20 mm).

3) Ring Fasteners

Stainless steel ring fastener may be used instead of, or to compliment the lacing wire. Use ring fasteners meeting the requirements of ASTM A975-97 section 6.3. Use ring fasteners with a minimum open dimension of 1.75 in (44 mm), a maximum closed diameter of 0.75 in (19 mm), and a nominal overlap of 1 in. (25 mm) after closure. Do not exceed a spacing of 6 in. (150 mm) for between each ring fastener.

4) Preformed Stiffeners

Preformed stiffeners manufactured for supporting the exposed face of a gabion. The exposed face is any side of a gabion cell that will be exposed or unsupported after the structure is completed.

5) Cross Tie/ Stiffener Wire

Cross tie/stiffener wire may be used instead of, or to compliment the preformed stiffeners. Use cross tie/stiffener wire (lacing wire) meeting all of the physical characteristics outlined in Section 2.0 and having a minimum diameter of 0.127 in. (3.20 mm).

6) Rock

The rock for gabions shall be hard, angular to round, durable and of such quality that they shall not disintegrate on exposure to water or weathering during the life of the structure. Not more than 5 percent by weight of clean spalls resulting from loading and shipment will be allowed in any truckload. The rock may be unwashed quarry material provided it meets all requirements of these special provisions and is placed in conformance with all requirements of the Department's construction permits (including water quality requirements). Before to construction, submit testing results and certification that all proposed construction materials meet all requirements of the Standard Specifications to the Resident Engineer. The minimum unit weight of the rock shall be 164 pounds per cubic foot (25.7 kN per cubic meter) (saturated surface dry) and the absorption shall be less than 4 percent. Rock containing organic matter or soft, friable particles in quantities considered objectionable to the Engineer will be rejected. Only crystalline rock obtained by quarrying will be allowed.

Use rock that ranges in dimension from a minimum of 4 in. (100 mm) to a maximum of 8 in. (200 mm). The range in sizes shall allow for a variation of 5% oversize and/or 5% undersize rock, provided it is not placed on the gabion exposed surface. The size shall be such that a minimum of three layers of rock must be achieved when filling the gabion.

3.0 Construction Requirements

Use reasonable care in handling, assembling and installing the gabions to prevent damage including damage to the PVC coating. Gabions damaged will be repaired in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer or replaced at no cost to the Department.

Assembly

Gabions are supplied folded flat and packed in bundles. The units are assembled individually by erecting the sides, ends, and diaphragms, ensuring that all panels are in the correct position, and the tops of all the sides are aligned. First, connect the four corners, followed by the internal diaphragms to the outside walls. Use lacing wire or fasteners, as described in Section 2.0, for all connections.

The procedure for using lacing wire consists of cutting a sufficient length of wire, and first looping and/or twisting to secure the lacing wire to the wire mesh. Proceed to lace with alternating double and single loops through every mesh opening approximately every 6 in (150 mm), pulling each loop tight and finally securing the end of the lacing wire to the wire mesh by looping and/or twisting.

Installation

After initial assembly, the gabions are carried to their final position and are secured joined together along vertical and top edges of their contact surfaces using the same connecting procedure(s) previously described. Whenever a structure requires more than one layer, the upper empty baskets shall also be connected to the top of the lower layer along the front and back edges of the contact surface using the same connecting procedure(s) previously described.

Filling Gabions

Fill gabions with rock specified in Section 2.0. During the filling operation some manual rock placement is required to minimize voids. The exposed faces of vertical structures should be carefully hand-placed to give a neat, flat and compact appearance. Care shall be taken when placing fill material to ensure that the sheathing on the PVC coated baskets is not damaged.

Fill the cells in stages so that local deformation is avoided. Do not fill any one cell to a depth exceeding 1 foot (300 mm) higher than an adjoining cell. It is also recommended to slightly overfill the baskets by 1 to 2 in. (25 to 50 mm) to allow for settlement of the rock. Behind gabion walls, compact the backfill material simultaneously to the same level as the filled gabions.

Preformed Stiffeners/Internal Connecting Wires

For gabions, use preformed stiffeners or lacing wire as internal connecting wires when a structure requires more than one layer of gabions to be stacked on top of each other. Connect internal connecting wires to the exposed face of a cell to the adjacent side of the cell. Preformed stiffeners are installed at 45 degree to the face/side of the unit, extending an equal distance along each side to be braced (approximately 1 ft. (300 mm)). Cross tie/stiffener wire (lacing wire) may be used instead of, or to compliment the preformed stiffeners. An exposed face is any side of a gabion cell that will be exposed or unsupported after the structure is completed.

3 Feet (1 m) High Gabions

Fill 3 feet (1 m) gabions in three layers, 1 foot (300 mm) at a time. Install preformed stiffeners/connecting wire after the placement of each layer, that is, at 1 foot (300 mm) high and 2 feet (600 mm) high.

1.5 Feet (0.5 m) High Gabions

1.5 feet (0.5 m) high gabions do not require preformed stiffeners/connecting wire unless the baskets are used to build vertical structures and turned on their side. In some cases, these units shall be filled in two layers, 9 in. (230 mm) at a time. Connecting wires shall be installed after the placement of the first layer, which is 9 in. (230 mm) high.

Lid Closing

Once the gabion baskets are completely full, pull the lids tight until the lid meets the perimeter edges of the basket. A tool such as a lid closer can be used. Tightly lace and/or fasten the lid along all edges, ends, and tops of diaphragm(s) in the same manner previously described.

Mesh cutting and folding

Where shown on the plans or other directed by the Engineer, cut the gabion, fold and fasten together to suit the existing site conditions. Cleanly cut the mesh, fold back the surplus mesh, and neatly wire to an adjacent basket face. Securely fasten the cut edges of the mesh with lacing wire or fasteners in the manner previously described. Assemble, install, fill and close any reshaped gabion as specified in the previous sections.

4.0 Measurement And Payment

Gabions will be measured and paid for as the actual number of square yards of exposed face area incorporated into the completed and accepted wall. The wall height is measured as the difference between the top and bottom of the wall. The bottom of wall is defined as the point where the finished grade intersects the front of the wall.

The contract price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all labor and materials (including but not limited to excavation, temporary shoring, gabion baskets, rock fill, filter fabric, and backfill) required to construct the gabion retaining wall including but not limited to those items as shown on the plans and contained in this special provision.

Payment will be made under:

Gabion Wall.....Square Yard

GUARDRAIL ANCHOR UNITS, TYPE 350:

(4-20-04)

SP8 R65

Description

Furnish and install guardrail anchor units in accordance with the details in the plans, the applicable requirements of Section 862 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*, and at locations shown in the plans.

Materials

The Contractor may at his option, furnish any one of the guardrail anchor units.

Guardrail anchor unit (ET-2000) as manufactured by:

Trinity Industries, Inc.
2525 N. Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207
Telephone: 800-644-7976

The guardrail anchor unit (SKT 350) as manufactured by:

Road Systems, Inc.
3616 Old Howard County Airport
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Telephone: 915-263-2435

Prior to installation the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer:

(A) FHWA acceptance letter for each guardrail anchor unit certifying it meets the requirements of NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 3, in accordance with Section 106-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

(B) Certified working drawings and assembling instructions from the manufacturer for each guardrail anchor unit in accordance with Section 105-2 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

No modifications shall be made to the guardrail anchor unit without the express written permission from the manufacturer. Perform installation in accordance with the details in the plans, and details and assembling instructions furnished by the manufacturer.

Construction Methods

Guardrail end delineation is required on all approach and trailing end sections for both temporary and permanent installations. Guardrail end delineation consists of yellow reflective sheeting applied to the entire end section of the guardrail in accordance with Section 1088-3 of the *2006 Standard Specifications* and is incidental to the cost of the guardrail anchor unit.

Measurement and Payment

Measurement and payment will be made in accordance with Articles 862-6 of the *2006 Standard Specifications*.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Guardrail Anchor Units, Type 350	Each

FENCE:
(3-6-06)

SP8 R86

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 8-54, Subarticle 866-3(A), second sentence,

Add *existing fencing* after stumps

AGGREGATE PRODUCTION:

(11-20-01)

SP10 R05

Provide aggregate from a producer who uses the current Aggregate Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program that is in effect at the time of shipment.

No price adjustment is allowed to contractors or producers who use the program. Participation in the program does not relieve the producer of the responsibility of complying with all requirements of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. Copies of this procedure are available upon request from the Materials and Test Unit.

CONCRETE BRICK AND BLOCK PRODUCTION:

(11-20-01)

SP10 R10

Provide concrete brick and block from a producer who uses the current Solid Concrete Masonry Brick/Unit Quality Control/Quality Assurance Program that is in effect on the date that material is received on the project.

No price adjustment is allowed to contractors or producers who use the program. Participation in the program does not relieve the producer of the responsibility of complying with all requirements of the *2006 Standard Specifications*. Copies of this procedure are available upon request from the Materials and Test Unit.

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (Alkali-Silica Reaction):

2-20-07

SP10 R16

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Article 1024-1(A), replace the 2nd paragraph with the following:

Certain combinations of cement and aggregate exhibit an adverse alkali-silica reaction. The alkalinity of any cement, expressed as sodium-oxide equivalent, shall not exceed 1.0 percent. For mix designs that contain non-reactive aggregates and cement with an alkali content less than 0.6%, straight cement or a combination of cement and fly ash, cement and ground granulated blast furnace slag or cement and microsilica may be used. The pozzolan quantity shall not exceed the amount shown in Table 1024-1. For mixes that contain cement with an alkali content between 0.6% and 1.0%, and for mixes that contain a reactive aggregate documented by the Department, regardless of the alkali content of the cement, use a pozzolan in the amount shown in Table 1024-1.

Obtain the list of reactive aggregates documented by the Department at:<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/materials/pdf/quarryasrprob.pdf>

Table 1024-1
Pozzolans for Use in Portland Cement Concrete

<i>Pozzolan</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Class F Fly Ash	20% by weight of required cement content, with 1.2 lbs Class F fly ash per lb of cement replaced
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag	35%-50% by weight of required cement content with 1 lb slag per lb of cement replaced
Microsilica	4%-8% by weight of required cement content, with 1 lb microsilica per lb of cement replaced

ENGINEERING FABRICS TABLE 1056-1:

(7-18-06)

SP10 R40

Revise the *2006 Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 10-100, Table 1056-1, replace the values for Trapezoidal Tear Strength with the following:

Physical Property	ASTM Test Method	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
Typical Applications		Shoulder Drain	Under Riprap	Class A Temporary Silt Fence	Class B Soil Stabilization
Trapezoidal Tear Strength	D4533	45 lb	75 lb	--	--

PERMANENT SEEDING AND MULCHING:

(7-1-95)

SP16 R01

The Department desires that permanent seeding and mulching be established on this project as soon as practical after slopes or portions of slopes have been graded. As an incentive to obtain an early stand of vegetation on this project, the Contractor's attention is called to the following:

For all permanent seeding and mulching that is satisfactorily completed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1660, Seeding and Mulching, and within the following percentages of elapsed contract times, an additional payment will be made to the Contractor as an incentive additive. The incentive additive will be determined by multiplying the number of acres of seeding and mulching satisfactorily completed times the contract unit bid price per acre for Seeding and Mulching times the appropriate percentage additive.

Percentage of Elapsed Contract Time	Percentage Additive
0% - 30%	30%
30.01% - 50%	15%

Percentage of elapsed contract time is defined as the number of calendar days from the date of availability of the contract to the date the permanent seeding and mulching is acceptably completed divided by the total original contract time.