


**Project Special Provisions
Structures and Culverts**

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PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS
STRUCTURES AND CULVERTS

PROJECT R-2309AB & R-2413C

GUILFORD/ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES

MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC BENEATH (8-13-04)
PROPOSED STRUCTURE AT STATION 45+30.610 -LREV- (LT & RT LANE)

1.0 GENERAL

Maintain traffic on US 158 (Y6) as shown in Traffic Control Plans and as directed by the Engineer.

Provide a minimum temporary vertical clearance of 4.47 m at all times during construction.

Submit plans and calculations for review and approval for protecting traffic and bracing girders, as described herein, at the above station before beginning work at this location. Have the drawings and design calculations prepared, signed, and sealed by a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer. The approval of the Engineer will not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for the safety of the method or equipment.

2.0 PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC

Protect traffic from any operation that affords the opportunity for construction materials, equipment, tools, etc. to be dropped into the path of traffic beneath the structure. Based on Contractor means and methods determine and clearly define all dead and live loads for this system, which, at a minimum, shall be installed between beams or girders over any travelway or shoulder area where traffic is maintained. Install the protective system before beginning any construction operations over traffic. In addition, for these same areas, keep the overhang falsework in place until after the rails have been poured.

3.0 BRACING GIRDERS

Brace girders to resist wind forces, weight of forms and other temporary loads, especially those eccentric to the vertical axis of the member during all stages of erection and construction. Before casting of intermediate diaphragms, decks, or connecting steel diaphragms do not allow the horizontal movement of girders to exceed ½ inch (13mm).

4.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment at the contract unit prices for the various pay items will be full compensation for the above work.

**MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC BENEATH
PROPOSED STRUCTURE AT STATION 70+09.407 -LREV-****(8-13-04)****1.0 GENERAL**

Maintain traffic on **US 220 (-LREV-)** as shown in Traffic Control Plans and as directed by the Engineer.

Provide a minimum temporary vertical clearance of **5.0 m** at all times during construction.

Submit plans and calculations for review and approval for protecting traffic and bracing girders, as described herein, at the above station before beginning work at this location. Have the drawings and design calculations prepared, signed, and sealed by a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer. The approval of the Engineer will not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for the safety of the method or equipment.

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POT BEARINGS**(5-25-10)****1.0 GENERAL**

This item consists of furnishing, fabrication and installation of pot bearings in accordance with AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, the Standard Specifications, the recommendations of the manufacturer and the details shown on the plans and as specified herein.

Fixed pot bearings consist of a sole plate, a disc of elastomer in a steel cylinder with a snug fitting steel piston, masonry plate, anchor bolts, nuts and washers. Expansion pot bearings consist of a sole plate, a top steel plate with a polished stainless steel sheet facing bearing on a fixed pot bearing with a layer of virgin polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material on its top, masonry plate, anchor bolt assembly which includes anchor bolts, nuts, washers, pipe sleeves, a closure plate, grout and various sizes of standard pipe and any other necessary material as detailed on the plans.

2.0 MATERIALS

Use pot bearings produced by the same manufacturer.

Use AASHTO M270 Grade 50W (345W) for all steel in the pot bearings. Clean, coat, and seal the plates in the pot bearing assemblies except for the areas with special facings and the internal surfaces of pot, in accordance with the Special Provision for "Thermal Sprayed Coatings (Metallization)". Metallization of the internal surfaces of the pot is permitted provided these surfaces are then polished to a surface smoother than 60 micro inches (0.0015 mm). Coat surfaces to a thickness of 8 mils (0.200 mm) minimum on all external parts. Repair surfaces that are abraded or damaged after the application of metallizing in accordance with the Special Provision for "Thermal Sprayed Coatings (Metallization)".

Galvanize all fill plates specified on the plans. Provide anchor bolts and nuts in accordance with the Standard Specifications.

When the maximum plan dimension of the sheet is 12" (300 mm) or less, provide a stainless steel sheet in expansion pot bearings that is at least 16 gage or 1/16" (1.6 mm). When the maximum plan dimension is greater than 12" (300 mm), provide a stainless steel sheet that is at least 11 gage or 1/8" (3 mm). Ensure that all stainless steel sheets are in conformance with ASTM A240/A167 Type 304 and polished to a minimum #8 mirror surface finish.

Blast clean the surface of the plate that will be attached to the stainless sheet to a near white condition in accordance with the Standard Specifications. Position and clamp the back of the stainless sheet that is to be in contact with the steel plate on the steel plate. Apply the stainless steel to the blast cleaned surface of the steel plate as soon as possible after blasting and before any visible oxidation of the blast cleaned surface occurs. Weld the stainless sheet continuously around its perimeter using a tungsten inert gas, wire-fed welder.

For the PTFE sheet, used as a mating surface for the stainless sheet, provide an unfilled virgin PTFE Sheet (Recessed) or a glass-fiber filled PTFE sheet, resulting from skiving billets formed under hydraulic pressure and heat. Provide resin that conforms to the requirements of ASTM D4894 or D4895.

To bond the PTFE and the piston, use heat cured high temperature epoxy capable of withstanding temperature of -320°F to 500°F (-195°C to 260°C).

Provide a neoprene or natural rubber elastomer with a durometer hardness of 50 that allows for a minimum rotation of 0.02 radians. Place a 1/64" (0.4 mm) thick unfilled PTFE disc or

other approved lubricant that is not detrimental to the elastomer on either side of the elastomer inside the bearing. Use a brass sealing ring with the neoprene or natural rubber elastomer.

3.0 DESIGN

Have the manufacturer design the pot bearings for the loads and movements shown on the contract plans. However, use the anchor bolt size, length, spacing and masonry plate thickness as shown on the contract plans and provide an overall height of the bearing assembly that is at least the height shown on the contract plans, but no more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) greater than this height. Either combine, cast as a single piece, or weld together the sole plate and top plate/piston and the cylinder with the masonry plate.

When designing the bearings, use the following allowable bearing stresses:

- On confined elastomer: 3500 psi (24.1 MPa)
- On PTFE Sliding Surface, filled or unfilled PTFE (recessed): 3500 psi (24.1 MPa)

Submit eight sets of shop drawings and one set of design calculations for review, comments and acceptance. Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer check and seal the shop drawings and design calculations.

After the Engineer reviews the drawings and, if necessary, corrections are made, submit one 22" x 34" reproducible set of the working drawings.

4.0 SAMPLING AND TESTING

A. Sampling

The manufacturer is responsible for randomly selecting and testing sample bearings from completed lots of bearings. The manufacturer is also responsible for certifying that the completed bearings and their components have been tested and are in compliance with the requirements of this Special Provision. The manufacturer shall furnish results of the tests to the Materials and Tests Engineer.

B. Testing

1. Proof Load Test

Load a test bearing to 150% of the bearing's rated design capacity and simultaneously subject it to a rotational range of 0.02 radians (1.146°) for a period of 1 hour.

Have the bearing visually examined both during the test and upon disassembly after the test. Any resultant visual defects, such as extruded or deformed elastomer or PTFE, damaged seals or rings, or cracked steel is cause for rejection.

Keep the steel bearing plate and steel piston in continuous and uniform contact for the duration of the test. Any observed lift-off is cause for rejection.

2. Sliding Coefficient of Friction

For all guided and non-guided expansion type bearings, measure the sliding coefficient of friction at the bearing's design capacity in accordance with the test method described below, and on the fifth and fiftieth cycles, at a sliding speed of 1 in/min (25 mm/min).

Calculate the sliding coefficient of friction as the horizontal load required to maintain continuous sliding of one bearing, divided by the bearing's vertical design capacity.

The test results are evaluated as follows:

- A maximum measured sliding coefficients of friction of 3%.
- A visual examination both during and after the test. Any resultant visual defects, such as bond failure, physical destruction, cold flow of PTFE to the point of debonding, or damaged components is cause for rejection of the lot.

Using undamaged test bearings in the work is permitted.

3. Test Method

For the test method and equipment, meet the following requirements:

- a. Arrange the test to determine the coefficient of friction on the first movement of the manufactured bearing.
- b. Clean the bearing surface prior to testing.
- c. Conduct the test at maximum working stress for the PTFE surface with the test load applied continuously for 12 hours prior to measuring friction.
- d. Determine the first movement static and dynamic coefficient of friction of the test bearing at a sliding speed of less than 1 in/min (25 mm/min), not to exceed:

0.04	unfilled PTFE
0.08	filled PTFE
- e. Subject the bearing specimen to 100 movements of at least 1 inch (25 mm) of relative movement and, if the test facility permits, the full design movement at a speed of less than 1 ft/min (300 mm/min). Following this test determine the static and kinetic coefficient of friction again. The specimen is considered a failure if it exceeds the values measured in (d) above or if it shows any signs of bond failure or other defects.

Bearings represented by test specimens passing the above requirements are approved for use in the structure subject to on-site inspection for visible defects.

5.0 INSTALLATION

Prior to shipment, seal the joint between the steel piston and the steel cylinder with a bead of caulk. Store pot bearings delivered to the bridge site under cover on a platform above the ground surface. Protect the bearings from injury at all times and, before placing the bearings, dry and clean all dirt, oil, grease or other foreign substances from the bearing. Do not disassemble the bearings during installation, except at the manufacturer's direction. Place the bearings in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer, Contract Drawings, and as directed by the Engineer. If there is any discrepancy between the recommendations of the manufacturer, Special Provisions, and Contract Drawings, the Engineer is the sole judge in reconciling any such discrepancy.

Provide preformed bearing pads under the masonry plates in accordance with Article 1079-1 of the Standard Specifications.

Do not install any bearing before the Engineer approves it.

6.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment will be at the lump sum contract price bid for "Pot Bearings" which price will be full compensation for furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals required to complete the work in accordance with the Standard Specifications, this Special Provision, the manufacturer's requirements and as directed by the Engineer.

EXPANSION JOINT SEALS

(10-12-01)

1.0 GENERAL

The work covered by this Special Provision consists of furnishing and installing the expansion joint seals as shown on the contract drawings. All materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the proper installation of the expansion joint seals are included.

2.0 MATERIAL

Provide expansion joint seals capable of accommodating a total movement measured parallel to the centerline of the roadway as shown on plans.

Provide an elastomeric component for each expansion joint seal that is a continuous unit for the entire length of the joint. Do not field splice the elastomeric component. Only vulcanized shop splicing of the elastomeric component is permitted. The minimum length of an elastomeric component before shop splicing is 20 feet (6.1 m). However, one piece shorter than 20 feet (6.1 m) is permitted. Provide an elastomeric component that is clearly shop marked to indicate the top side and joint location of the elastomeric component. On

skewed bridges, or under unsymmetrical conditions, clearly mark the left side of the elastomeric component also. Left is defined as being on the left when facing in the direction of increasing station. Inspect the seals upon receipt to ensure that the marks are clearly visible upon installation.

Make sure the convolution of the gland does not project above the top of the hold-down plates when the joint opening is in the most compressed condition. Use either elastic polychloroprene (neoprene) or ethyl propylene diene monomer (EPDM) for the elastomer that meets the following minimum properties:

	ASTM TEST METHOD	REQUIREMENTS
Hardness, Durometer - Shore A	D2240	60 ± 5, Neoprene (upward corrugated shape - fabric reinforced) 75 ± 5, EPDM and Neoprene (upward non-corrugated shape) 80 ± 5, EPDM (upward corrugated shape-fabric reinforced)
Tensile Strength	D412	2000 psi (13.8 MPa), min.
Elongation at Break	D412	250% min.
Width of Gland in Relaxed Condition	N/A	10" ± 0.25" (254 mm ± 6 mm)

Thickness of Upturned portion of gland	N/A	0.25" (6 mm) non-corrugated shape, -0.032" to +0.032" (-0.8 mm to +0.8 mm)
Thickness of Upturned portion of gland	N/A	0.1875" (5 mm) corrugated shape, -0.032" to +0.032" (-0.8 mm to +0.8 mm)
Thickness of Flat portion of gland	N/A	0.1563" (4 mm), -0.032" to +0.032" (-0.8 mm to +0.8 mm)

For fabric reinforced glands, submit one unreinforced sample per lot number, up to 500 feet (152.4 m) of Expansion Joint Seal, to the Engineer for testing.

Only field splice hold-down plates at crown points, at abrupt changes in the deck slab cross slope, and on lane lines. Splicing within travel lanes is not permitted and splicing on edge lines is not required. Field splice hold-down plates between the edge line and gutter upturn and where necessary for proper installation and alignment is permitted. Show all splice

locations on the working drawings for approval. For the location of lane markings at the expansion joint seal, see the Structure plans. At the splice locations, locate the hold-down bolts 3 inches (76 mm) from the end of the hold-down plate. At splice locations where changes in deck slab cross slope occur, cut the ends of hold-down plates parallel to the bridge centerline for skews less than 80° and greater than 100°.

Do not use welded shop splices in hold-down plates.

3.0 SHOP DRAWINGS

Submit nine sets of working drawings to the Engineer for review, comments and acceptance. Show complete details drawn to scale and include:

- The proposed template details including the makeup of the template
- The proposed method of holding the base angle assembly in place while concrete is cast around it
- The proposed procedure to correct for the effects of beam movement and rotation when setting width of joint opening
- The proposed chronology of installation including the sequence and direction of the concrete casting
- The details of cross connectors between base angles, such as steel bars with slots bolted to angles, to maintain evenness between the adjacent base angles while accommodating movement that occurs when concrete is cast. Indicate when bolts are loosened to allow movement.
- The proposed method for removing the hold-down plate
- A section detail through the joint showing horizontal offset dimensions of the base angles from the centerline joint. This detail is required when the vertical face of the joint opening is not perpendicular to the roadway surface (e.g. when the roadway grade is significant).

Have someone other than the one who prepares the drawing check all detailed drawings and include the signatures of both the drafter and checker on each sheet of the drawings. The Engineer returns unchecked drawings to the Contractor. Provide all completed drawings well in advance of the scheduled installation time for the expansion joint seal.

4.0 INSTALLATION

Provide supports for the base angle assembly at a maximum spacing of 9 feet (2.75 m). Place supports near field splices of base angles to ensure that field splices are straight and even. Provide base angles with ½" (13 mm) diameter weep holes at 12 inch (305 mm) centers to allow bleeding of trapped air and/or water. Do not obstruct the weep holes with falsework. Make the bottom of the trough parallel to grade and the sides parallel to the sides of the expansion joint seal.

For damaged areas, depressions, spalls, cracks, or irregularities of curbs or decks adjacent to the expansion joint, submit a proposed method of repair and repair material specifications for approval.

If the Engineer deems any aspects of the expansion joint seals unacceptable, make necessary corrections.

5.0 INSPECTION

When concrete is cast, use a non-aluminum, 10 foot (3 m), true to line straight edge to check and grade the top of the slab on each side of the joint to ensure smooth transition between spans.

Watertight Integrity Test

- Upon completion of an expansion joint seal, perform a water test on the top surface to detect any leakage. Cover the roadway section of the joint from curb to curb, or barrier rail to barrier rail, with water, either ponded or flowing, not less than 1 inch (25 mm) above the roadway surface at all points. Block sidewalk sections and secure an unnozzled water hose delivering approximately 1 gallon (3.8 liters) of water per minute to the inside face of the bridge railing, trained in a downward position about 6 inches (150 mm) above the sidewalks, such that there is continuous flow of water across the sidewalk and down the curb face of the joint.
- Maintain the ponding or flowing of water on the roadway and continuous flow across sidewalks and curbs for a period of 5 hours. At the conclusion of the test, the underside of the joint is closely examined for leakage. The expansion joint seal is considered watertight if no obvious wetness is visible on the Engineer's finger after touching a number of underdeck areas. Damp concrete that does not impart wetness to the finger is not a sign of leakage.
- If the joint system leaks, locate the place(s) of leakage and take any repair measures necessary to stop the leakage at no additional cost to the Department. Use repair measures recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the Engineer prior to beginning corrective work.
- If measures to eliminate leakage are taken, perform a subsequent water integrity test subject to the same conditions as the original test. Subsequent tests carry the same responsibility as the original test and are performed at no extra cost to the Department.

6.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Basis of payment for all expansion joint seals will be at the lump sum contract price for "Expansion Joint Seals" which price and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all material, including any steel accessory plates for sidewalks, medians and rails, labor, tools, and incidentals necessary for installing the expansion joint seal in place and including all materials, labor, tools and incidentals for performing the original watertight integrity test.

EVAZOTE JOINT SEALS

(11-5-10)

1.0 SEALS

Use preformed seals compatible with concrete and resistant to abrasion, oxidation, oils, gasoline, salt and other materials that are spilled on or applied to the surface. Use a resilient, UV stable, preformed, impermeable, flexible, expansion joint seal. The joint seal shall consist of low-density, closed cell, cross-linked polyethylene non-extrudable, foam. The joint seal shall contain no EVA (Ethylene Vinyl Acetate). Cell generation shall be achieved by being physically blown using nitrogen. No chemical blowing agents shall be used in the cell generation process.

Use seals manufactured with grooves 1/8" (3 mm) ± wide by 1/8" (3 mm) ± deep and spaced between 1/4" (6 mm) and 1/2" (13 mm) apart along the bond surface running the length of the joint. Use seals with a depth that meets the manufacturer's recommendation, but is not less than 70% of the uncompressed width. Provide a seal designed so that, when compressed, the center portion of the top does not extend upward above the original height of the seal by more than 1/4" (6 mm). Provide a seal that has a working range of 30% tension and 60% compression and meets the requirements given below.

TEST	TEST METHOD	REQUIREMENT
Tensile strength	ASTM D3575-08, Suffix T	110 – 130 psi (758 – 896 kpa)
Compression Set	ASTM D1056 Suffix B, 2 hr recovery	10% - 16%
Water Absorption	ASTM D3575	< 0.03 lb/ft ² (< 0.001 kpa)
Elongation at Break	ASTM D3575	180% - 210%
Tear Strength	ASTM D624 (D3575-08, Suffix G)	14 – 20 pli
Density	ASTM D3575-08, Suffix W, Method A	1.8 – 2.2 lb/ft ³ (28.8 – 35.2 kg/m ³)
Toxicity	ISO-10993.5	Pass (not cytotoxic)

Have the top of the evazote seal clearly shop marked. Inspect the evazote seals upon receipt to ensure that the marks are clearly visible before installation.

2.0 BONDING ADHESIVE

Use a two component, 100% solid, modified epoxy adhesive supplied by the joint seal manufacturer that meets the requirements given below.

TEST	TEST METHOD	REQUIREMENT
Tensile strength	ASTM D638	3000 psi (20.7 MPa) min.
Compressive strength	ASTM D695	7000 psi (48.3 MPa) min.
Hardness	Shore D Scale	75-85 psi (0.51-0.58 MPa)
Water Absorption	ASTM D570	0.25% by weight max.
Elongation to Break	ASTM D638	5% max.
Bond Strength	ASTM C882	2000 psi (13.8 MPa) min.

Use an adhesive that is workable to 40°F (4°C). When installing in ambient air or surface temperatures below 40°F (4°C) or for application on moist, difficult to dry concrete surfaces, use an adhesive specified by the manufacturer of the joint seal.

3.0 ELASTOMERIC CONCRETE

The elastomeric concrete shall not be placed until the reinforced concrete deck slab has cured for seven full days and reached a minimum strength of 3000 psi (20.7 Mpa).

Prepare the concrete surface within 48 hours prior to placing the elastomeric concrete. Before placing the elastomeric concrete, all concrete surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned and dry. Sandblast the concrete surface in the blockout and clear the surface of all loose debris. Do not place the elastomeric concrete until the surface preparation is completed and approved.

A manufacturer’s representative shall be present when placing elastomeric concrete. Do not place elastomeric concrete if the ambient air or surface temperature is below 45°F (7°C).

Prepare and apply a primer, as per manufacturer’s recommendations, to all vertical concrete faces to be in contact with elastomeric concrete, and to areas specified by the manufacturer.

Prepare, batch, and place the elastomeric concrete in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Place the elastomeric concrete in the areas specified on the plans while the primer is still tacky and within 2 hours after applying the primer. Trowel the elastomeric concrete to a smooth finish.

4.0 SAWING THE JOINT

The joint opening shall be initially formed to the width shown on the plans including the blockout for the elastomeric concrete.

The elastomeric concrete shall cure a minimum of 2 days prior to sawing the elastomeric concrete to the final width and depth as specified in the plans.

When sawing the joint to receive the evazote seal, always use a rigid guide to control the saw in the desired direction. To control the saw and to produce a straight line as indicated on the plans, anchor and positively connect a template or a track to the bridge deck. Do not saw the joint by visual means such as a chalk line. Fill the holes used for holding the template or track to the deck with an approved, flowable non-shrink, non-metallic grout.

Saw cut to the desired width and depth in one or two passes of the saw by placing and spacing two metal blades on the saw shaft to the desired width for the joint opening.

The desired depth is the depth of the seal plus 1/4" (6 mm) above the top of the seal plus approximately 1" (25 mm) below the bottom of the seal. An irregular bottom of sawed joint is permitted as indicated on the plans. Grind exposed corners on saw cut edges to a 1/4" (6 mm) chamfer.

Saw cut a straight joint, centered over the formed opening and to the desired width specified in the plans. Prevent any chipping or damage to the sawed edges of the joint.

Remove any staining or deposited material resulting from sawing with a wet blade to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

5.0 PREPARATION OF SAWED JOINT FOR SEAL INSTALLATION

After sawing the joint, the Engineer will thoroughly inspect the sawed joint opening for spalls, popouts, cracks, etc. All necessary repairs will be made by the Contractor prior to blast cleaning and installing the seal.

Clean the joints by sandblasting with clean dry sand immediately before placing the bonding agent. Sandblast the joint opening to provide a firm, clean joint surface free of curing compound, loose material and any foreign matter. Sandblast the joint opening without causing pitting or uneven surfaces. The aggregate in the elastomeric concrete may be exposed after sandblasting.

After blasting, either brush the surface with clean brushes made of hair, bristle or fiber, blow the surface with compressed air, or vacuum the surface until all traces of blast products and abrasives are removed from the surface, pockets, and corners.

If nozzle blasting is used to clean the joint opening, use compressed air that does not contain detrimental amounts of water or oil.

Examine the blast cleaned surface and remove any traces of oil, grease or smudge deposited in the cleaning operations.

Bond the seal to the blast cleaned surface on the same day the surface is blast cleaned.

6.0 SEAL INSTALLATION

Install the joint seal according to the manufacturer's procedures and recommendations and as recommended below. Do not install the joint seal if the ambient air or surface temperature is below 45°F (7°C). Have a manufacturer's certified trained factory representative present during the installation of the first seal of the project.

Before installing the joint seal, check the uninstalled seal length to insure the seal is the same length as the deck opening. When the joint seal requires splicing, use the heat welding method by placing the joint material ends against a teflon heating iron of 425-475°F (218-246°C) for 7 - 10 seconds, then pressing the ends together tightly. Do not test the welding until the material has completely cooled.

Begin installation by protecting the top edges of the concrete deck adjacent to the vertical walls of the joint as a means to minimize clean up. After opening both cans of the bonding agent, stir each can using separate stirring rods for each component to prevent premature curing of the bonding agent. Pour the two components, at the specified mixing ratio, into a clean mixing bucket. Mix the components with a low speed drill (400 rpm max.) until a uniform gray color is achieved without visible marbling. Apply bonding agent to both sides of the elastomeric concrete as well as both sides of the joint seal, making certain to completely fill the grooves with epoxy. With gloved hands, compress the joint seal and with the help of a blunt probe, push the seal into the joint opening until the seal is recessed approximately 1/4" (6 mm) below the surface. When pushing down on the joint seal, apply pressure only in a downward direction. Do not push the joint seal into the joint opening at an angle that would stretch the material. Seals that are stretched during installation shall be removed and rejected. Once work on placing a seal begins, do not stop until it is completed. Clean the excess epoxy from the top of the joint seal immediately with a trowel. Do not use solvents or any cleaners to remove the excess epoxy from the top of the seal. Remove the protective cover at the joint edges and check for any excess epoxy on the surface. Remove excess epoxy with a trowel, the use of solvents or any cleaners will not be allowed.

The installed system shall be watertight and will be monitored until final inspection and approval.

7.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment for all evazote joint seals will be at the lump sum contract price bid for "Evazote Joint Seals". Prices and payment will be full compensation for furnishing all material, including elastomeric concrete, labor, tools and equipment necessary for installing these units in place and accepted.

ELASTOMERIC CONCRETE

(1-27-10)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

Elastomeric concrete is a mixture of a two-part polymer consisting of polyurethane and/or epoxy and kiln-dried aggregate. Provide an elastomeric concrete and binder system that is preapproved. Use the concrete in the blocked out areas on both sides of the bridge deck joints as indicated on the plans.

2.0 MATERIALS

Provide materials that comply with the following minimum requirements at 14 days (or at the end of the specified curing time).

ELASTOMERIC CONCRETE PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
Compressive Strength, psi (MPa)	(a) STM D695	2000 (13.8)
5% Deflection Resilience	ASTM D695	95
Splitting Tensile Strength	ASTM D3967	625 (4.31)
Bond Strength to Concrete, psi (MPa)	ASTM D882 (D882M)	450 (3.10)
Durometer Hardness	ASTM D2240	50

BINDER PROPERTIES (without aggregate)	TEST METHOD	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
Tensile Strength, psi (MPa)	ASTM D638	1000 (6.89)
Ultimate Elongation	ASTM D638	150%
Tear Resistance, lb/in (kN/m)	ASTM D624	200 (34.9)

In addition to the requirements above, the elastomeric concrete must be resistant to water, chemical, UV and ozone exposure and withstand temperature extremes. Elastomeric concrete systems requiring preheated aggregates are not allowed.

3.0 PREQUALIFICATION

Manufacturers of elastomeric concrete materials shall submit samples (including aggregate, primer and binder materials) and a Type 4 certification in accordance with article 106-3 (F) of the Standard Specifications for prequalification to:

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Materials and Tests Unit
1801 Blue Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Prequalification will be determined for the system. Individual components will not be evaluated, nor will individual components of previously evaluated systems be deemed prequalified for use.

The submitted binder (a minimum volume of 1 gallon) and corresponding aggregate samples will be evaluated for compliance with the Materials requirements specified above. Systems satisfying all of the Materials requirements will be prequalified for a one year period. Before the end of this period new product samples shall be resubmitted for prequalification evaluation.

If, at any time, any formulation or component modifications are made to a prequalified system that system will no longer be approved for use.

4.0 MATERIAL CERTIFICATION AND INSTALLATION

Provide a Type 5 certification in accordance with article 106-3 (F) of the Standard Specifications, verifying that the materials satisfy the above requirements and proof of NCDOT prequalification.

Prior to placing the elastomeric concrete, thoroughly clean and dry all concrete surfaces. Sandblast the concrete surface in the blockout and clear the surface of all loose debris.

Provide a manufacturer's representative at the bridge site during the installation of the elastomeric concrete to ensure that all steps being performed comply with all manufacturer installation requirements including, but not limited to weather conditions (ambient temperature, relative humidity, precipitation, wind, etc), concrete deck surface preparation, binder and aggregate mixing, primer application, elastomeric concrete placement, curing conditions and minimum curing time before joint exposure to traffic.

5.0 FIELD SAMPLING

Provide additional production material to allow freshly mixed elastomeric concrete to be sampled for acceptance. A minimum of six 2 inch cube molds and three 3x6 inch cylinders will be taken by the Department for each day's production. Compression, splitting tensile, and durometer hardness testing will be performed by the Department to determine

acceptance. Materials failing to meet the requirements listed above are subject to removal and replacement at no cost to the Department.

6.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

No separate payment will be made for elastomeric concrete. The lump sum contract price bid for “Evazote Joint Seals” will be full compensation for furnishing and placing the Elastomeric Concrete.

FALSEWORK AND FORMWORK

(4-1-11)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

Use this Special Provision as a guide to develop temporary works submittals required by the Standard Specifications or other provisions; no additional submittals are required herein. Such temporary works include, but are not limited to, falsework and formwork.

Falsework is any temporary construction used to support the permanent structure until it becomes self-supporting. Formwork is the temporary structure or mold used to retain plastic or fluid concrete in its designated shape until it hardens. Access scaffolding is a temporary structure that functions as a work platform that supports construction personnel, materials, and tools, but is not intended to support the structure. Scaffolding systems that are used to temporarily support permanent structures (as opposed to functioning as work platforms) are considered to be falsework under the definitions given. Shoring is a component of falsework such as horizontal, vertical, or inclined support members. Where the term “temporary works” is used, it includes all of the temporary facilities used in bridge construction that do not become part of the permanent structure.

Design and construct safe and adequate temporary works that will support all loads imposed and provide the necessary rigidity to achieve the lines and grades shown on the plans in the final structure.

2.0 MATERIALS

Select materials suitable for temporary works; however, select materials that also ensure the safety and quality required by the design assumptions. The Engineer has authority to reject material on the basis of its condition, inappropriate use, safety, or nonconformance with the plans. Clearly identify allowable loads or stresses for all materials or manufactured devices on the plans. Revise the plan and notify the Engineer if any change to materials or material strengths is required.

3.0 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

A. Working Drawings

Provide working drawings for items as specified in the contract, or as required by the Engineer, with design calculations and supporting data in sufficient detail to permit a structural and safety review of the proposed design of the temporary work.

On the drawings, show all information necessary to allow the design of any component to be checked independently as determined by the Engineer.

When concrete placement is involved, include data such as the drawings of proposed sequence, rate of placement, direction of placement, and location of all construction joints. Submit the number of copies as called for by the contract.

When required, have the drawings and calculations prepared under the guidance of, and sealed by, a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer who is knowledgeable in temporary works design.

If requested by the Engineer, submit with the working drawings manufacturer's catalog data listing the weight of all construction equipment that will be supported on the temporary work. Show anticipated total settlements and/or deflections of falsework and forms on the working drawings. Include falsework footing settlements, joint take-up, and deflection of beams or girders. Falsework hangers that support concentrated loads and are installed at the edge of thin top flange concrete girders (such as bulb tee girders) shall be spaced so as not to exceed 75% of the manufacturer's stated safe working load. Use of dual leg hangers (such as Meadow Burke HF-42 and HF-43) are not allowed on concrete girders with thin top flanges. Design the falsework and forms supporting deck slabs and overhangs on girder bridges so that there will be no differential settlement between the girders and the deck forms during placement of deck concrete.

When staged construction of the bridge deck is required, detail falsework and forms for screed and fluid concrete loads to be independent of any previous deck pour components when the mid-span girder deflection due to deck weight is greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Note on the working drawings any anchorages, connectors, inserts, steel sleeves or other such devices used as part of the falsework or formwork that remains in the permanent structure. If the plan notes indicate that the structure contains the necessary corrosion protection required for a Corrosive Site, epoxy coat, galvanize or metalize these devices. Electroplating will not be allowed. Any coating required by the Engineer will be considered incidental to the various pay items requiring temporary works.

Design falsework and formwork requiring submittals in accordance with the 1995 AASHTO *Guide Design Specifications for Bridge Temporary Works* except as noted herein.

1. Wind Loads

Table 2.2 of Article 2.2.5.1 is modified to include wind velocities up to 110 mph (177 km/hr). In addition, Table 2.2A is included to provide the maximum wind speeds by county in North Carolina.

Table 2.2 - Wind Pressure Values

Height Zone feet (m) above ground	Pressure, lb/ft ² (kPa) for Indicated Wind Velocity, mph (km/hr)				
	70 (112.7)	80 (128.7)	90 (144.8)	100 (160.9)	110 (177.0)
0 to 30 (0 to 9.1)	15 (0.72)	20 (0.96)	25 (1.20)	30 (1.44)	35 (1.68)
30 to 50 (9.1 to 15.2)	20 (0.96)	25 (1.20)	30 (1.44)	35 (1.68)	40 (1.92)
50 to 100 (15.2 to 30.5)	25 (1.20)	30 (1.44)	35 (1.68)	40 (1.92)	45 (2.15)
over 100 (30.5)	30 (1.44)	35 (1.68)	40 (1.92)	45 (2.15)	50 (2.39)

2. Time of Removal

The following requirements replace those of Article 3.4.8.2.

Do not remove forms until the concrete has attained strengths required in Article 420-16 of the Standard Specifications and these Special Provisions.

Do not remove forms until the concrete has sufficient strength to prevent damage to the surface.

Table 2.2A - Steady State Maximum Wind Speeds by Counties in North Carolina

COUNTY	25 YR (mph) (km/hr)	COUNTY	25 YR (mph) (km/hr)	COUNTY	25 YR (mph) (km/hr)
Alamance	70 (112.7)	Franklin	70 (112.7)	Pamlico	100 (160.9)
Alexander	70 (112.7)	Gaston	70 (112.7)	Pasquotank	100 (160.9)
Alleghany	70 (112.7)	Gates	90 (144.8)	Pender	100 (160.9)
Anson	70 (112.7)	Graham	80 (128.7)	Perquimans	100 (160.9)
Ashe	70 (112.7)	Granville	70 (112.7)	Person	70 (112.7)
Avery	70 (112.7)	Greene	80 (128.7)	Pitt	90 (144.8)
Beaufort	100 (160.9)	Guilford	70 (112.7)	Polk	80 (128.7)
Bertie	90 (144.8)	Halifax	80 (128.7)	Randolph	70 (112.7)
Bladen	90 (144.8)	Harnett	70 (112.7)	Richmond	70 (112.7)
Brunswick	100 (160.9)	Haywood	80 (128.7)	Robeson	80 (128.7)
Buncombe	80 (128.7)	Henderson	80 (128.7)	Rockingham	70 (112.7)
Burke	70 (112.7)	Hertford	90 (144.8)	Rowan	70 (112.7)
Cabarrus	70 (112.7)	Hoke	70 (112.7)	Rutherford	70 (112.7)
Caldwell	70 (112.7)	Hyde	110 (177.0)	Sampson	90 (144.8)
Camden	100 (160.9)	Iredell	70 (112.7)	Scotland	70 (112.7)
Carteret	110 (177.0)	Jackson	80 (128.7)	Stanley	70 (112.7)
Caswell	70 (112.7)	Johnston	80 (128.7)	Stokes	70 (112.7)
Catawba	70 (112.7)	Jones	100 (160.9)	Surry	70 (112.7)
Cherokee	80 (128.7)	Lee	70 (112.7)	Swain	80 (128.7)
Chatham	70 (112.7)	Lenoir	90 (144.8)	Transylvania	80 (128.7)
Chowan	90 (144.8)	Lincoln	70 (112.7)	Tyrell	100 (160.9)
Clay	80 (128.7)	Macon	80 (128.7)	Union	70 (112.7)
Cleveland	70 (112.7)	Madison	80 (128.7)	Vance	70 (112.7)
Columbus	90 (144.8)	Martin	90 (144.8)	Wake	70 (112.7)
Craven	100 (160.9)	McDowell	70 (112.7)	Warren	70 (112.7)
Cumberland	80 (128.7)	Mecklenburg	70 (112.7)	Washington	100 (160.9)
Currituck	100 (160.9)	Mitchell	70 (112.7)	Watauga	70 (112.7)
Dare	110 (177.0)	Montgomery	70(112.7)	Wayne	80 (128.7)
Davidson	70 (112.7)	Moore	70 (112.7)	Wilkes	70 (112.7)
Davie	70 (112.7)	Nash	80 (128.7)	Wilson	80 (128.7)
Duplin	90 (144.8)	New Hanover	100 (160.9)	Yadkin	70 (112.7)
Durham	70 (112.7)	Northampton	80 (128.7)	Yancey	70 (112.7)
Edgecombe	80 (128.7)	Onslow	100 (160.9)		
Forsyth	70 (112.7)	Orange	70 (112.7)		

B. Review and Approval

The Engineer is responsible for the review and approval of temporary works' drawings.

Submit the working drawings sufficiently in advance of proposed use to allow for their review, revision (if needed), and approval without delay to the work.

The time period for review of the working drawings does not begin until complete drawings and design calculations, when required, are received by the Engineer.

Do not start construction of any temporary work for which working drawings are required until the drawings have been approved. Such approval does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for the accuracy and adequacy of the working drawings.

4.0 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

All requirements of Section 420 of the Standard Specifications apply.

Construct temporary works in conformance with the approved working drawings. Ensure that the quality of materials and workmanship employed is consistent with that assumed in the design of the temporary works. Do not weld falsework members to any portion of the permanent structure unless approved. Show any welding to the permanent structure on the approved construction drawings.

Provide tell-tales attached to the forms and extending to the ground, or other means, for accurate measurement of falsework settlement. Make sure that the anticipated compressive settlement and/or deflection of falsework does not exceed 1 inch (25 mm). For cast-in-place concrete structures, make sure that the calculated deflection of falsework flexural members does not exceed 1/240 of their span regardless of whether or not the deflection is compensated by camber strips.

A. Maintenance and Inspection

Inspect and maintain the temporary work in an acceptable condition throughout the period of its use. Certify that the manufactured devices have been maintained in a condition to allow them to safely carry their rated loads. Clearly mark each piece so that its capacity can be readily determined at the job site.

Perform an in-depth inspection of an applicable portion(s) of the temporary works, in the presence of the Engineer, not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of each concrete placement. Inspect other temporary works at least once a month to ensure that they are functioning properly. Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer inspect the cofferdams, shoring, sheathing, support of excavation structures, and support systems for load tests prior to loading.

B. Foundations

Determine the safe bearing capacity of the foundation material on which the supports for temporary works rest. If required by the Engineer, conduct load tests to verify proposed bearing capacity values that are marginal or in other high-risk situations.

The use of the foundation support values shown on the contract plans of the permanent structure is permitted if the foundations are on the same level and on the same soil as those of the permanent structure.

Allow for adequate site drainage or soil protection to prevent soil saturation and washout of the soil supporting the temporary works supports.

If piles are used, the estimation of capacities and later confirmation during construction using standard procedures based on the driving characteristics of the pile is permitted. If preferred, use load tests to confirm the estimated capacities; or, if required by the Engineer conduct load tests to verify bearing capacity values that are marginal or in other high risk situations.

The Engineer reviews and approves the proposed pile and soil bearing capacities.

5.0 REMOVAL

Unless otherwise permitted, remove and keep all temporary works upon completion of the work. Do not disturb or otherwise damage the finished work.

Remove temporary works in conformance with the contract documents. Remove them in such a manner as to permit the structure to uniformly and gradually take the stresses due to its own weight.

6.0 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Unless otherwise specified, temporary works will not be directly measured.

7.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment at the contract unit prices for the various pay items requiring temporary works will be full compensation for the above falsework and formwork.

SUBMITTAL OF WORKING DRAWINGS**(4-1-11)****1.0 GENERAL**

Submit working drawings in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications* and this provision. For this provision, “submittals” refers to only those listed in this provision. The list of submittals contained herein does not represent a list of required submittals for the project. Submittals are only necessary for those items as required by the contract. Make submittals that are not specifically noted in this provision directly to the Resident Engineer. Either the Structure Design Unit or the Geotechnical Engineering Unit or both units will jointly review submittals.

If a submittal contains variations from plan details or specifications or significantly affects project cost, field construction or operations, discuss the submittal with and submit all copies to the Resident Engineer. State the reason for the proposed variation in the submittal. To minimize review time, make sure all submittals are complete when initially submitted. Provide a contact name and information with each submittal. Direct any questions regarding submittal requirements to the Resident Engineer, Structure Design Unit contacts or the Geotechnical Engineering Unit contacts noted below.

In order to facilitate in-plant inspection by NCDOT and approval of working drawings, provide the name, address and telephone number of the facility where fabrication will actually be done if different than shown on the title block of the submitted working drawings. This includes, but is not limited to, precast concrete items, prestressed concrete items and fabricated steel or aluminum items.

2.0 ADDRESSES AND CONTACTS

For submittals to the Structure Design Unit, use the following addresses:

Via US mail:

Mr. G. R. Perfetti, P. E.
State Bridge Design Engineer
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Structure Design Unit
1581 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1581

Attention: Mr. P. D. Lambert, P. E.

Via other delivery service:

Mr. G. R. Perfetti, P. E.
State Bridge Design Engineer
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Structure Design Unit
1000 Birch Ridge Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Attention: Mr. P. D. Lambert, P. E.

Submittals may also be made via email.

Send submittals to:

plambert@ncdot.gov (Paul Lambert)

Send an additional e-copy of the submittal to the following address:

jgaither@ncdot.gov (James Gaither)

For submittals to the Geotechnical Engineering Unit, use the following addresses:

For projects in Divisions 1-7, use the following Eastern Regional Office address:

Via US mail:

Mr. K. J. Kim, Ph. D., P. E.
Eastern Regional Geotechnical
Manager
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Geotechnical Engineering Unit
Eastern Regional Office
1570 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1570

Via other delivery service:

Mr. K. J. Kim, Ph. D., P. E.
Eastern Regional Geotechnical
Manager
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Geotechnical Engineering Unit
Eastern Regional Office
3301 Jones Sausage Road, Suite 100
Garner, NC 27529

For projects in Divisions 8-14, use the following Western Regional Office address:

Via US mail:

Mr. John Pilipchuk, L. G., P. E.
Western Regional Geotechnical
Manager
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Geotechnical Engineering Unit
Western Regional Office
5253 Z Max Boulevard
Harrisburg, NC 28075

Via other delivery service:

Mr. John Pilipchuk, L. G., P. E.
Western Region Geotechnical
Manager
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Geotechnical Engineering Unit
Western Regional Office
5253 Z Max Boulevard
Harrisburg, NC 28075

The status of the review of structure-related submittals sent to the Structure Design Unit can be viewed from the Unit's web site, via the "Contractor Submittal" link.

Direct any questions concerning submittal review status, review comments or drawing markups to the following contacts:

Primary Structures Contact:

Paul Lambert
(919) 250 – 4041
(919) 250 – 4082 facsimile
plambert@ncdot.gov

Secondary Structures Contacts:

James Gaither (919) 250 – 4042
David Stark (919) 250 – 4044

Eastern Regional Geotechnical Contact (Divisions 1-7):

K. J. Kim
(919) 662 – 4710
(919) 662 – 3095 facsimile
kkim@ncdot.gov

Western Regional Geotechnical Contact (Divisions 8-14):

John Pilipchuk
(704) 455 – 8902
(704) 455 – 8912 facsimile
jpilipchuk@ncdot.gov

3.0 SUBMITTAL COPIES

Furnish one complete copy of each submittal, including all attachments, to the Resident Engineer. At the same time, submit the number of hard copies shown below of the same complete submittal directly to the Structure Design Unit and/or the Geotechnical Engineering Unit.

The first table below covers “Structure Submittals”. The Resident Engineer will receive review comments and drawing markups for these submittals from the Structure Design Unit. The second table in this section covers “Geotechnical Submittals”. The Resident Engineer will receive review comments and drawing markups for these submittals from the Geotechnical Engineering Unit.

Unless otherwise required, submit one set of supporting calculations to either the Structure Design Unit or the Geotechnical Engineering Unit unless both units require submittal copies in which case submit a set of supporting calculations to each unit. Provide additional copies of any submittal as directed.

STRUCTURE SUBMITTALS

Submittal	Copies Required by Structure Design Unit	Copies Required by Geotechnical Engineering Unit	Contract Reference Requiring Submittal ¹
Arch Culvert Falsework	5	0	Plan Note, SN Sheet & “Falsework and Formwork”
Box Culvert Falsework ⁷	5	0	Plan Note, SN Sheet & “Falsework and Formwork”
Cofferdams	6	2	Article 410-4
Evazote Joint Seals ⁶	9	0	“Evazote Joint Seals”
Expansion Joint Seals (hold down plate type with base angle)	9	0	“Expansion Joint Seals”
Expansion Joint Seals (modular)	2, then 9	0	“Modular Expansion Joint Seals”
Expansion Joint Seals (strip seals)	9	0	“Strip Seals”
Falsework & Forms ² (substructure)	8	0	Article 420-3 & “Falsework and Formwork”
Falsework & Forms (superstructure)	8	0	Article 420-3 & “Falsework and Formwork”
Girder Erection over Railroad	5	0	Railroad Provisions
Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Beneath Proposed Structure	8	0	“Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Beneath Proposed Structure at Station ___”
Metal Bridge Railing	8	0	Plan Note
Metal Stay-in-Place Forms	8	0	Article 420-3

Metalwork for Elastomeric Bearings ^{4,5}	7	0	Article 1072-10
Miscellaneous Metalwork ^{4,5}	7	0	Article 1072-10
Optional Disc Bearings ⁴	8	0	“Optional Disc Bearings”
Overhead Signs	13	0	Article 903-3(C) & Applicable Provisions
Placement of Equipment on Structures (cranes, etc.)	7	0	Article 420-20
Pot Bearings ⁴	8	0	“Pot Bearings”
Precast Concrete Box Culverts	2, then 1 reproducible	0	“Optional Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert at Station ____”
Precast Retaining Wall Panels	10	1	Article 1077-2
Prestressed Concrete Cored Slab (detensioning sequences) ³	6	0	Article 1078-11
Prestressed Concrete Deck Panels	6 and 1 reproducible	0	Article 420-3
Prestressed Concrete Girder (strand elongation and detensioning sequences)	6	0	Articles 1078-8 and 1078-11
Removal of Existing Structure over Railroad	5	0	Railroad Provisions
Revised Bridge Deck Plans (adaptation to prestressed deck panels)	2, then 1 reproducible	0	Article 420-3
Revised Bridge Deck Plans (adaptation to modular expansion joint seals)	2, then 1 reproducible	0	“Modular Expansion Joint Seals”
Sound Barrier Wall Casting Plans	10	0	Article 1077-2 & “Sound Barrier Wall”
Sound Barrier Wall Steel Fabrication Plans ⁵	7	0	Article 1072-10 & “Sound Barrier Wall”

Structural Steel ⁴	2, then 7	0	Article 1072-10
Temporary Detour Structures	10	2	Article 400-3 & “Construction, Maintenance and Removal of Temporary Structure at Station _____”
TFE Expansion Bearings ⁴	8	0	Article 1072-10

FOOTNOTES

1. References are provided to help locate the part of the contract where the submittals are required. References in quotes refer to the provision by that name. Articles and subarticles refer to the *Standard Specifications*.
2. Submittals for these items are necessary only when required by a note on plans.
3. Submittals for these items may not be required. A list of pre-approved sequences is available from the producer or the Materials & Tests Unit.
4. The fabricator may submit these items directly to the Structure Design Unit.
5. The two sets of preliminary submittals required by Article 1072-10 of the *Standard Specifications* are not required for these items.
6. Submittals for Fabrication Drawings are not required. Submittals for Catalogue Cuts of Proposed Material are required. See Section 5.A of the referenced provision.
7. Submittals are necessary only when the top slab thickness is 18” or greater.

GEOTECHNICAL SUBMITTALS

Submittal	Copies Required by Geotechnical Engineering Unit	Copies Required by Structure Design Unit	Contract Reference Requiring Submittal ¹
Drilled Pier Construction Plans ²	1	0	“Drilled Piers”
Crosshole Sonic Logging (CSL) Reports ²	1	0	“Crosshole Sonic Logging” & “Drilled Piers”
Pile Driving Equipment Data Form ^{2,3}	1	0	Article 450-5 & “Piles”
Pile Driving Analyzer (PDA) Reports ²	1	0	“Pile Driving Analyzer” & “Piles”
Retaining Walls ⁴	8	2	Applicable Provisions
Contractor Designed Shoring ⁴	7	2	“Temporary Shoring”, “Anchored Temporary Shoring” & “Temporary Soil Nail Walls”

FOOTNOTES

1. References are provided to help locate the part of the contract where the submittals are required. References in quotes refer to the provision by that name. Articles refer to the *Standard Specifications*.
2. Submit one hard copy of submittal to the Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer. Submit a second copy of submittal electronically (PDF via email) or by facsimile, US mail or other delivery service to the Geotechnical Engineering Unit. Electronic submission is preferred.
3. Download Pile Driving Equipment Data Form from the following link:
www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/geotech/formdet/
See second page of form for submittal instructions.
4. Electronic copies of submittal are required. See referenced provision.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY ACCESS AT STATION 134+30.00 -L- (LT & RT LANE) (11-17-06)

1.0 GENERAL

Construct, maintain, and remove the temporary access required to provide the working area necessary for construction of the new bridge, construction of the temporary detour structure, or for the removal of an existing bridge, as applicable. Temporary access may include other methods than those outlined in this Special Provision; however, all types of temporary access are required to meet the requirements of all permits, the Standard Specifications, and this Special Provision.

2.0 TEMPORARY ROCK CAUSEWAY [WORKPAD]

Construction of a temporary rock causeway [workpad] within the limits shown on the plans is permitted. Build the causeway [workpad] with Class II riprap topped by a layer of Class A riprap or as otherwise designated on the plans or approved by the Engineer. If desired, recycle the Class II riprap used in the causeway [workpad] for placement in the final riprap slope protection as directed by the Engineer. No payment will be made for recycled riprap as this material is considered incidental to the causeway [workpad] placement and removal. If this option is exercised, no adjustment in contract bid price will be allowed due to an underrun in the quantity of "Plain Rip Rap Class II (2'-0" (600 mm) Thick)".

Completely remove all causeway [workpad] material including pipes and return the entire causeway [workpad] footprint to the original contours and elevations within 90 days of the completion of the deck slab or as otherwise required by permits.

For sites affected by moratoriums or restrictions on in-stream work: Do not construct or remove causeway [workpad] during the moratorium period shown on the permit. If the completion of the deck slab falls within the prohibitive dates for causeway [workpad] construction or removal, begin causeway [workpad] removal immediately following the prohibitive dates.

3.0 TEMPORARY WORK BRIDGE

At the contractor's option, construction of a temporary work bridge in lieu of the causeway(s) [workpad] is acceptable, provided the temporary work bridge satisfies all permits. Submit details of the temporary work bridge to the Engineer prior to constructing the work bridge to ensure conformance with the plans and all permits. Completely remove the temporary bridge prior to final acceptance or as otherwise required by the permits.

4.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The lump sum price bid for "Construction, Maintenance and Removal of Temporary Access at Station _____" will be full compensation for the above work, or other methods of access, including all material, pipes, work bridge components, equipment, tools, labor, disposal, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY ACCESS AT STATION 24+37.00 -LREV- (LT & RT LANE) (11-17-06)

1.0 GENERAL

Construct, maintain, and remove the temporary access required to provide the working area necessary for construction of the new bridge, construction of the temporary detour structure, or for the removal of an existing bridge, as applicable. Temporary access may include other methods than those outlined in this Special Provision; however, all types of temporary access are required to meet the requirements of all permits, the Standard Specifications, and this Special Provision.

2.0 TEMPORARY WORK BRIDGE

Construction of a temporary work bridge is permitted as shown on the plans. The temporary work bridge shall have a minimum span length of 20 feet. Submit details of the temporary work bridge to the Engineer prior to constructing the work bridge to ensure conformance with the plans and all permits. Completely remove the temporary bridge prior to final acceptance or as otherwise required by the permits.

3.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The lump sum price bid for “Construction, Maintenance and Removal of Temporary Access at Station _____” will be full compensation for the above work, or other methods of access, including all material, work bridge components, equipment, tools, labor, disposal, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

OPTIONAL DISC BEARINGS

(3-6-09)

1.0 GENERAL

This item consists of furnishing, fabrication and installation of disc bearings in accordance with AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, the Standard Specifications, the recommendations of the manufacturer and as specified herein. In addition, all plan notes pertaining to furnishing and installing pot bearing assemblies shall also apply to disc bearing assemblies, except as noted herein.

Disc Bearings consist of a polyether urethane structural element (disc) confined by upper and lower steel bearing plates. Equip disc bearings with a shear restriction mechanism to prevent movement of the disc. Supply disc bearings as fixed bearings and guided expansion bearings as designated by the Contract Documents.

Fixed disc bearings allow rotation but no longitudinal or transverse movement in the bearing plane. Fixed bearings consist of a sole plate, an elastomer disc, upper bearing plate, lower bearing plate, masonry plate, anchor bolts, nuts and washers.

Guided expansion disc bearings allow rotation and only longitudinal movement in the bearing plane. Guided expansion disc bearings consist of a sole plate, a top steel plate with a polished stainless steel sheet facing bearing on a fixed disc bearing with a layer of virgin polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material on its top, masonry plate, anchor bolt assembly which includes anchor bolts, nuts, washers, pipe sleeves, a closure plate, grout and various sizes of standard pipe and any other necessary material as detailed on the plans. To allow longitudinal movement, bond a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) sheet to the upper steel bearing plate. Support a sliding steel top bearing plate with the upper steel bearing plate. Face the mating surface of the sliding steel top bearing plate with polished stainless steel. Use either a guide bar or keyway system to restrict transverse movement. Face the sliding surfaces of the guide bar or keyway systems with either PTFE sheets or stainless steel.

2.0 MATERIALS

Use disc bearings produced by the same manufacturer.

Use AASHTO M270 Grade 50W (345W) for all steel in the disc bearings. Clean, coat, and seal the plates in the disc bearing assemblies except for the areas with special facings and the areas that come in contact with the elastomer disc, in accordance with the Special Provision for "Thermal Sprayed Coatings (Metallization)". Coat surfaces to a thickness of 8 mils (0.200 mm) minimum on all external parts. Repair surfaces that are abraded or damaged after the application of metallizing in accordance with the Special Provision for "Thermal Sprayed Coatings (Metallization)".

Provide anchor bolts and nuts in accordance with the Standard Specifications.

When the maximum plan dimension of the sheet is 12" (300 mm) or less, provide a stainless steel sheet in expansion disc bearings that is at least 16 gage or 1/16" (1.6 mm). When the maximum plan dimension is greater than 12" (300 mm), provide a stainless steel sheet that is at least 11 gage or 1/8" (3 mm). Ensure that all stainless steel sheets are in conformance with ASTM A240/A167 Type 304 and polished to a minimum #8 mirror surface finish.

Blast clean the surface of the plate that will be attached to the stainless sheet to a near white condition in accordance with the Standard Specifications. Position and clamp the back of the stainless sheet that is to be in contact with the steel plate on the steel plate. Apply the stainless steel to the blast cleaned surface of the steel plate as soon as possible after blasting and before any visible oxidation of the blast cleaned surface occurs. Weld the stainless sheet continuously around its perimeter using a tungsten inert gas, wire-fed welder.

For the PTFE sheet, used as a mating surface for the stainless sheet, provide an unfilled virgin PTFE Sheet (Recessed) or a glass-fiber filled PTFE sheet, resulting from skiving billets formed under hydraulic pressure and heat. Provide resin that conforms to the requirements of ASTM D4894 or D4895.

To bond the PTFE and the bearing plate, use heat cured high temperature epoxy capable of withstanding temperature of -320°F to 500°F (-195°C to 260°C).

Mold the polyether urethane structural element from a polyether urethane compound. Conform the physical properties of the polyether urethane to the following requirements:

Physical Property	ASTM Test Method	Requirements	
		Min.	Max.
Hardness, Type D Durometer	D2240	60	64
Tensile Stress psi (Mpa) At 100% elongation At 200% elongation	D412	2000 (13.8) 3700 (25.5)	-----
Tensile Strength psi (Mpa)	D412	5000 (34.5)	-----
Ultimate Elongation %	D412	220	-----
Compression Set % 22 hrs. at 158°F (70°C)	D395	-----	40

3.0 DESIGN

Design the disc bearings for the loads and movements shown on the contract plans. However, use the anchor bolt size, length, spacing and masonry plate thickness as shown on the contract plans and provide an overall height of the bearing assembly that is at least the height shown on the contract plans, but no more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) greater than this height. Either combine and cast the sole plate and top plate/upper bearing plate and the lower bearing plate and masonry plate as a single unit or weld together prior to the installation of the disc.

When designing the bearings, use the following allowable bearing stresses:

- On polyether urethane structural element: 5000 psi (34.5 MPa)
- On PTFE Sliding Surface, filled or unfilled PTFE (recessed): 3500 psi (24.1 MPa)

Submit eight sets of shop drawings and one set of design calculations for review, comments and acceptance. Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer check and seal the shop drawings and design calculations.

After the Engineer reviews the drawings and, if necessary, corrections are made, submit one 22" x 34" reproducible set of the working drawings.

4.0 SAMPLING AND TESTING

A. Sampling

The manufacturer is responsible for randomly selecting and testing sample bearings from completed lots of bearings. The manufacturer is also responsible for certifying that the completed bearings and their components have been tested and are in compliance with the requirements of this Special Provision. The manufacturer shall furnish the results of the tests to the Materials and Tests Engineer.

B. Testing

1. Proof Load Test

Load a test bearing to 150% of the bearing's rated design capacity and simultaneously subject it to a rotational range of 0.02 radians (1.146°) for a period of 1 hour.

Have the bearing visually examined both during the test and upon disassembly after the test. Any resultant visual defects, such as extruded or deformed elastomer or PTFE, damaged seals or rings, or cracked steel is cause for rejection.

Keep continuous and uniform contact between the polyether urethane element and the bearing plates and between the sliding steel top plate and the upper bearing plate for the duration of the test. Any observed lift-off is cause for rejection.

2. Sliding Coefficient of Friction

For all guided and non-guided expansion type bearings, measure the sliding coefficient of friction at the bearing's design capacity in accordance with the test method described below, and on the fifth and fiftieth cycles, at a sliding speed of 1 in/min (25 mm/min).

Calculate the sliding coefficient of friction as the horizontal load required to maintain continuous sliding of one bearing, divided by the bearing's vertical design capacity.

The test results are evaluated as follows:

- A maximum measured sliding coefficient of friction of 3%.
- A visual examination both during and after the test. Any resultant visual defects, such as bond failure, physical destruction, cold flow of PTFE to the point of debonding, or damaged components is cause for rejection of the lot.

Using undamaged test bearings in the work is permitted.

3. Test Method

The test method and equipment shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Arrange the test to determine the coefficient of friction on the first movement of the manufactured bearing.
- b. Clean the bearing surface prior to testing.
- c. Conduct the test at maximum working stress for the PTFE surface with the test load applied continuously for 12 hours prior to measuring friction.
- d. Determine the first movement static and dynamic coefficient of friction of the test bearing at a sliding speed of less than 1 in/min (25 mm/min), not to exceed:
 - 0.04 unfilled PTFE
 - 0.08 filled PTFE
- e. Subject the bearing specimen to 100 movements of at least 1 inch (25 mm) of relative movement and, if the test facility permits, the full design movement at a speed of less than 1 ft/min (300 mm/min). Following this test determine the static and kinetic coefficient of friction again. The specimen is considered a failure if it exceeds the values measured in (d) above or if it shows any signs of bond failure or other defects.

Bearings represented by test specimens passing the above requirements are approved for use in the structure subject to on-site inspection for visible defects.

5.0 INSTALLATION

Store disc bearings delivered to the bridge site under cover on a platform above the ground surface. Protect the bearings from injury at all times and, before placing the bearings, dry and clean all dirt, oil, grease or other foreign substances from the bearing. Do not disassemble the bearings during installation, except at the manufacturer's direction. Place the bearings in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer, Contract Drawings, and as directed by the Engineer. If there is any discrepancy between the recommendations of the manufacturer, Special Provisions, and Contract Drawings, the Engineer is the sole judge in reconciling any such discrepancy.

Provide preformed bearing pads under the masonry plates in accordance with Article 1079-1 of the Standard Specifications.

Do not install any bearing before the Engineer approves it.

6.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

Payment for all optional disc bearings will be at the lump sum contract price bid for "Pot Bearings" which includes full compensation for furnishing all disc bearings, labor,

materials, tools, equipment, testing and incidentals required to complete the work in accordance with the Standard Specifications, this Special Provision, the manufacturer's requirements and as directed by the Engineer.

CRANE SAFETY**(8-15-05)**

Comply with the manufacturer specifications and limitations applicable to the operation of any and all cranes and derricks. Prime contractors, sub-contractors, and fully operated rental companies shall comply with the current Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations (OSHA).

Submit all items listed below to the Engineer prior to beginning crane operations involving critical lifts. A critical lift is defined as any lift that exceeds 75 percent of the manufacturer's crane chart capacity for the radius at which the load will be lifted or requires the use of more than one crane. Changes in personnel or equipment must be reported to the Engineer and all applicable items listed below must be updated and submitted prior to continuing with crane operations.

CRANE SAFETY SUBMITTAL LIST

- A. **Competent Person:** Provide the name and qualifications of the "Competent Person" responsible for crane safety and lifting operations. The named competent person will have the responsibility and authority to stop any work activity due to safety concerns.
- B. **Riggers:** Provide the qualifications and experience of the persons responsible for rigging operations. Qualifications and experience should include, but not be limited to, weight calculations, center of gravity determinations, selection and inspection of sling and rigging equipment, and safe rigging practices.
- C. **Crane Inspections:** Inspection records for all cranes shall be current and readily accessible for review upon request.
- D. **Certifications:** By July 1, 2006, crane operators performing critical lifts shall be certified by NC CCO (National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators), or satisfactorily complete the Carolinas AGC's Professional Crane Operator's Proficiency Program. Other approved nationally accredited programs will be considered upon request. All crane operators shall also have a current CDL medical card. Submit a list of anticipated critical lifts and corresponding crane operator(s). Include current certification for the type of crane operated (small hydraulic, large hydraulic, small lattice, large lattice) and medical evaluations for each operator.

SHIPPING STEEL STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

(7-18-06)

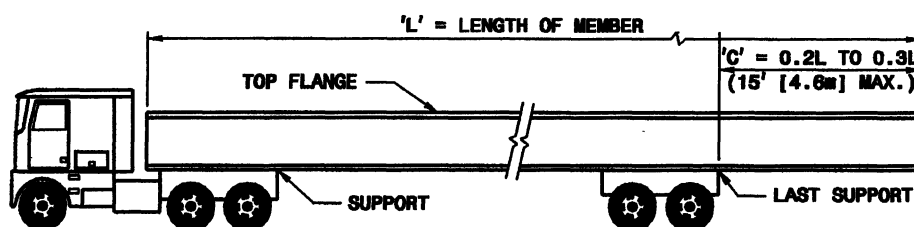
Section 1072-23 Marking and Shipping

Add the following paragraphs after the third paragraph of the Section.

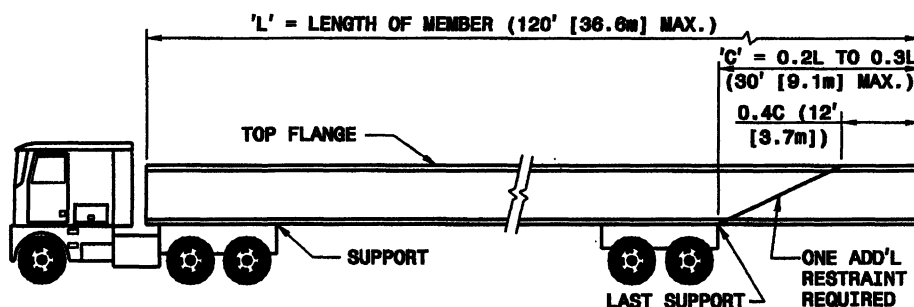
Load and ship steel beams and girders in accordance with the Figure below for all types of transportation.

Below is the sketches provided to Materials and Tests Unit on May 8, 1991. When the contractor wishes to place members on trucks not in accordance with these limits, to ship by rail, to attach shipping restraints to the members, to ship horizontally curved steel members, or to invert members, he shall submit a shipping plan prior to shipping. See also Article 1072-11.

LIMITS FOR PLACEMENT OF BEAMS AND GIRDERS DURING SHIPMENT



WHEN 'C' = 15' (4.6m) OR LESS



WHEN 'C' = OVER 15' (4.6m) THRU 30' (9.1m)

L	MIN. 'C'	MAX 'C'
75 (22.9m)	15 (4.6m)	22½ (6.9m)
80 (24.4m)	16 (4.9m)	24 (7.3m)
85 (25.9m)	17 (5.2m)	25½ (7.8m)
90 (27.4m)	18 (5.5m)	27 (8.2m)
95 (29.0m)	19 (5.8m)	28½ (8.7m)
100 (30.5m)	20 (6.1m)	30 (9.1m)
105 (32.0m)	21 (6.4m)	30 (9.1m)
110 (33.5m)	22 (6.7m)	30 (9.1m)
115 (35.1m)	23 (7.0m)	30 (9.1m)
120 (36.6m)	24 (7.3m)	30 (9.1m)

NOTES: ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET (METERS).
 TRUCK LOADING SHOWN FOR SIMPLICITY
 DIMENSIONS APPLY TO ALL TYPES OF SHIPMENTS.

GROUT FOR STRUCTURES

(7-12-07)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

This special provision addresses grout for use in structures, including continuous flight auger (CFA) piles, micropiles, soil nail and anchored retaining walls and backfilling crosshole sonic logging (CSL) tubes or grout pockets, shear keys, dowel holes and recesses for cored slabs and box beams. This provision does not apply to grout placed in post-tensioning ducts for bridge beams, girders, or decks. Provide grout composed of portland cement, water and at the Contractor's option, fine aggregate and/or pozzolan. If necessary, use set controlling admixtures. Proportion, mix and place grout in accordance with the plans, the applicable section of the *Standard Specifications* or special provision for the application and this provision.

2.0 MATERIALS

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*:

Item	Article
Portland Cement	1024-1
Water	1024-4
Fine Aggregate	1014-1
Fly Ash	1024-5
Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag	1024-6
Admixtures	1024-3

At the Contractor's option, use an approved packaged grout in lieu of the materials above with the exception of the water. Contact the Materials and Tests (M&T) Unit for a list of approved packaged grouts. Consult the manufacturer to determine if the packaged grout selected is suitable for the application and meets the compressive strength and shrinkage requirements.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

Unless required elsewhere in the Contract, provide non-metallic grout with minimum compressive strengths as follows:

Property	Requirement
Compressive Strength @ 3 days	2500 psi (17.2 MPa)
Compressive Strength @ 28 days	4500 psi (31.0 MPa)

For applications other than micropiles, soil nails and ground anchors, use non-shrink grout with shrinkage of less than 0.15%.

When using approved packaged grout, a grout mix design submittal is not required. Submit grout mix designs in terms of saturated surface dry weights on M&T Form 312U in accordance with the applicable section of the *Standard Specifications* or special provision

for the structure. Use an approved testing laboratory to determine the grout mix proportions. Adjust proportions to compensate for surface moisture contained in the aggregates at the time of mixing. Changes in the saturated surface dry mix proportions will not be permitted unless a revised grout mix design submittal is accepted.

For each grout mix design, provide laboratory test results for compressive strength, density, flow and if applicable, aggregate gradation and shrinkage. Submit compressive strength for at least 3 cube and 2 cylinder specimens at the age of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days for a total of at least 20 specimens tested. Perform laboratory tests in accordance with the following:

Property	Test Method
Compressive Strength	AASHTO T106 and T22
Density	AASHTO T133
Flow for Sand Cement Grout	ASTM C939 (as modified below)
Flow for Neat Cement Grout (no fine aggregate)	Marsh Funnel and Cup API RP 13B-1, Section 2.2
Aggregate Gradation for Sand Cement Grout	AASHTO T27
Shrinkage for Non-shrink Grout	ASTM C1090

When testing grout for flow in accordance with ASTM C939, modify the flow cone outlet diameter from 1/2 to 3/4 inch (13 to 19 mm).

When grout mix designs are submitted, the Engineer will review the mix designs and notify the Contractor as to their acceptability. Do not use grout mix designs until written acceptance has been received. Acceptance of grout mix designs or use of approved packaged grouts does not relieve the Contractor of responsibility to furnish a product that meets the Contract requirements.

Upon written request from the Contractor, a grout mix design accepted and used satisfactorily on a Department project may be accepted for use on other projects.

3.0 SAMPLING AND PLACEMENT

The Engineer will determine the locations to sample grout and the number and type of samples collected for field and laboratory testing. Use API RP 13B-1 for field testing grout flow and density of neat cement grout. The compressive strength of the grout will be considered the average compressive strength test results of 3 cube or 2 cylinder specimens at 28 days.

Do not place grout if the grout temperature is less than 50°F (10°C) or more than 90°F (32°C) or if the air temperature measured at the location of the grouting operation in the shade away from artificial heat is below 40°F (4°C).

Provide grout at a rate that permits proper handling, placing and finishing in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations unless directed otherwise by the Engineer. Use grout free of any lumps and undispersed cement. Agitate grout continuously before placement.

Control grout delivery so the interval between placing batches in the same component does not exceed 20 minutes. Place grout before the time between adding the mixing water and placing the grout exceeds that in the table below.

ELAPSED TIME FOR PLACING GROUT (with continuous agitation)		
Air or Grout Temperature Whichever is Higher	Maximum Elapsed Time	
	No Set Retarding Admixture Used	Set Retarding Admixture Used
90°F (32°C) or above	30 min.	1 hr. 15 min.
80°F (27°C) through 89°F (31°C)	45 min.	1 hr. 30 min.
79°F (26°C) or below	60 min.	1 hr. 45 min.

4.0 MISCELLANEOUS

Comply with Articles 1000-9 through 1000-12 of the *Standard Specifications* to the extent applicable for grout in lieu of concrete.

HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS

(5-25-10)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

In Section 440-8(A) - General, revise the third paragraph and insert a new paragraph four, respectively, as follows:

Make sure that plain bolts and washers have a thin coat of lubricant at the time of installation.

Use nuts that are pre-waxed by the producer/supplier prior to shipping to the project.

In Section 440-8(D) – Inspection replace the first sub-paragraph under the third paragraph with the following:

At least once each working day, place 3 calibration sample bolts of the same grade, size, representative length, and conditions as those under inspection in a tension indicating calibration device. Furnish a tension indicating calibration device certified by an approved independent testing lab within 12 calendar months prior to testing the bolts under inspection. The calibration device should be in good working order and provide accuracy within plus or minus 10 percent for the range of loads between 25,000 and 40,000 pounds. Place a washer under the part turned in tightening for each bolt if washers are so used in the structure. If no washer is used make sure that the material abutting the part turned is the same as that used in the structure.

PRESTRESSED CONCRETE MEMBERS

(10-12-10)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

Section 1078-1 - General, add the following after the second paragraph:

The intent of this section is to require the producer to provide prestressed concrete members that meet the Specifications and exhibit characteristics that are not objectionable to the Department.

(A) Producer Qualification

Producers of precast, prestressed concrete members are required to establish proof of their competency and responsibility in accordance with the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute's (PCI) Plant Certification Program in order to perform work for the project. Certification of the manufacturing plant under the PCI program and submission of proof of certification to the State Materials Engineer is required prior to beginning fabrication. Maintain certification at all times while work is being performed for the Department. Submit proof of certification following each PCI audit to the State Materials Engineer for continued qualification. These same requirements apply to producers subcontracting work from the producer directly employed by the Contractor.

Employ producers PCI certified in Product Group B, Bridge Products, and in one of the appropriate categories as listed below:

- B2 Prestressed Miscellaneous Bridge Products: Includes solid piles, sheet piles and bent caps.
- B3 Prestressed Straight-Strand Bridge Members: Includes all box beams, cored slabs, straight-strand girders and bulb-tees, bridge deck panels, hollow piles, prestressed culverts and straight strand segmental components.
- B4 Prestressed Deflected-Strand Bridge Members: Includes deflected strand girders and bulb-tees, haunched girders, deflected strand segmental superstructure components and other post-tensioned elements.

Categories for elements not listed above will be as required by the project special provision or plans.

(B) Working Drawing Submittals

Prior to casting girders, submit complete working drawings to the Engineer for approval. The drawings shall detail the exact location and description of all casting holes, attachments and inserts cast in the member for both temporary and permanent applications. The casting holes, attachments and inserts are in association with, but not limited to: fall protection, overhang falsework, metal stay-in-place forms, solar platforms, temporary girder bracing, transit, erection, lifting and handling. If the plan notes indicate that the structure contains the necessary corrosion protection required for a Corrosive Site, epoxy coat, galvanize or metalize all metallic

components except stainless steel and malleable iron components. Electroplating will not be allowed.

Section 1078-7 – Placing Strands, Ties, and Reinforcing Steel, replace the first paragraph with the following:

Position strands, ties, supports, reinforcing bars of the sizes shown on the plans and bearing plates in accordance with the detailed dimensions shown on the plans and effectively secure against displacement from their correct positions. The use of previously tensioned strands is not permitted. For prestressing strands, do not allow deflections or displacements of any kind between the end anchorages unless shown on the plans. Place the steel reinforcing in final position after tensioning of the strands. Bend all tie wires to the inside of the member so that the ends are farther from the edge than the material tied. Support bottom strands spacings not to exceed 20 feet by supports meeting the requirements of Article 1070-4 or by other approved means. Plastic supports may be used when approved.

Section 1078-7 – Placing Strands, Ties, and Reinforcing Steel, replace the third paragraph with the following:

Strand splices are only permitted at the end of a reel and when using a single strand jack. Ensure that the strand lengths to be spliced together have the same lay of wire to avoid unraveling and position the splice so that it does not fall within a member. Do not torch cut the ends of the spliced strand lengths. Cut by shears, abrasive grinders, or other means approved by the Engineer. No more than one strand splice per bed is allowed on an individual strand and the use of previously tensioned strands for splicing is not permitted.

Section 1078-8 – Tensioning Procedure, add the following to the beginning of the Section:

A producer quality control representative shall be present during strand tensioning.

Section 1078-9 – Placing Concrete, replace the entire Section with the following:

Place concrete in accordance with Article 1077-8 and the additional requirements of this article.

Upon completion of stressing strand, place concrete within a reasonable time to prevent contamination of the strands and reinforcing steel.

Place concrete for girders 54” or less in height, and concrete for all cored slabs and box beams, in 2 or more equal horizontal layers. Place concrete for girders over 54” in height in 3 horizontal layers. When placing concrete in 3 layers locate the top of the first layer approximately at the top of the bottom flange and locate the top of the second layer approximately at the top of the web. To prevent separation of surfaces between layers, do not allow the time between successive placements onto previously placed concrete to exceed 20 minutes, unless the previously placed concrete has not yet stiffened, as evidenced by the

continuous effective use of vibration. Should shrinkage or settlement cracks occur, the Engineer reserves the right to require additional layers and/or vibration.

The requirement of the above paragraph may be waived with the permission of the Engineer if self consolidating concrete is used.

Internal or a combination of internal and external vibration is required as is necessary to produce uniformly dense concrete without honeycomb.

Place concrete in cold weather in accordance with the requirements of Article 420-9.

Place concrete in daylight unless an adequate lighting system meeting the approval of the Engineer is provided.

Do not exceed a temperature of 95°F in the freshly mixed concrete when placed in the forms.

Place the concrete in the bed in one continuous operation, finishing each member before proceeding to the next one. If the pour stops before the concrete in all the members in the bed is placed, start curing immediately. Do not place concrete in any remaining members in that bed setup once curing at elevated temperatures has begun.

When cored slabs and box beams are cast, employ an internal hold-down system to prevent the voids from moving. At least six weeks prior to casting cored slabs or box beams, submit to the Engineer for review and comment, detailed drawings of the proposed void material and hold-down system. In addition to structural details, indicate the location and spacing of the holds-downs. Submit the proposed method of concrete placement and of consolidating the concrete under the void.

Section 1078-11 – Transfer of Load, replace the first paragraph with the following:

A producer quality control representative or equivalent qualified personnel shall be present during removal of forms and during transfer of load.

Transfer load from the anchorages to the members when the concrete reaches the required compressive strength shown on the plans. Loosen and remove all formwork in one continuous operation as quickly as possible as soon as release strength is obtained. As soon as the forms are removed, and after the NCDOT Inspector has had a reasonable opportunity to inspect the member, transfer the load from the anchorages to the members as quickly as possible in one continuous operation using the approved detensioning sequence.

Section 1078-12 – Vertical Cracks in Prestressed Concrete Girders Prior to Detensioning, replace the entire Section with the following:

This Section addresses prestressed concrete members that have vertical casting cracks prior to strand detensioning. Certain types of these cracks have been determined by the Department to render the girders unacceptable.

Unacceptable cracked members are those with two or more vertical cracks spaced at a distance less than the member depth which extend into the bottom flange. Such members are not considered serviceable and will be rejected. Members with two or more vertical cracks spaced at a distance less than the member depth but do not extend into the bottom flange are subject to an engineering assessment. Such members may not be considered serviceable and may be rejected.

Members with one or more vertical cracks that extend into the bottom flange and are spaced at a distance greater than the member depth are subject to an engineering assessment to determine their acceptability. If this engineering assessment is required, submit, at no additional cost to the Department, a proposal for repairing the member and a structural evaluation of the member prepared by a North Carolina Licensed Professional Engineer. In the structural evaluation, consider the stresses under full service loads had the member not cracked and the effects of localized loss of prestress at the crack as determined by methods acceptable to the Department.

All members, except those defined as unacceptable, which exhibit vertical cracks prior to detensioning, shall receive a 7 day water cure as directed by the Engineer. The water cure shall begin within 4 hours after detensioning the prestressing strands and shall be a minimum of 3'-0" beyond the region exhibiting vertical cracks.

The Department has the final determination regarding acceptability of any members in question.

Section 1078-13 – Prestressed Concrete Girder Web Splitting, replace the entire Section with the following:

After detensioning of certain girders with draped strands, cracks occasionally occur in the webs at the ends of the girders. If such cracks occur, employ a method to remedy this condition on all subsequent girders of the same type and strand pattern. If debonding of strands is used, satisfy the following criteria:

- (A) Do not debond the two straight strands in the top of the girder. Debond one half of the straight strands, as nearly as possible, in the bottom flange. As nearly as possible, debond one quarter of the straight strands in the bottom of girder 4 feet from each end of the girder and debond one quarter of the straight strands 2 feet from each end of the girder.
- (B) Use a debonding pattern that is symmetrical about the vertical axis of the girder.
- (C) Debond strands so that the center of gravity of the strands in the bottom of the girder remain within 1" of their original location at the end of the girder.
- (D) Debond strands by encasing the strand in a conduit meeting the approval of the Engineer. Conduit may be rigid one-piece or rigid two-piece split sheathing. Do not use flexible conduit or sheathing.

No separate payment is made for debonding strands as payment is included in the contract unit price bid for prestressed concrete girders.

Section 1078-14 – Handling, Transporting and Storing, replace the second paragraph with the following:

Store all prestressed members on solid, unyielding, storage blocks in a manner to prevent torsion or objectionable bending. In handling prestressed concrete girders 54" or less in height, including cored slabs and box beams, maintain them in an upright position at all times and pick them up within 5 feet of the points of bearing and transport and store supported only within 3 feet of points of bearing. In handling prestressed concrete girders greater than 54" in height, maintain them in an upright position at all times and submit for approval the proposed method of lifting, transporting, and storing the girders. When requested, provide calculations to confirm girders are not overstressed by such operations.

Section 1078-15 – Final Finish, replace the entire Section with the following:

Finish prestressed concrete members that are intended for composite action with subsequently placed concrete or asphalt with a roughened surface for bonding. Make sure that no laitance remains on the surfaces to be bonded.

Rough float the tops of girders. Broom finish the top surface of the cored slab and box beam sections receiving an asphalt overlay. Rake the top surface of cored slab and box beam sections receiving a concrete overlay to a depth of 3/8". No surface finish is required for sides and bottom of the slab and beam sections except the exposed side of the exterior unit as noted below. Provide a resulting surface finish essentially the same color and surface finish as the surrounding concrete.

Provide a 3/4" chamfer along the bottom edges on ends and sides of all box beam and cored slab sections, top outside edges of exterior sections and acute corners of sections. Round the top edges on ends of all sections with a 1/4" finishing tool. Provide square corners along top edges on all sections along shear keys. Do not chamfer vertical edges at ends of sections.

Fill all voids in the diagonal face of the bottom flange of prestressed concrete girders and the outside face of exterior cored slabs and box beams with a sand-cement or other approved grout. Fill all voids in piles greater than 1/2" in diameter or depth as above. Provide a resulting surface finish essentially the same color and surface finish as the surrounding concrete. Repair voids greater than 1/4" in diameter or depth in other faces of these and other members except piles in a like manner. Where an excessive number of smaller voids exist in any member, the Engineer requires a similar repair.

Repair honeycomb, excessively large fins, and other projections as directed. Submit, at no additional cost to the Department, a proposal for repairing members with honeycomb, cracks, or spalls. Do not repair members containing honeycomb, cracks, or spalls until a repair procedure is approved and the member is inspected by the Engineer. Any appreciable impairment of structural adequacy that cannot be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer is cause for rejection.

Clean and fill holes caused by strand hold downs upon removal from the casting bed. Use patches of materials approved by the Engineer that develop strength at least equal to the minimum 28 day strength requirement for the concrete prior to approval of the member. Ensure that members are clean and surfaces have a uniform appearance.

Give the top surface of prestressed concrete panels a raked finish or other approved finish to provide an adequate bond with the cast-in-place concrete. As soon as the condition of the concrete permits, rake the top surface of the concrete making depressions of approximately 1/4". Take care when raking not to catch and pull the coarse aggregate.

Clean reinforcing bars exposed on the tops of girders and exterior cored slabs or box beams of mortar build up and excessive rust.

Apply epoxy protective coating to the ends of prestressed members as noted on the plans.

Section 1078-16 (A) – Alignment and Dimensional Tolerances, revise Table 1078-3 “Tolerances for Prestressed Cored Slabs” as follows:

Width - Differential of adjacent spans in the same structure	1/2"
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Section 1078-16 (B) – Alignment and Dimensional Tolerances, revise Table 1078-4 “Tolerances for Prestressed Girders” as follows:

Position of holes for diaphragm bolts (K)	±1/4"
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Section 1078-16 (F) – Alignment and Dimensional Tolerances, revise Table 1078-8 “Tolerances for Box Beams” to be consistent with cored slab tolerances as follows:

Width - Any one span	Plan width + 1/8" per joint
Width – Differential of adjacent spans in the same structure	1/2"

Section 1078-16 – Identification of Members, revise Section number to the following:

Section 1078-17

Section 1078-17 – Quality Control, revise Section number to the following:

Section 1078-18

ADHESIVELY ANCHORED ANCHOR BOLTS OR DOWELS

(6-11-07)

1.0 GENERAL

Installation and Testing of Adhesively anchored anchor bolts and dowels shall be in accordance with Section 420-13, 420-21 and 1081-1 of the Standard Specifications except as modified in this provision.

2.0 INSTALLATION

Installation of the adhesive anchors shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and shall occur when the concrete is above 40 degrees Fahrenheit and has reached its 28 day strength.

The anchors shall be installed before the adhesive's initial set ('gel time').

3.0 FIELD TESTING

Replace the third paragraph of Section 420-13 (C) with the following:

“In the presence of the Engineer, field test the anchor bolt or dowel in accordance with the test level shown on the plans and the following:

Level One Field testing: Test a minimum of 1 anchor but not less than 10% of all anchors to 50% of the yield load shown on the plans. If less than 60 anchors are to be installed, install and test the required number of anchors prior to installing the remaining anchors. If more than 60 anchors are to be installed, test the first 6 anchors prior to installing the remaining anchors, then test 10% of the number in excess of 60 anchors.

Level Two Field testing: Test a minimum of 2 anchors but not less than 10% of the all anchors to 80% of the yield load shown on the plans. If less than 60 anchors are to be installed, install and test the required number of anchors prior to installing the remaining anchors. If more than 60 anchors are to be installed, test the first 6 anchors prior to installing the remaining anchors, then test 10% of the number in excess of 60 anchors.

Testing should begin only after the Manufacturer's recommended cure time has been reached. For testing, apply and hold the test load for three minutes. If the jack experiences any drop in gage reading, the test must be restarted. For the anchor to be deemed satisfactory, the test load must be held for three minutes with no movement or drop in gage reading.”

4.0 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FAILED TEST SPECIMENS:

Remove all anchors and dowels that fail the field test without damage to the surrounding concrete. Redrill holes to remove adhesive bonding material residue and clean the hole in accordance with specifications. For reinstalling replacement anchors or dowels, follow the

same procedures as new installations. Do not reuse failed anchors or dowels unless approved by the Engineer.

5.0 USAGE

The use of adhesive anchors for overhead installments is not permitted without written permission from the Engineer.

6.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

No separate measurement or payment will be made for furnishing, installing, and testing anchor bolts/dowels. Payment at the contract unit prices for the various pay items will be full compensation for all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals necessary to complete the work.

DIRECT TENSION INDICATORS

(6-12-09)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

Replace Section 440-8(C)(6) – **Direct Tension Indicators** with the following:

Supply direct tension indicators in accordance with the requirements of ASTM F959 and Article 1072-7.

Furnish the Engineer with at least one metal feeler gage for each container of direct tension indicators shipped before beginning installation.

Make sure that the lot number on the containers of direct tension indicators is for the same lot number tested as indicated on the test documents.

Furnish to the Engineer three samples of load indicating washers from each lot number, each size and type for tests and two each of the metal feeler gages required for performing the tests.

Install the direct tension indicator under the bolt head. If it is necessary to install the direct tension indicator under the nut, or if the bolt head shall be turned, install additional hardened washers between the nut or bolt head and the direct tension indicator.

Provide a tension indicating device on the project for determining the tension imposed on a fastener when the protrusions on direct tension indicator are properly compressed.

Test 3 samples from each lot of direct tension indicators in the presence of the Engineer. Achieve a minimum bolt tension of 5% greater than that required by Table 440-1 of Article 440-8.

Do not substitute direct tension indicators for hardened steel washers required with short slotted or oversized holes. If desired, use direct tension indicators in conjunction with hardened steel washers.

Install direct tension indicators initially to a snug tight condition as specified in Subarticle 440-8(C)(3). After initial tightening, fully tighten beginning at the most rigid part of the joint and continuing toward its free edges.

For tightening fasteners containing direct tension indicators, use a clean and lubricated wrench. Maintain air supply and hoses in good condition and provide air pressure of at least 100 psi at the wrench.

When tightening the fasteners, ensure that the part of the fastener being restrained from turning does not rotate during the tightening process. Ensure that no portion of the direct tension indicator protrusions is accidentally partially flattened before installing in the structural steel joints.

Do not reuse direct tension indicators. If it is necessary to loosen a bolt previously tensioned, discard and replace the direct tension indicator.

CURING CONCRETE

(6-12-09)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

Replace the first paragraph of Section **420-15(A) – Curing Concrete – General** with the following:

Unless otherwise specified in the contract, use any of the following methods except for membrane curing compounds on bridge deck and approach slab, or on concrete which is to receive epoxy protective coating in accordance with 420-18. Advise the Engineer in advance of the proposed method. Have all material, equipment, and labor necessary to promptly apply the curing on the site before placing any concrete. Cure all patches in accordance with this article. Improperly cured concrete is considered defective.

Replace the third paragraph of Section **420-15(C) – Curing Concrete – Membrane Curing Compound Method** with the following:

Seal the surface with a single uniform coating of the specified type of curing compound applied at the rate of coverage recommended by the manufacturer or as directed, but not less than 1 gallon per 150 square feet of surface area.

FORMS FOR CONCRETE BRIDGE DECKS

(6-12-09)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

In Section **420-3(D) – Forms for Concrete Bridge Decks** replace *AASHTO Standard Specifications* with *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications* and *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*.

In Section 420-3(D)(1) – **Precast Prestressed Concrete Panels** replace *AASHTO Standard Specifications* with *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*.

PLACING LOAD ON STRUCTURE MEMBERS

(8-4-09)

The 2006 Standard Specifications shall be revised as follows:

Replace the fifth paragraph of Section 420-20 – **Placing Load on Structure Members** with the following:

Do not place vehicles or construction equipment on a bridge deck until the deck concrete develops the minimum specified 28 day compressive strength and attains an age of at least 14 curing days. The screed may be rolled across a previously cast bridge deck if the entire pour has not achieved initial set. If any portion of the deck concrete has achieved initial set, the screed can not be rolled across the bridge deck until the concrete develops a compressive strength of at least 1,500 psi. Construction equipment is allowed on bridge approach slabs after the slab concrete develops a compressive strength of at least 3,000 psi and attains an age of at least 7 curing days. A curing day is defined in Subarticle 420-15(A).

PILES for R-2309AB

(3-5-10)

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

Page 4-71, Delete Section 450 **BEARING PILES** and replace it with the following:

1.0 DESCRIPTION

Furnish and install piles with sufficient lengths in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Provide steel and prestressed concrete piles and composite piles with both concrete and steel sections as shown on the plans. Drive and drill in piles and use pile tips and accessories as shown on the plans. Galvanize, restrike, redrive, splice, cut off and build up piles and perform predrilling, spudding and pile driving analyzer (PDA) testing as necessary or required. For this provision, “pile embedment” refers to the required pile embedment in the cap or footing and “pile penetration” refers to the minimum required pile tip elevation or penetration into natural ground, whichever is deeper.

2.0 MATERIALS

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*:

Item	Section
Flowable Fill, Non-Excavatable	340
Portland Cement Concrete, Class A	1000
Reinforcing Steel	1070
Steel Pipe Pile Plates	1072
Steel and Prestressed Concrete Piles	1084

For drilled-in piles, use Class A Concrete in accordance with Article 1000-4 of the *Standard Specifications* except as modified herein. Provide concrete with a slump of 6 to 8 inches (150 to 200 mm). Use an approved high-range water reducer to achieve this slump.

For galvanized steel piles, see Section 1076 of the *Standard Specifications*. For composite piles with both prestressed concrete and steel H pile sections, use prestressed concrete piles and steel H piles in accordance with Section 1084 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use steel pile points and splicers approved by the NCDOT Materials & Tests (M&T) Unit. Obtain a list of approved pile points and splicers from:

<https://apps.dot.state.nc.us/vendor/approvedproducts/>

3.0 PILE LENGTHS

The estimated pile lengths shown on the plans are for bid purposes only. Provide piles of sufficient lengths for the required driving resistance, pile penetration and pile embedment. At the Contractor's option and no additional cost to the Department, make investigations as necessary to determine required pile lengths.

4.0 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

A. Handling and Storing Piles

Handle, transport and store piles so that piles are kept clean and undamaged. Do not use chains, cables or hooks that can damage or scar piles. Do not damage coatings on steel piles. When handling prestressed concrete piles, support piles at pick-up points as shown on the plans.

Protect steel piles as far as practicable from corrosion. Store piles above ground upon platform skids, or other supports, and keep free from dirt, grease, vegetation and other foreign material. Damaged, bent or cracked piles will be rejected.

B. Pile Installation

If applicable, completely excavate for caps and footings before installing piles. If applicable and unless noted otherwise on the plans, construct embankments to bottom of cap or footing elevations for a horizontal distance of 50 ft (15 m) from any pile except where fill slopes are within 50 ft (15 m) of a pile.

Install piles with the following tolerances.

1. Axial alignment within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot (21 mm per meter) of vertical or batter shown on the plans
2. Horizontal alignment within 3" (75 mm) of plan location, longitudinally and transversely
3. Pile embedment within 3" (75 mm) more and 2" (50 mm) less of the embedment shown on the plans

No additional payment will be made for increased cap or footing dimensions due to piles installed out of position.

If necessary, build up prestressed concrete piles or splice steel piles as shown on the plans. Do not use more than 3 sections (2 splices) of steel piling per pile. Cut off piles at required elevations along a plane normal to the axis of the pile as necessary. Do not damage or spall piles when cutting off prestressed concrete piles.

C. Pile Accessories

If required, use pile accessories including pipe pile plates and steel pile points and splicers as shown on the plans. Perform any welding in accordance with the contract. Weld pipe pile plates with the specified dimensions to steel pipe piles as shown on the plans.

Attach steel pile points to steel piles in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The minimum weld length is twice the flange width for steel H piles.

Use steel pile tips with prestressed concrete piles as shown on the plans. Use steel pile splicers for splicing steel H pile tips and composite piles. Attach pile splicers in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

D. Driven Piles

When predrilling, spudding and installing the initial portions of steel piles with vibratory hammers, submit these pile installation methods with the proposed pile driving methods and equipment for review and acceptance. Spudding is defined as driving or dropping a steel H pile and then removing it. The Engineer will approve the predrilling depth and diameter, spudding depth and H pile size and depth of pile installation with a vibratory hammer. Do not use vibratory hammers to install prestressed concrete piles.

Drive piles in accordance with the accepted submittals and this provision. Unless otherwise approved, do not drive piles within 50 ft (15 m) of cast-in-place concrete until the concrete cures for at least 3 days.

Limit driving stresses in accordance with the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*. If a tip elevation is noted on the plans for steel and prestressed concrete piles, drive piles to the minimum required driving resistance and tip elevation. Otherwise, drive steel and prestressed concrete piles to the minimum required driving resistance and a penetration into natural ground of at least 10 ft (3 m). For composite piles, drive piles to the minimum required driving resistance and the prestressed concrete and steel H pile sections to their respective minimum required tip elevations noted on the plans.

Also, drive piles to the minimum required tip elevation or penetration into natural ground, whichever is deeper, in a continuous operation unless stopped due to exceeding the maximum blow count or driving stresses, insufficient pile length or other approved reasons. Natural ground within an area of a new embankment is defined as the bottom of the embankment or footings, whichever is lower.

Protect coatings in an approved manner when driving coated steel piles through templates. Redrive piles raised or moved laterally due to driving adjacent piles.

1. Predrilling and Spudding

If necessary or required, perform predrilling for piles and spudding with a steel H pile as noted on the plans or in accordance with the accepted submittals. Predrill pile locations to the specified elevations noted on the plans, revised elevations approved by the Engineer or depths in accordance with the accepted submittals. When noted on the plans and at the Contractor's option, spudding may be used in lieu of predrilling. Do not perform spudding below specified predrilling elevations, revised elevations approved by the Engineer or depths in accordance with the accepted submittals.

When noted on the plans or predrilling in water or wetlands, use temporary steel casings meeting the requirements of steel casings for pile excavation in accordance with this provision with the exception of casing diameter. For steel casing diameters, use casings with a minimum inside diameter equal to the predrilling diameter. Use steel casings from a minimum of 2 ft (0.6 m) above the static water elevation or ground line, whichever is higher, to a minimum of 5 ft (1.5 m) below the ground or mud line. More than 5 ft (1.5 m) embedment may be necessary if steel casings are not stable or predrilling or spudding disturbs material outside the casings.

Perform predrilling and spudding such that large ground movements and voids below ground do not occur and piles can be driven to the required resistance and pile penetration. Do not deposit spoils above the ground or mud line in water or wetlands. Dispose of spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications* and as directed by the Engineer. When predrilling or spudding is complete, remove all steel casings before driving piles.

2. Driving Equipment

Submit the proposed pile driving methods and equipment (pile driving equipment data form) including the pile driving hammer, hammer cushion, pile helmet and cushion for all piles for review and acceptance. Do not submit more than two pile driving hammers per pile type per submittal. Provide 2 copies of this form at least 30 calendar days before driving piles. All equipment is subject to satisfactory field performance.

Drive piles with accepted driving equipment using air, steam or diesel hammers. Use pile driving hammers that will not overstress piles and provide the required

driving resistance at a blows per foot ranging from 30 to 180. Use a variable energy hammer to drive prestressed concrete piles.

Operate air and steam hammers within the manufacturer's specified ranges and 10% of the manufacturer's rated speed in blows per minute or a rate approved by the Engineer. Use a plant and equipment for air or steam hammers with sufficient capacity to maintain, under working conditions, the volume and pressure specified by the manufacturer. Equip the plant and equipment with accurate pressure gauges that are easily accessible. Provide striking parts of air and steam hammers that weigh at least one-third the weight of the pile helmet and pile, with a minimum weight of 2,750 lbs (1,250 kg).

Equip open-end (single acting) diesel hammers with a graduated scale (jump stick) extending above the ram cylinder, graduated rings or grooves on the ram or an electric sound activated remote measuring instrument to determine the hammer stroke during driving. Equip closed-end (double acting) diesel hammers with a calibrated bounce chamber pressure gauge mounted near the ground and provide a current calibrated chart or graph equating bounce chamber pressure and gauge hose length to equivalent energy. Submit this chart or graph with the proposed pile driving methods and equipment for closed-end diesel hammers.

Hold pile heads in position with pile helmets that closely fit over the pile heads and extend down the sides of piles a sufficient distance. Protect pile heads of prestressed concrete piles from direct impact with accepted pile cushions. Use pile cushions made of pine plywood with a minimum thickness of 4" (100 mm). Unless otherwise approved, provide a new pile cushion for each prestressed concrete pile. Replace pile cushions during driving when a cushion is compressed more than one-half its original thickness or begins to burn.

The Engineer may inspect the hammer cushion before beginning driving and periodically throughout the project. Expose the hammer cushion for inspection as directed by the Engineer. Replace or repair any hammer cushion that is less than 25% of its original thickness.

3. Required Driving Resistance

The Engineer will determine the acceptability of the proposed pile driving methods and equipment and provide the blows per foot and equivalent set for 10 blows for the required driving resistance. The minimum required driving resistance is equal to the factored resistance noted on the plans plus any additional resistance for downdrag and scour, if applicable, divided by a resistance factor. When performing PDA testing in accordance with the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*, the resistance factor is 0.75. Otherwise, the resistance factor for the wave equation analysis is 0.60.

Unless otherwise approved, stop driving piles when refusal is reached. Refusal is defined as 240 blows per foot or any equivalent set.

4. Redriving Piles

Once the required pile penetration is achieved, the Contractor may choose to or the Engineer may require the Contractor to stop driving, wait and restrike or redrive piles to achieve the required driving resistance. If the Contractor chooses to restrike or redrive piles, no payment will be made for restrikes or redrives. If the Engineer requires the Contractor to restrike or redrive piles, payment will be made in accordance with section 5.0 of this provision. When the Engineer requires restrikes or redrives, the Engineer will determine the number of restrikes or redrives and the time to wait after stopping driving and between restrikes and redrives. The time to wait will range from 4 to 24 hours.

Use the same pile driving methods, equipment and compressed pile cushion from the previous driving to restrike or redrive the pile unless the cushion is unacceptable due to deterioration. Do not use a cold diesel hammer for a restrike or redrive, unless it is impractical to do otherwise as determined by the Engineer. In general, warm up the hammer by applying at least 20 blows to a previously driven pile or timber mats on the ground.

E. Drilled-in Piles

If required, perform pile excavation to specified elevations shown on the plans or revised elevations approved by the Engineer. Excavate holes at pile locations with diameters that will result in at least 3" (75 mm) of clearance all around piles. Before filling holes, support and center piles in excavations and when noted on the plans, drive piles to the required driving resistance. Remove any fluid from excavations, and at the Contractor's option, fill holes with either concrete or flowable fill unless required otherwise in the contract.

1. Pile Excavation

Use equipment of adequate capacity and capable of drilling through soil, rock, boulders, debris, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance excavations. Blasting for core removal is only permitted when approved by the Engineer. Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications* and as directed by the Engineer. Drilling spoils consist of all excavated materials including fluids removed from excavations by pumps or drilling tools.

If unstable, caving or sloughing soils are anticipated or encountered, stabilize holes with either slurry or temporary steel casings. When using slurry, submit slurry details including product information, manufacturer's recommendations for use, slurry equipment details and written approval from the slurry supplier that the mixing water is acceptable before beginning drilling. When using steel casings, use either the sectional type or one continuous corrugated or non-corrugated piece. Steel casings should consist of clean watertight steel of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth and

backfill. Use steel casings with an outside diameter equal to the hole size and a minimum wall thickness of ¼ inch (6 mm).

2. Filling Holes

Check the water inflow rate at the bottom of holes after all pumps have been removed. If the inflow rate is less than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, remove any fluid and free fall concrete or flowable fill into excavations. Ensure that concrete or flowable fill flows completely around piles. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, propose and obtain acceptance of a procedure for placing concrete or flowable fill before filling holes. Place concrete or flowable fill in a continuous manner and remove all steel casings.

F. Pile Driving Analyzer

If required, test piles with a pile driving analyzer (PDA) manufactured by Pile Dynamics, Inc., analyze data and provide PDA reports. Perform PDA testing in accordance with ASTM D4945. Either the Engineer will perform PDA testing and analysis or use a PDA Consultant prequalified by the NCDOT Contractual Services Unit for Pile Driving Analyzer Work (work code 3060) to perform PDA testing and analysis and provide PDA reports. When using a PDA Consultant, use a PDA Operator approved as a Field Engineer (key person) for the PDA Consultant. Also, provide PDA reports sealed by a Professional Engineer approved as a Project Engineer (key person) for the same PDA Consultant.

The Engineer will determine the number of piles and which piles to be tested with a PDA. Do not drive piles with a PDA until the proposed pile driving methods and equipment has been preliminarily accepted. Notify the Engineer of the pile driving schedule a minimum of 7 calendar days in advance.

The Engineer will complete the review and acceptance of the proposed pile driving methods and equipment and provide the blows per foot and equivalent set for 10 blows for the required driving resistance within 10 calendar days after the Engineer receives the PDA report or the Engineer finishes PDA testing. A PDA report for or PDA testing on multiple piles may be required as determined by the Engineer before the 10 day time period begins.

1. Preparation

Provide piles for PDA testing that are 5 ft (1.5 m) longer than the estimated pile lengths shown on the plans. Supply an AC electrical power source of a voltage and frequency suitable for computer equipment.

Provide a shelter to protect the PDA equipment and operator from conditions of sun, water, wind and temperature. The shelter should have a minimum floor size of 6 ft by 6 ft (1.8 m by 1.8 m) and a minimum roof height of 8 ft (2.4 m). If necessary, heat or cool the shelter to maintain a temperature between 50 and

85 degrees F (10 and 30 degrees C). Place the shelter within 75 ft (23 m) of the pile such that the PDA cables reach the computer and the operator can clearly observe the pile. The Engineer may waive the shelter requirement if weather conditions allow.

Drill up to a total of 16 bolt holes in either 2 or 4 sides of the pile, as directed by the PDA Consultant or Engineer, at an approximate distance equal to 3 times the pile diameter below the pile head. If the PDA Consultant or Engineer chooses to drill the bolt holes, provide the necessary equipment, tools and assistance to do so. A hammer drill is required for concrete piles. Allow for 2 hours per pile to drill holes.

Lift, align and rotate the pile to be tested with a PDA as directed by the PDA Consultant or Engineer. Place the pile in the leads and template so that the PDA instruments and their accompanying wires will not be damaged. Attach PDA instruments as directed by the PDA Consultant or Engineer after the pile is placed in the leads and the template.

2. Testing

Use only the preliminarily accepted pile driving methods and equipment to drive piles with the PDA instruments attached. Drive piles in accordance with this provision and as directed by the PDA Operator or Engineer. The PDA Operator or Engineer may require the Contractor to modify the pile installation procedure during driving. Dynamic measurements will be recorded and used to evaluate the hammer performance, driving resistance and stresses, energy transfer, pile integrity and various soil parameters such as quake and damping.

If required, reattach the PDA instruments and restrike or redrive the pile in accordance with this provision. Obtain the required stroke and at least 6" (150 mm) of penetration as directed by the PDA Operator or Engineer. Dynamic measurements will be recorded during restriking and redriving. The Engineer will determine when PDA testing has been satisfactorily completed.

The Contractor is responsible in terms of both actual expense and time delays for any damage to the PDA instruments and supporting equipment due to the Contractor's fault or negligence. Replace any damaged equipment at no additional cost to the Department.

3. Analysis

When using a PDA Consultant, analyze data with the CAsE Pile Wave Analysis Program (CAPWAP), version 2006 or later, manufactured by Pile Dynamics, Inc. At a minimum, analysis is required for a hammer blow near the end of initial drive and for each restrike and redrive. Additional CAPWAP analysis may be required as determined by the PDA Consultant or Engineer.

4. Report

When using a PDA Consultant, submit 2 copies of each PDA report within 7 calendar days of completing field testing. Include the following in PDA reports:

a. Title Sheet

- NCDOT TIP number and WBS element number
- Project description
- County
- Bridge station number
- Pile location
- Personnel
- Report date

b. Introduction

c. Site and Subsurface Conditions (including water table elevation)

d. Pile Details

- Pile type and length
- Required driving resistance and resistance factor
- Concrete compressive strength and/or steel pile yield strength
- Pile splice type and locations
- Pile batter
- Installation methods including use of predrilling, spudding, vibratory hammer, template, barge, etc.

e. Driving Details

- Hammer make, model and type
- Hammer and pile cushion type and thickness
- Pile helmet weight
- Hammer efficiency and operation data including fuel settings, bounce chamber pressure, blows per minute, equipment volume and pressure
- Ground or mud line elevation and template reference elevation at the time of driving
- Final pile tip elevation

- Driving data (ram stroke, blows per foot (0.3 meter) and set for last 10 hammer blows)
 - Restrike and redrive information
- f. PDA Field Work Details
- g. CAPWAP Analysis Results
- Table showing percent skin and tip, skin and toe damping, skin and toe quake and match quality
- h. Summary/Conclusions
- i. Attachments
- Boring log(s)
 - Pile driving equipment data form (from Contractor)
 - Field pile driving inspection data (from Engineer)
 - Accelerometer and strain gauge locations
 - Accelerometer and strain gauge serial numbers and calibration information
 - PDA hardware model and CAPWAP software version information
 - Electronic copy of all PDA data and executable CAPWAP input and output files

5.0 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

_____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*, _____ *Steel Piles* and _____ *Galvanized Steel Piles* will be measured and paid for in linear feet (meters). Steel and prestressed concrete piles will be measured as the pile length before installation minus any pile cut-offs. No payment will be made for pile cut-offs or cutting off piles. No payment will be made for damaged, defective or rejected piles or any piles for falsework, bracing, templates or temporary work bridges. The contract unit prices for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*, _____ *Steel Piles* and _____ *Galvanized Steel Piles* will also be full compensation for driving piles.

Composite piles will be measured as the pile length of the prestressed concrete and steel H pile sections before installation minus any pile cut-offs. The concrete and steel sections will be measured and paid for at the contract unit prices for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles* and _____ *Steel Piles*, respectively. No payment will be made for portions of steel H pile sections embedded in prestressed concrete sections or steel pile splicers and any associated hardware or welding.

For driven piles, once the required resistance and pile penetration is achieved, the Contractor may drive the remaining portion of piles to grade in lieu of cutting off piles provided the remaining portions do not exceed 5 ft (1.5 m) and the piles can be driven

without being damaged or reaching the maximum blow count or refusal. When this occurs, the additional length of piles driven will be measured and paid for at the contract unit prices for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*, _____ *Steel Piles* and _____ *Galvanized Steel Piles*.

For prestressed concrete piles that are built up, the build-up will be measured and paid for at the contract unit price for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*. Steel pile tips are not included in the measurement of prestressed concrete piles. No separate payment will be made for steel pile tips or splicers and any associated hardware or welding. Steel pile tips and steel pile splicers will be considered incidental to the contract unit price for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*.

Steel Pile Points and *Pipe Pile Plates* will be measured and paid for in units of each. *Steel Pile Points* and *Pipe Pile Plates* will be measured as one per pile.

Predrilling for Piles will be measured and paid for in linear feet (meters). For bents with a predrilling pay item as shown on the substructure plans, predrilling will be paid for as *Predrilling for Piles* and measured per pile location as the depth from the ground or mud line to specified predrilling elevations or revised elevations approved by the Engineer. The contract unit price for *Predrilling for Piles* will also be full compensation for using temporary steel casings. For bents without a predrilling pay item as shown on the substructure plans, predrilling will be considered incidental to the contract unit prices for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*, _____ *Steel Piles* and _____ *Galvanized Steel Piles*.

No direct payment will be made for spudding or using temporary steel casings for spudding. Spudding and using temporary steel casings for spudding will be considered incidental to the contract unit prices for _____ *Prestressed Concrete Piles*, _____ *Steel Piles* and _____ *Galvanized Steel Piles*.

Pile Redrives will be measured and paid for in units of each. *Pile Redrives* will be measured as the number of restrikes or redrives required by the Engineer. No payment will be made for restrikes or redrives when the Contractor chooses to restrike or redrive piles.

Pile Excavation in Soil and *Pile Excavation Not in Soil* will be measured and paid for in linear feet (meters). Pile excavation will be measured as the depth from the ground line to the specified elevations or revised elevations approved by the Engineer. Not in soil is defined as material with a rock auger penetration rate of less than 2" (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force. Once not in soil is encountered, seams, voids and weathered rock less than 3 ft (1 m) thick with a rock auger penetration rate of greater than 2" (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force will be paid for at the contract unit price for *Pile Excavation Not in Soil*. Seams, voids and weathered rock greater than 3 ft (1 m) thick will be paid for at the contract unit price for *Pile Excavation in Soil* where not in soil is no longer encountered. The contract unit prices for *Pile Excavation in Soil* and *Pile Excavation Not in Soil* will also be full compensation for stabilizing and filling holes with either concrete or flowable fill.

PDA Testing will be measured and paid for in units of each. No payment for *PDA Testing* will be made if the Engineer performs PDA testing. If the Engineer does not perform PDA testing, *PDA Testing* will be measured as one per pile. The contract unit price for *PDA Testing* will be full compensation for performing PDA testing the first time a pile is tested with a PDA, performing analysis on data collected during initial drive, restrikes and redrives and providing the PDA report. Subsequent PDA testing of the same piles will be considered incidental to the contract unit price for *Pile Redrives*.

PDA Assistance will be measured and paid for in units of each. *PDA Assistance* will be measured as one per pile. The contract unit price for *PDA Assistance* will be full compensation for the Contractor’s assistance to perform the PDA testing during initial drive, restrikes and redrives.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
_____ Prestressed Concrete Piles	Linear Foot (Meter)
_____ Steel Piles	Linear Foot (Meter)
_____ Galvanized Steel Piles	Linear Foot (Meter)
Steel Pile Points	Each
Pipe Pile Plates	Each
Predrilling for Piles	Linear Foot (Meter)
Pile Redrives	Each
Pile Excavation in Soil	Linear Foot (Meter)
Pile Excavation Not in Soil	Linear Foot (Meter)
PDA Testing	Each
PDA Assistance	Each

PILES for R-2413C **(8-4-09)**

Refer to Section 450 of the *Standard Specifications*.

SOLDIER PILE RETAINING WALLS **(9-21-10)**

1.0 GENERAL

A soldier pile retaining wall consists of steel H piles driven or placed in drilled holes and partially filled with concrete and either precast concrete panels set in the pile flanges or a cast-in-place reinforced concrete face attached to the front of the piles. Timber lagging is typically used for temporary support of excavations during construction. Design and construct soldier pile retaining walls based on actual elevations and dimensions in

accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Use a Soldier Pile Wall Contractor prequalified by the NCDOT Contractual Services Unit for cantilever retaining walls work (work code 3010). For this provision, “soldier pile wall” refers to a soldier pile retaining wall. Also, “panels” refers to precast concrete panels and “concrete facing” refers to a cast-in-place reinforced concrete face.

2.0 SUBMITTALS

Two submittals are required which include the soldier pile wall design and construction submittals. Provide 11 hard copies of working drawings and 3 hard copies of design calculations for the soldier pile wall design submittal and 4 hard copies of the soldier pile wall construction submittal. Also, submit an electronic copy (PDF on CD or DVD) of each submittal. Provide the soldier pile wall construction submittal at least 30 calendar days before conducting the soldier pile wall preconstruction meeting. Do not begin soldier pile wall construction until the construction plan is accepted.

A. Soldier Pile Wall Design Submittal

A Design Engineer is required to design soldier pile walls. Use a Design Engineer approved as a Geotechnical Engineer (key person) for a consultant prequalified by the NCDOT Contractual Services Unit for the cantilever retaining wall design discipline.

The Retaining Wall Plans show a plan view, typical sections, details, notes and an elevation or profile view (wall envelope) for each soldier pile wall. Before beginning soldier pile wall design, survey existing ground elevations shown on the plans and other elevations in the vicinity of soldier pile walls as needed. Based on these elevations, finished grades and actual soldier pile wall dimensions and details, submit revised wall envelopes for review and acceptance. Use the accepted revised wall envelopes for design.

Design soldier pile walls in accordance with the plans and Article 11.8 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* unless otherwise required. Also, design walls for a maximum deflection of 1.5% of the exposed wall height or 3” (75 mm), whichever is less. When a note on plans requires a live load (traffic) surcharge, use a surcharge load of 250 psf (12 kPa) with a load factor of 1.75 in accordance with Article 3.11.6.2 of the *AASHTO LRFD specifications*. For steel beam guardrail with 8’ (2.4 m) posts above soldier pile walls, design walls for an additional horizontal load of 300 lbs/linear ft (4.38 kN/linear m) of wall. For concrete barrier rails with moment slabs above soldier pile walls, design walls for an additional horizontal load of 500 lbs/linear ft (7.30 kN/linear m) of wall. Apply additional loads to the back of soldier pile walls at a depth of 2 ft (0.6m) below grade elevation.

Use a maximum H pile spacing of 10 ft (3 m). At the Contractor’s option, use driven or drilled-in piles for soldier pile walls with concrete facing unless required otherwise on the plans. For soldier pile walls with panels, use drilled-in piles unless noted otherwise on the plans. Install drilled-in piles by excavating holes with diameters that result in at least 3” (75 mm) of clearance all around piles.

At the Contractor's option, use panels or concrete facing unless required otherwise on the plans. Design panels and concrete facing in accordance with the plans and Section 5 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* unless otherwise required. Provide reinforcement of sufficient density to satisfy Article 5.7.3.4 of the AASHTO LRFD specifications. Use a minimum panel or concrete facing thickness of 6" (150 mm).

Provide temporary support of excavations for excavation heights greater than 4 ft (1.2 m) and timber lagging in accordance with the *AASHTO Guide Design Specifications for Bridge Temporary Works*. At the Contractor's option and when noted on the plans, provide a temporary slope in lieu of temporary support of excavations. Do not extend temporary slopes beyond right-of-way or easement lines. With the exception of fill sections or when using temporary slopes, backfill voids behind panels, lagging and piles with no. 57 stone. Place separation fabric between no. 57 stone and overlying fill or pavement section with the exception of when concrete pavement is placed directly on the stone.

Use 6 inch (150 mm) thick aggregate leveling pads beneath panels and concrete facing. Unless required otherwise on the plans, embed top of leveling pads a minimum of 1 ft (0.3 m) below where finished grade intersects the front face of soldier pile walls.

Provide geocomposite drain strips centered between each pair of adjacent piles. Attach drain strips to the excavation face, front face of timber lagging or back face of panels or concrete facing. Connect drain strips to leveling pads. Extend continuous drains along base of panels or concrete facing in front of piles and leveling pads. Provide drains meeting the requirements of an aggregate shoulder drain in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing No. 816.02.

Unless shown otherwise on the plans, use cast-in-place reinforced concrete coping at top of walls for soldier pile walls with panels with dimensions shown on the plans. Extend coping or concrete facing a minimum of 6" (150 mm) above where finished grade intersects the back of soldier pile walls unless required otherwise on the plans. At the Contractor's option, connect coping to panels with dowels or extend coping down the back of panels a minimum of 6" (150 mm). When barriers are required above soldier pile walls, use concrete barrier rails with moment slabs as shown on the plans.

Submit working drawings and design calculations for review and acceptance in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Submit working drawings showing plan views, wall profiles with pile locations, typical sections and details of piles, drainage, temporary support of excavations, leveling pads, panels or concrete facing and reinforcing. If necessary, include details on working drawings for concrete barrier rails with moment slabs and obstructions extending through walls or interfering with piles, concrete barrier rails and moment slabs. Submit design calculations including deflection calculations for each wall section with different surcharge loads, geometry or material parameters. When using a software program for design, provide a hand calculation verifying the analysis of the tallest wall section. Also, submit design calculations for temporary support of excavations or slope stability

calculations for temporary slopes, if applicable. Have soldier pile walls designed, detailed and sealed by the Design Engineer.

B. Soldier Pile Wall Construction Plan Submittal

Provide project specific installation information including a detailed construction sequence. For driven piles, submit proposed pile driving methods and equipment in accordance with Article 450-5 of the *Standard Specifications*. For drilled-in piles, submit installation details including drilling equipment and method for stabilizing holes. Also, submit details of excavations and temporary support of excavations and any other information shown on the plans or requested by the Engineer.

If alternate installation procedures are proposed or necessary, a revised construction plan submittal may be required. If the work deviates from the accepted submittal without prior approval, the Engineer may suspend soldier pile wall construction until a revised plan is submitted and accepted.

3.0 MATERIALS

Load, transport, unload and store soldier pile wall materials such that they are kept clean and free of damage. Damaged or deformed materials will be rejected.

Identify, store and handle drain strips and fabrics in accordance with ASTM D4873. Drain strips and fabrics with defects, flaws, deterioration or damage will be rejected. Do not leave drain strips and fabrics uncovered for more than 7 days.

Use timber lagging with a minimum allowable bending stress of 1000 psi (6.9 MPa) that meets the requirements of Article 1082-1 of the *Standard Specifications*.

A. Steel Piles

Use steel H piles meeting the requirements of Article 1084-1 of the *Standard Specifications*. For soldier pile walls with concrete facing, provide welded stud shear connectors in accordance with Article 1072-8 of the *Standard Specifications*. For soldier pile walls without concrete facing or veneers, galvanize steel piles in accordance with Section 1076 of the *Standard Specifications*.

For drilled-in piles, use excavatable flowable fill in accordance with Article 340-2 of the *Standard Specifications* and Class A Concrete in accordance with Article 1000-4 of the *Standard Specifications* except as modified herein. Provide concrete with a slump of 6 to 8 inches (150 to 200 mm). Use an approved high-range water reducer to achieve this slump.

1. Painting Piles

When a note on plans requires painting piles, smooth, clean, prepare and shop paint portions of galvanized piles that will not be encased in concrete below ground in accordance with Sections 442 and 1080 of the *Standard Specifications* with the

exception of the following. Provide shop certification in accordance with Article 442-10 of the *Standard Specifications* regardless of the quantity of painted steel.

Smooth high spots and rough edges, such as metal drip lines, of galvanized surfaces in accordance with ASTM D6386. Clean galvanized surfaces to be painted with a 2500 psi (17.2 MPa) pressure washer. Allow surfaces to dry completely before beginning surface preparation.

Prepare galvanized surfaces to be painted by sweep blasting in accordance with ASTM D6386. Use an abrasive material and technique that roughens the surface while leaving base zinc layers intact. After sweep blasting, blow down blasted surfaces with clean, dry, compressed air free of contamination.

Apply paint to clean, dry surfaces free of visible zinc oxides or zinc hydroxides within 8 hours of surface preparation. Use the paint system below for painting piles gray. For painting piles other colors, contact the NCDOT Materials & Tests Unit for an appropriate paint system.

Coat	Material*	Dry/Wet Film Thickness (mils)	
		Min	Max
Intermediate	1080-12 Brown	3.0 DFT	5.0 DFT
Stripe	1080-12 White	4.0 WFT	7.0 WFT
Topcoat	1080-12 Gray	2.0 DFT	4.0 DFT
Total		5.0 DFT	9.0 DFT

* See Article 1080-12 of the *Standard Specifications*

B. Wall Drainage Systems

Wall drainage systems consist of drain strips, drains and outlet components. Provide Type 3 Manufacturer's Certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for wall drainage materials. Furnish certifications with minimum average roll values (MARV) as defined by ASTM D4439 for core compressive strength and flow rate properties of drain strips. For testing drain strips, a lot is defined as a single day's production.

Use at least 12 inch (300 mm) wide prefabricated geocomposite drain strips consisting of a non-woven polypropylene geotextile bonded to one side of an HDPE or polystyrene drainage core, e.g., sheet drain. Provide drain strips with cores meeting the following requirements.

Core Property	ASTM Test Method	Requirement (MARV ¹)
Thickness	D5199	¼ - ½ inch (6 – 13 mm)
Compressive Strength	D1621	40 psi (276 kPa)
Flow Rate (with a gradient of 1.0)	D4716	5 gpm (1 l/s) ²

¹ MARV does not apply to thickness
² per ft (m) of width tested

Use drain and outlet materials meeting the requirements of subsurface drainage materials in accordance with Section 1044 of the *Standard Specifications*.

C. Precast Concrete Panels

Provide precast concrete panels meeting the requirements of Sections 1000 and 1077 of the *Standard Specifications* and reinforcing steel meeting the requirements of Section 1070 of the *Standard Specifications*. Produce panels within ¼ inch (6 mm) of the panel dimensions shown in the accepted submittals. Damaged panels with excessive discoloration, chips or cracks as determined by the Engineer will be rejected.

A minimum compressive strength of 4000 psi (27.6 MPa) at 28 days is required. For testing panels for compressive strength, at least 4 cylinders are required per 2000 ft² (186 m²) of panel face area or a single day's production, whichever is less.

Unless an exposed aggregate finish is required, provide panels with a smooth flat final finish in accordance with Article 1077-11 of the *Standard Specifications*.

1. Exposed Aggregate Finish

When a note on plans requires panels with an exposed aggregate finish, provide an exposed aggregate finish for front faces of panels with a depth of exposure ranging from 0 to ¼ inch (0 to 6 mm). Before beginning panel production, furnish three 12" by 12" (300 mm by 300 mm) sample panels to establish acceptable variations in color, texture and uniformity of the finish. After the sample panels are accepted and within 30 days of beginning panel production, produce a reinforced test panel of the largest size that will be used for the soldier pile walls with the accepted exposed aggregate finish and in accordance with the accepted submittals. Acceptance of the appearance of the panels during production will be based on the test panel and accepted sample panels.

Use aggregate and cement from the same source as was used for the test panel and accepted sample panels to produce the panels. Provide access to visually inspect the entire finish of each completed panel and compare it to the test panel appearance before stacking panels. Replace the test panel with a new test panel every 3 months during panel production.

D. No. 57 Stone

Use standard size no. 57 stone meeting the requirements of Class VI Select Material in accordance with Section 1016 of the *Standard Specifications*.

E. Leveling Pads

Use Class VI Select Material in accordance with Section 1016 of the *Standard Specifications* for aggregate leveling pads.

F. Concrete Facing and Coping

Provide concrete facing and coping meeting the requirements of Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications* and reinforcing steel meeting the requirements of Section 1070 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use Class A Concrete for concrete facing and coping in accordance with Article 1000-4 of the *Standard Specifications* and curing agents for concrete in accordance with Section 1026 of the *Standard Specifications*.

G. Masonry

Use masonry for brick veneers in accordance with Section 1040 of the *Standard Specifications*.

H. Separation Fabrics

Use separation fabrics meeting the requirements of Type 2 Engineering Fabric in accordance with Section 1056 of the *Standard Specifications*.

I. Joint Materials

Use joint materials in accordance with Section 1028 of the *Standard Specifications*.

4.0 PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING

Before starting soldier pile wall construction, conduct a preconstruction meeting to discuss the construction and inspection of the soldier pile walls. Schedule this meeting after all soldier pile wall submittals have been accepted. The Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Construction Engineer, Geotechnical Operations Engineer, Contractor and Soldier Pile Wall Contractor Superintendent will attend this preconstruction meeting.

5.0 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Control drainage during construction in the vicinity of soldier pile walls. Direct run off away from soldier pile walls and areas above and behind walls. Contain and maintain no. 57 stone and backfill and protect material from erosion.

Perform necessary clearing and grubbing in accordance with Section 200 of the *Standard Specifications*. Notify the Engineer before blasting in the vicinity of soldier pile walls. Perform blasting in accordance with the contract. Install foundations located behind soldier pile walls and within a horizontal distance equal to the tallest wall section before beginning soldier pile wall construction.

Do not excavate behind soldier pile walls unless a temporary slope is shown in the accepted submittals. If overexcavation occurs and is not approved, repair walls at no additional cost to the Department with a method proposed by the Contractor and accepted by the Engineer. A revised soldier pile wall construction plan may be required.

If a temporary slope is shown in the accepted submittals, excavate the slope before installing piles. Otherwise, install piles before excavating. Cure concrete for drilled-in piles a minimum of 7 days before proceeding with soldier pile wall construction.

Perform any welding in accordance with the contract. At the Contractor's option, welding may be performed in the field in lieu of employing an American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) certified fabricator in accordance with Subarticle 1072-1(A) of the *Standard Specifications*. For field welding, use welders certified as a bridge welder in accordance with the NCDOT Field Welder Certification Program.

Use equipment and methods reviewed and accepted in the construction plan or approved by the Engineer. Inform the Engineer of any deviations from the accepted plan.

A. Pile Installation

Install piles in accordance with the accepted submittals and this provision. Contact the Engineer if the design pile embedment is not achieved. Do not splice piles. If necessary, cut off piles at elevations shown in the accepted submittals.

Install piles within 1 inch (25 mm) horizontally and vertically of plan location and with no negative batter (piles leaning forward). For soldier pile walls with concrete facing, be aware that alignment variations between piles may result in a thicker concrete facing in some locations in order to provide the minimum required facing thickness elsewhere. No additional payment will be made for concrete facing thicker than the minimum required. Locate piles such that the minimum required concrete facing thickness, if applicable, and clearance between the wall face and roadways is maintained for varying pile alignments.

For driven piles, drive piles to the specified elevations in accordance with Section 450 of the *Standard Specifications* with the exception of Article 450-6 or at the Contractor's option and when approved by the Engineer, use vibratory hammers to install full depth of piles.

For drilled-in piles, excavate holes at pile locations with the dimensions shown in the accepted submittals. If overexcavation occurs, fill to required elevations with no. 57 stone before setting piles. Before placing concrete, support and center piles in excavations and remove any fluid from drilled holes. After placing piles in holes, fill around piles with concrete to the elevations shown in the accepted submittals. Remove any fluid above the concrete and fill remaining portions of holes with flowable fill.

1. Pile Excavation

Use equipment of adequate capacity and capable of drilling through soil, rock, boulders, debris, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance excavations. Blasting for core removal is only permitted when approved by the Engineer. Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications* and as directed by the Engineer.

Drilling spoils consist of all excavated materials including fluids removed from excavations by pumps or drilling tools.

If unstable, caving or sloughing soils are anticipated or encountered, stabilize holes with either slurry or temporary steel casings. When using slurry, submit slurry details including product information, manufacturer's recommendations for use, slurry equipment details and written approval from the slurry supplier that the mixing water is acceptable before beginning drilling. When using steel casings, use either the sectional type or one continuous corrugated or non-corrugated piece. Steel casings should consist of clean watertight steel of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth and backfill. Use steel casings with an outside diameter equal to the hole size and a minimum wall thickness of ¼ inch (6 mm).

2. Concrete Placement

Check the water inflow rate at the bottom of holes after all pumps have been removed. If the inflow rate is less than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, remove any fluid and free fall concrete into excavations. Ensure that concrete flows completely around piles. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, propose and obtain acceptance of a concrete placement procedure before placing concrete. Place concrete in a continuous manner and remove all steel casings.

B. Excavation

If a temporary slope is shown in the accepted submittals, construct soldier pile walls by excavating the slope in accordance with the accepted submittals. Otherwise, construct soldier pile walls from the top down by removing material in front of walls and in between piles as needed.

Excavate in accordance with the accepted submittals and in staged horizontal lifts with heights not to exceed 5 ft (1.5 m). Use timber lagging or some other approved method for temporary support of excavations in accordance with the accepted submittals. Remove flowable fill as necessary to install timber lagging and ensure at least 3" (75 mm) of contact in the horizontal direction between the lagging and pile flanges.

Install temporary support within 24 hours of excavating each lift unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. The installation may be delayed if it can be demonstrated that the delay will not adversely affect the excavation face stability. If the excavation face will be exposed for more than 24 hours, use polyethylene sheets anchored at the top and bottom of the lift to protect the face from changes in moisture content.

If the excavation face becomes unstable at any time, suspend soldier pile wall construction and temporarily stabilize the face by immediately placing an earth berm against the unstable face. Soldier pile wall construction may not proceed until remedial measures are proposed by the Contractor and accepted by the Engineer. A revised soldier pile wall construction plan submittal may be required.

Do not excavate the next lift until the temporary support of excavations for the preceding lift is installed.

C. Wall Drainage Systems

Install wall drainage systems as shown in the accepted submittals. Place and secure geocomposite drain strips with the geotextile side facing away from the wall face. Ensure that drain strips continuously contact the surface to which they are attached and allow for full flow the entire height of the wall. Discontinuous drain strips are not allowed. If splices are needed, overlap drain strips a minimum of 12" (300 mm) such that flow is not impeded. Connect drain strips to leveling pads by embedding strip ends at least 4" (100 mm) into the no. 57 stone.

Construct drains in accordance with Section 816 of the *Standard Specifications*. Provide drains with positive drainage toward outlets.

D. Leveling Pads, Panels and Concrete Facing

Construct leveling pads and drains at elevations and with dimensions shown in the accepted submittals. Construct drains in accordance with Section 816 of the *Standard Specifications*. Compact no. 57 stone for aggregate leveling pads with a vibratory compactor to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Set panels against pile flanges as shown in the accepted submittals. Ensure at least 2" (50 mm) of contact in the horizontal direction between the panel faces and pile flanges. If contact can not be maintained, remove panels, fill gaps with joint filler and reset panels. Support panels securely until enough no. 57 stone or backfill is placed to hold panels in place.

Construct cast-in-place reinforced concrete facing in accordance with the accepted submittals and Section 420 of the *Standard Specifications*. Do not remove forms until concrete achieves a minimum compressive strength of 2400 psi (16.5 MPa). Unless required otherwise on the plans, provide a Class 2 Surface Finish for concrete facing in accordance with Article 420-17 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Construct concrete facing joints at a maximum spacing of 30 ft (9 m) unless required otherwise on the plans. Half-inch (13 mm) thick expansion joints in accordance with Article 420-10 of the *Standard Specifications* are required every third joint. Half-inch (13 mm) deep grooved contraction joints in accordance with Subarticle 825-10(B) of the *Standard Specifications* are required for the remaining joints. Stop reinforcement 2" (50 mm) from either side of expansion joints.

If a brick veneer is required as shown on the plans, construct brick masonry in accordance with Section 830 of the *Standard Specifications*. Anchor brick veneers to panels and concrete facing with approved brick to concrete type anchors according to the manufacturer's specifications with a minimum vertical spacing of 16" (400 mm) and a minimum horizontal spacing of 32" (800 mm) with each row staggered 16" (400 mm) from the row of anchors above and below.

Seal joints above and behind soldier pile walls between concrete facing and ditches with joint sealer.

E. Backfill

For fill sections or if a temporary slope is shown in the accepted submittals, backfill behind piles and panels or concrete facing in accordance with Article 410-8 of the *Standard Specifications*. Otherwise, backfill voids behind panels, lagging and piles with no. 57 stone as shown in the accepted submittals. Ensure all voids between panels and lagging and between piles, lagging and the excavation face are filled with no. 57 stone. Compact stone to the satisfaction of the Engineer. When separation fabric is required, overlap fabric a minimum of 18" (450 mm) with seams oriented parallel to the wall face.

F. Coping

Construct concrete coping as shown in the accepted submittals and in accordance with Section 420 of the *Standard Specifications*. When single faced precast concrete barriers are placed in front of soldier pile walls, stop coping just above barriers such that coping does not interfere with placing barriers up against wall faces. Do not remove forms until concrete achieves a minimum compressive strength of 2400 psi (16.5 MPa). Provide a Class 2 Surface Finish for coping in accordance with Article 420-17 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Construct coping joints at a maximum spacing of 10 ft (3 m). Half-inch (13 mm) thick expansion joints in accordance with Article 420-10 of the *Standard Specifications* are required every third joint. Half-inch (13 mm) deep grooved contraction joints in accordance with Subarticle 825-10(B) of the *Standard Specifications* are required for the remaining joints. Stop coping reinforcement 2" (50 mm) from either side of expansion joints.

Seal joints above and behind soldier pile walls between coping and ditches with joint sealer.

G. Coating Cleaning and Repair

After wall construction is complete, clean exposed galvanized or painted surfaces of piles with a 2500 psi (17.2 MPa) pressure washer. Repair galvanized surfaces that are exposed and damaged in accordance with Article 1076-6 of the *Standard Specifications*. Repair painted surfaces that are exposed and damaged by applying 4.0 to 7.0 mils wet of a topcoat to damaged areas with brushes or rollers. Use the same paint for damaged areas as used for the topcoat when painting piles initially. Feather or taper topcoats in damaged areas to be level with surrounding areas.

6.0 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Soldier Pile Retaining Walls will be measured and paid for in square feet (meters). Soldier pile walls will be measured as the exposed face area with the wall height equal to the

difference between the top and bottom of wall elevation. The top of wall elevation is defined as the top of concrete facing or coping or top of panels for soldier pile walls with panels and without coping. The bottom of wall elevation is as shown on the plans and no payment will be made for portions of soldier pile walls below bottom of wall elevations.

The contract unit price for *Soldier Pile Retaining Walls* will be full compensation for providing design, submittals, labor, tools, equipment and soldier pile wall materials, installing piles, excavating, backfilling and providing temporary support of excavations, wall drainage systems, reinforcement, leveling pads, panels and concrete facing, backfill, no. 57 stone, fabrics, coping and any incidentals necessary to design and construct soldier pile walls in accordance with this provision. If necessary, the contract unit price for *Soldier Pile Retaining Walls* will also be full compensation for coating piles and providing brick veneers in accordance with the contract.

The contract unit price for *Soldier Pile Retaining Walls* does not include the cost for fences, handrails, ditches, guardrail and barriers associated with soldier pile walls as payment for these items will be made elsewhere in the contract.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
Soldier Pile Retaining Walls	Square Foot (Meter)

MECHANICALLY STABILIZED EARTH RETAINING WALLS (10-19-10)

1.0 GENERAL

A. Description

A mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining wall consists of steel or geogrid reinforcements in the reinforced zone connected to vertical facing elements. The facing elements may be precast concrete panels or segmental retaining wall (SRW) units unless required otherwise on the plans or the *NCDOT Policy for Mechanically Stabilized Earth Retaining Walls* prohibits the use of SRW units. Design and construct MSE retaining walls based on actual elevations and dimensions in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Use an MSE Wall Installer prequalified by the NCDOT Contractual Services Unit for MSE retaining walls work (work code 3015). For this provision, "MSE wall" refers to a mechanically stabilized earth retaining wall and "MSE Wall Vendor" refers to the vendor supplying the chosen MSE wall system. Also, "blocks" refer to SRW units and "panels" refer to precast concrete panels.

B. MSE Wall Systems

Use an MSE wall system approved by the Department in accordance with any NCDOT restrictions for the chosen system, the plans and the NCDOT MSE wall policy. Value engineering proposals for other MSE wall systems will not be considered. Do not use

MSE wall systems with SRW units or conditional approval for critical walls or MSE walls connected to critical walls. Critical walls are defined in the NCDOT MSE wall policy. Obtain the list of approved MSE wall systems and NCDOT MSE wall policy from:

www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/geotech/msewalls

C. Aggregate

“Aggregate” refers to fine or coarse aggregate. Coarse aggregate is required in the reinforced zone for critical walls and when noted on the plans. Otherwise, aggregate is required in the reinforced zone for MSE walls.

2.0 DESIGN SUBMITTAL

Submit 11 hard copies of working drawings and 3 hard copies of design calculations and an electronic copy (PDF on CD or DVD) of each for the MSE wall design submittal. Provide the submittal at least 30 calendar days before conducting the MSE wall preconstruction meeting. Do not begin MSE wall construction until the design submittal is accepted.

A Design Engineer is required to design MSE walls. Use a Design Engineer approved as a Geotechnical Engineer (key person) for a consultant prequalified by the NCDOT Contractual Services Unit for the MSE retaining wall design discipline.

The Retaining Wall Plans show a plan view, typical sections, details, notes and an elevation or profile view (wall envelope) for each MSE wall. Before beginning MSE wall design, survey existing ground elevations shown on the plans and other elevations in the vicinity of MSE walls as needed. Based on these elevations, finished grades and actual MSE wall dimensions and details, submit revised wall envelopes for review and acceptance. Use the accepted revised wall envelopes for design.

Design MSE walls in accordance with any NCDOT restrictions for the chosen MSE wall system, the plans and the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* unless otherwise required. Also, design MSE walls with a uniform reinforcement length throughout the wall height and a minimum reinforcement length of 0.7H or 6' (1.8 m), whichever is greater, unless shown otherwise on the plans with H as defined below. Extend the reinforced zone a minimum of 6" (150 mm) beyond the end of reinforcement as shown on the plans. Use the simplified method for determining maximum reinforcement loads and design factors for reinforcement approved by the Department for the chosen MSE wall system or default values in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD specifications. Design steel components including reinforcement and connection materials for nonaggressive backfill with corrosion losses in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD specifications.

When a note on plans requires a live load (traffic) surcharge, use a surcharge load of 250 psf (12 kPa) in accordance with Figure C11.5.5-3 of the AASHTO LRFD specifications. For steel beam guardrail with 8' (2.4 m) posts above MSE walls, design upper two rows of reinforcement for an additional horizontal load of 300 lbs/linear ft (4.38 kN/linear m) of wall in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD specifications. If existing or future obstructions such as foundations, guardrail, fence or handrail posts,

pavements, pipes, inlets or utilities will interfere with reinforcement, maintain a minimum clearance of 3" (75 mm) between the obstruction and reinforcement unless otherwise approved. Place reinforcement within 3" (75 mm) above the corresponding connection elevation.

Use 6 inch (150 mm) thick cast-in-place unreinforced concrete leveling pads beneath panels and blocks that are continuous at steps and extend a minimum of 6" (150 mm) in front of and behind bottom row of panels and blocks. Unless required otherwise on the plans, embed top of leveling pads in accordance with the following.

EMBEDMENT DEPTH

Front Slope (H:V)	Minimum Facing Embedment Depth (whichever is greater)	
6:1 or Flatter (except abutment walls)	H/20	1 ft (0.3 m) for $H \leq 10'$ 2 ft (0.6 m) for $H > 10'$
6:1 or Flatter (abutment walls)	H/10	2 ft (0.6 m)
Steeper than 6:1 to 3:1	H/10	2 ft (0.6 m)
Steeper than 3:1 to 2:1	H/7	2 ft (0.6 m)
Front slope is as shown on the plans and H is the maximum design height plus embedment per wall as shown on the plans		

When a note on plans requires a drain, extend a continuous drain along the base of the reinforced zone behind the aggregate. Provide drains meeting the requirements of an aggregate shoulder drain in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing No. 816.02.

For MSE walls with panels, place a minimum of 2 bearing pads in each horizontal panel joint such that the final horizontal joint opening is 3/4 inch (19 mm). Additional bearing pads may be required for panels wider than 5 ft (1.5 m) as determined by the Engineer. Cover joints on the back of panels with filter fabric a minimum of 12" (250 mm) wide.

For MSE walls with SRW units, place coarse aggregate between and behind blocks for a horizontal distance of at least 18" (450 mm) and fill any block core spaces with coarse aggregate.

Separation fabric is required between aggregate and overlying fill or pavement section with the exception of when concrete pavement is placed directly on aggregate. Separation fabric may also be required between coarse aggregate and backfill or natural ground as determined by the Engineer.

Unless shown otherwise on the plans, use reinforced concrete coping at top of walls with dimensions as shown on the plans. Extend coping a minimum of 6" (150 mm) above where finished grade intersects the back of MSE walls unless required otherwise on the plans. Cast-in-place concrete coping is required for MSE walls with SRW units and when noted on the plans. At the Contractor's option, connect cast-in-place concrete coping to

panels and blocks with dowels or extend coping down the back of MSE walls. Also, connect cast-in-place leveling concrete for precast concrete coping to panels with dowels. When barriers are required above MSE walls, use concrete barrier rails with moment slabs as shown on the plans.

Submit working drawings and design calculations for review and acceptance in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Submit working drawings showing plan views, wall profiles with required resistances, typical sections with reinforcement and connection details, aggregate type and separation fabric locations and details of leveling pads, facing elements, coping, bin walls, slip joints, etc. If necessary, include details on working drawings for concrete barrier rails with moment slabs, geogrid splices, reinforcement connected to end bent caps and obstructions extending through walls or interfering with reinforcement, concrete barrier rails and moment slabs. Submit design calculations for each wall section with different surcharge loads, geometry or material parameters. A minimum of one analysis is required for each wall section with different reinforcement lengths. When designing MSE walls with computer software other than MSEW, verify the design with MSEW version 3.0 or later, manufactured by ADAMA Engineering, Inc. At least one MSEW analysis is required per 100 ft (30 m) of wall length with a minimum of one MSEW analysis for the wall section with the longest reinforcement length. Submit electronic executable MSEW input and output files with the design calculations. Have MSE walls designed, detailed and sealed by the Design Engineer.

3.0 MATERIALS

A. Certifications, Storage and Handling

Provide certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications*. Furnish Type 3 Manufacturer's Certifications for MSE wall materials with the exception of precast elements and the following. For reinforcement, provide Type 1 Certified Mill Test Reports for tensile strength. For SRW units, provide Type 1 Certified Mill Test Reports or Type 4 Certified Test Reports for all block properties with the exception of durability. When a note on plans requires freeze-thaw durable blocks, provide Type 2 Typical Certified Mill Test Reports or Type 5 Typical Certified Test Reports for durability.

Store steel materials on blocking a minimum of 12" (300 mm) above the ground and protect it at all times from damage; and when placing in the work make sure it is free from dirt, dust, loose mill scale, loose rust, paint, oil or other foreign materials. Load, transport, unload and store MSE wall materials such that they are kept clean and free of damage.

Damaged panels or blocks with excessive discoloration, chips or cracks as determined by the Engineer will be rejected. Do not damage reinforcement connection hardware or mechanisms in handling and storing panels or blocks. Mark, store and transport panels in accordance with Section 1077 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Label each pallet of blocks with the information listed in Article 1077-13 of the *Standard Specifications*. Do not transport SRW units away from the casting yard until the concrete strength reaches 4000 psi (27.6 MPa) and a period of at least 5 days elapses after casting unless otherwise approved.

Identify, store and handle geogrids and fabrics in accordance with ASTM D4873. Geogrids and fabrics with defects, flaws, deterioration or damage will be rejected. Do not leave geogrids and fabrics uncovered for more than 7 days.

B. Facing Elements

Provide facing elements produced by a manufacturer approved or licensed by the MSE Wall Vendor.

1. Precast Concrete Panels

Provide precast concrete panels meeting the requirements of Sections 1000 and 1077 of the *Standard Specifications* and reinforcing steel meeting the requirements of Section 1070 of the *Standard Specifications*. Accurately locate and secure reinforcement connection hardware and maintain required concrete cover. Produce panels within 1/4 inch (6 mm) of the panel dimensions shown in the accepted submittals.

A minimum compressive strength of 4000 psi (27.6 MPa) at 28 days is required. For testing panels for compressive strength, at least 4 cylinders are required per 2000 ft² (186 m²) of panel face area or a single day's production, whichever is less.

Unless required otherwise on the plans, provide panels with a smooth flat final finish in accordance with Article 1077-11 of the *Standard Specifications*.

2. Segmental Retaining Wall (SRW) Units

Unless required otherwise on the plans, provide SRW units with a vertical straight face and a concrete gray color with no tints, dyes or pigments. Before beginning block production, obtain approval of sample blocks of the type, face and color proposed for the project.

Use blocks meeting the requirements of Section 1040 of the *Standard Specifications* and ASTM C1372 with the exception of absorption, compressive strength and unit height requirements. Test blocks in accordance with ASTM C140 with the exception of the number of units in a lot. For testing blocks, a lot is defined as 5000 units or a single day's production, whichever is less, and at least 6 blocks are required per lot.

Provide blocks with a maximum absorption of 5% and a unit height within 1/16 inch (2 mm) of the dimension shown in the accepted submittals.

A minimum compressive strength of 4000 psi (27.6 MPa) at 28 days is required for blocks with the exception of freeze-thaw durable blocks. When a note on plans requires freeze-thaw durable SRW units, a minimum compressive strength of 5500 psi (37.9 MPa) at 28 days is required.

Test freeze-thaw durable blocks in accordance with ASTM C1262. Test specimens in water. Freeze-thaw durable blocks are acceptable if the weight loss of each of 4 of the 5 specimens after 150 cycles does not exceed 1% of its initial weight.

C. Reinforcement

Provide reinforcement supplied by the MSE Wall Vendor or a manufacturer approved or licensed by the vendor.

1. Steel (Inextensible) Reinforcement

Use welded wire reinforcement grids (mesh, mats and ladders) meeting the requirements of Article 1070-3 of the *Standard Specifications* and metallic strips meeting the requirements of ASTM A572 or A1011 with a grade as specified in the accepted submittals. Galvanize steel reinforcement in accordance with Section 1076 of the *Standard Specifications*.

2. Geogrid (Extensible) Reinforcement

Use geogrids that have been approved by the Department for the chosen MSE wall system. Obtain the list of approved geogrids for each MSE wall system from the website shown elsewhere in this provision.

Test geogrids in accordance with ASTM D6637. Machine direction (MD) and cross-machine direction (CD) are as defined by ASTM D4439. Provide minimum average roll values (MARV) as defined by ASTM D4439 for tensile strength of geogrids. For testing geogrids, a lot is defined as a single day's production.

D. Aggregate

Provide aggregate meeting the requirements of Sections 1005 and 1014 of the *Standard Specifications*.

1. Fine Aggregate

Use fine aggregate meeting the requirements of standard size nos. 1S, 2S, 2MS or 4S in accordance with Table 1005-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. When using steel reinforcement with fine aggregate, provide aggregate meeting the

electrochemical requirements of Article 7.3.6.3 of the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Construction Specifications* tested in accordance with the following methods:

Property	AASHTO Test Method
pH	T289
Resistivity	T288
Chlorides	T291
Sulfates	T290

2. Coarse Aggregate

Use coarse aggregate meeting the requirements of standard size nos. 5, 57, 57M, 6M, 67 or 78M in accordance with Table 1005-1 of the *Standard Specifications*.

E. Coping, Leveling Concrete and Pads

Provide concrete coping and leveling pads meeting the requirements of Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications* and reinforcing steel meeting the requirements of Section 1070 of the *Standard Specifications*. Provide precast coping meeting the requirements of Section 1077 of the *Standard Specifications* and leveling concrete for precast coping meeting the requirements of Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Use Class A Concrete for coping, leveling concrete and pads in accordance with Article 1000-4 of the *Standard Specifications* and curing agents for concrete in accordance with Section 1026 of the *Standard Specifications*. For testing precast coping for compressive strength, at least 4 cylinders are required per 40 yd³ (31 m³) of concrete or a single day’s production, whichever is less.

F. Wall Drainage Systems

Wall drainage systems consist of drains and outlet components. Use drain and outlet materials meeting the requirements of subsurface drainage materials in accordance with Section 1044 of the *Standard Specifications*.

G. Bearing Pads

Use bearing pads approved by the Department for the chosen MSE wall system that meet the material requirements in Section 3.6.1.a of the *FHWA Manual “Design and Construction of Mechanically Stabilized Earth Walls and Reinforced Soil Slopes – Volume I”* (Publication No. FHWA-NHI-10-024). Obtain the list of approved bearing pads for each MSE wall system from the website shown elsewhere in this provision.

H. Geotextile Fabrics

Use filter and separation fabrics meeting the requirements of Type 2 Engineering Fabric in accordance with Section 1056 of the *Standard Specifications*.

I. Miscellaneous Components

Miscellaneous components may include attachment devices, connectors (e.g., pins, bars, plates, etc.), dowels, fasteners (e.g., bolts, nuts, etc.) and any other MSE wall components not included above. Galvanize steel components in accordance with Section 1076 of the *Standard Specifications*. Provide miscellaneous components approved by the Department for the chosen MSE wall system. Obtain the list of approved miscellaneous components for each MSE wall system from the website shown elsewhere in this provision.

J. Joint Sealer

Use joint sealer in accordance with Section 1028 of the *Standard Specifications*.

4.0 CORROSION MONITORING

Corrosion monitoring is required for MSE walls with steel reinforcement. The Engineer will determine the number of monitoring locations and where to install the instrumentation. Contact the NCDOT Materials & Tests (M&T) Unit before beginning wall construction. M&T will provide the corrosion monitoring instrumentation kits and if necessary, assistance with installation.

5.0 PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING

Before starting MSE wall construction, conduct a preconstruction meeting to discuss the construction and inspection of the MSE walls. Schedule this meeting after all MSE wall submittals have been accepted. The Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Construction Engineer, Geotechnical Operations Engineer, Contractor and MSE Wall Installer Superintendent will attend this preconstruction meeting.

6.0 SITE ASSISTANCE

Provide a representative employed by the MSE Wall Vendor to assist and guide the MSE Wall Installer on-site for at least 8 hours when the first panels or blocks are set and the first reinforcement layer is placed unless otherwise approved. If problems are encountered during construction, the Engineer may require the vendor representative to return to the site for a time period determined by the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department.

7.0 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Control drainage during construction in the vicinity of MSE walls. Direct run off away from MSE walls, aggregate and backfill. Contain and maintain aggregate and backfill and protect material from erosion.

Perform necessary clearing and grubbing in accordance with Section 200 of the *Standard Specifications*. Excavate as necessary for MSE walls in accordance with the accepted submittals. If applicable and at the Contractor's option, "temporary shoring for wall construction" may be used in lieu of temporary slopes to construct MSE walls. Temporary shoring for wall construction is defined as temporary shoring not shown on the plans or required by the Engineer including shoring for OSHA reasons or the Contractor's convenience.

Unless required otherwise on the plans, install foundations located in the reinforced zone before placing aggregate or the first reinforcement layer. Notify the Engineer when foundation excavation is complete. Do not place leveling pad concrete, aggregate or reinforcement until obtaining approval of the excavation depth and foundation material.

Construct cast-in-place concrete leveling pads at elevations and with dimensions shown in the accepted submittals and in accordance with Section 420 of the *Standard Specifications*. Cure leveling pads a minimum of 24 hours before placing panels or blocks.

Erect and support panels or blocks with no negative batter (wall face leaning forward) such that the final position is as shown in the accepted submittals. Stagger vertical joints to create a running bond when possible unless shown otherwise in the accepted submittals. Place blocks with a maximum joint width of 3/8 inch (10 mm).

Set panels with a vertical joint width of 1/2 to 1 inch (13 to 25 mm). Place bearing pads in horizontal panel joints and cover panel joints with filter fabrics as shown in the accepted submittals. Attach filter fabrics to back of panels with adhesives, tapes or other approved methods.

Construct MSE walls with a vertical and horizontal tolerance of 3/4 inch (19 mm) when measured with a 10 ft (3 m) straight edge and a final overall vertical plumbness (batter) of less than 1/2 inch per 10 ft (13 mm per 3 m) of wall height.

Place reinforcement at the locations and elevations shown in the accepted submittals. Do not splice steel reinforcement. Geogrids may be spliced once per reinforcement length in accordance with the accepted submittals. Contact the Engineer when unanticipated existing or future obstructions such as foundations, guardrail, fence or handrail posts, pavements, pipes, inlets or utilities will interfere with reinforcement. To avoid obstructions, deflect, skew and modify reinforcement as shown in the accepted submittals. Place reinforcement in slight tension free of kinks, folds, wrinkles or creases.

Place aggregate in the reinforced zone in 8 to 10 inch (200 to 250 mm) thick lifts. Compact fine aggregate in accordance with Subarticle 235-4(C) of the *Standard Specifications*. Use only hand operated compaction equipment within 3 ft (1 m) of the wall face. At a distance

greater than 3 ft (1 m), compact aggregate with at least 4 passes of an 8 – 10 ton (7.3 - 9.1 metric ton) vibratory roller. Smooth wheeled or rubber tired rollers are also acceptable for compacting aggregate. Do not use sheepsfoot, grid rollers or other types of compaction equipment with feet. Compact aggregate in a direction parallel to the wall face. Do not displace or damage reinforcement when placing and compacting aggregate. End dumping directly on geogrids is not permitted. Do not operate heavy equipment on reinforcement until it is covered with at least 8” (200 mm) of aggregate. Replace any damaged reinforcement to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Backfill for wall construction outside the reinforced zone in accordance with Article 410-8 of the *Standard Specifications*.

If a drain is required, install wall drainage systems as shown in the accepted submittals and in accordance with Section 816 of the *Standard Specifications*. Provide drains with positive drainage towards outlets.

Place and construct coping and leveling concrete as shown in the accepted submittals. Construct cast-in-place concrete coping and leveling concrete in accordance with Section 420 of the *Standard Specifications*. When single faced precast concrete barriers are placed in front of MSE walls, stop coping just above barriers such that coping does not interfere with placing barriers up against wall faces. Do not remove forms until concrete achieves a minimum compressive strength of 2400 psi (16.5 MPa). Provide a Class 2 Surface Finish for cast-in-place concrete coping in accordance with Article 420-17 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Construct cast-in-place concrete coping joints at a maximum spacing of 10 ft (3 m) to coincide with vertical joints between panels or blocks. Half-inch (13 mm) thick expansion joints in accordance with Article 420-10 of the *Standard Specifications* are required every third joint. Half-inch (13 mm) deep grooved contraction joints in accordance with Subarticle 825-10(B) of the *Standard Specifications* are required for the remaining joints. Stop coping reinforcement 2” (50 mm) from either side of expansion joints.

When separation fabric is required, overlap fabric a minimum of 18” (450 mm) with seams oriented parallel to the wall face. Seal joints above and behind MSE walls between coping and ditches with joint sealer.

8.0 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

MSE Retaining Walls will be measured and paid for in square feet (meters). MSE walls will be measured as the exposed face area with the wall height equal to the difference between the top and bottom of wall elevation. The top of wall elevation is defined as the top of coping or top of panels or blocks for MSE walls without coping. The bottom of wall elevation is as shown on the plans and no payment will be made for portions of MSE walls below bottom of wall elevations.

The contract unit price for *MSE Retaining Walls* will be full compensation for providing design, submittals, labor, tools, equipment and MSE wall materials, excavating, backfilling, hauling and removing excavated materials and providing site assistance, leveling pads,

facing elements, reinforcement, aggregate, wall drainage systems, fabrics, bearing pads, coping, miscellaneous components and any incidentals necessary to design and construct MSE walls in accordance with this provision. If necessary, the contract unit price for *MSE Retaining Walls* will also be full compensation for reinforcement connected to and aggregate behind end bent caps in the reinforced zone in accordance with the contract.

No separate payment will be made for temporary shoring for wall construction. Temporary shoring for wall construction will be considered incidental to the contract unit price for *MSE Retaining Walls*.

The contract unit price for *MSE Retaining Walls* does not include the cost for fences, handrails, ditches, guardrail and barriers associated with MSE walls as payment for these items will be made elsewhere in the contract.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
MSE Retaining Walls	Square Foot (Meter)

MASS CONCRETE for R-2309AB (SPECIAL)

This special provision applies for bridge at Sta. 114+28.00-L- (Right Lane) to the End Bent #2 cap only.

The Contractor shall provide an analysis of the anticipated thermal developments in the mass concrete elements using his proposed mix design, casting procedures, and materials. Additionally, the Contractor shall describe the measures and procedures he intends to use to limit the temperature differential to 35°F or less between the interior and exterior of the designated mass concrete elements during curing. The proposed plan to control the temperature differential shall be submitted to the Department for review and comments at the time approval is requested for the mass concrete mix design.

Maintenance of the specified thermal differential may be accomplished through a combination of the following:

- A. Selection of concrete ingredients to minimize the heat generated by hydration of the cement.
- B. Cooling component materials to reduce the temperature of the concrete while in its plastic state.
- C. Controlling the rate of placing the concrete.
- D. Insulating the surface of the concrete to prevent heat loss.
- E. Providing supplemental heat at the surface of the concrete to prevent heat loss.
- F. Other acceptable methods which may be developed by the Contractor.

Mass concrete shall be Class A, vibrated, air-entrained, and shall contain an approved set-retarding, water-reducing admixture, and 30% flyash by weight of the total cementitious material. The total cementitious material shall not exceed 690 lbs. per cubic yard of concrete. The maximum water-cementitious material ratio shall be 0.366 for rounded aggregate and 0.410 for angular aggregate. The slump of the concrete shall not exceed three inches. The Contractor shall submit compressive strength results, the average of at least three cylinders made in the laboratory, of his proposed mix design. These cylinders shall show a minimum strength of 3000 psi at 28 days.

Minimum compressive strength at 28 days of field placed concrete shall be 3000 psi.

The Contractor shall meet the temperature monitoring requirements listed below for the Bent #1 cap. At the discretion of the Engineer, all temperature monitoring requirements may be waived provided the Contractor has proven to the satisfaction of the Engineer that he can limit the temperature differential to 35° F or less between the interior and exterior of the cap.

The Contractor shall provide and install a minimum of six temperature sensing devices in each mass concrete pour to monitor temperature differentials between the interior and exterior of the pour unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. These devices shall be accurate within $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$ within the temperature range of 40°F to 180°F. One temperature sensing probe shall be placed near the center of mass of the pour, and another temperature sensing probe shall be placed at approximately two inches clear from the surface of the concrete furthest from the center of mass. The Engineer shall approve the locations of the other temperature sensing probes.

The monitoring devices shall be read and readings recorded at one-hour intervals, beginning when casting is complete and continuing until the maximum temperature is reached and two consecutive readings indicate a temperature differential decrease between the interior and exterior of the element. At the option of the Contractor, an approved strip-chart recorder furnished by the Contractor may record the temperature. If monitoring indicates the 35°F differential has been exceeded, the Contractor shall make the necessary revisions to the approved plan to reduce the differential on any remaining placements to 35°F or less. The Department must approve any revisions to the plan prior to implementation.

Flyash used in the mass concrete mix shall meet the requirements of Articles 1024-5 of the Standard Specifications. Portland Cement shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M85 for Portland Cement Type II. The temperature of mass concrete at the time of placement shall not be less than 40°F nor more than 75°F.

The placement of the mass concrete shall be continuous until the work is completed and the resulting structures shall be monolithic and homogeneous.

The entire cost of this work shall be included in the unit contract price bid for Class A Concrete.

MASS CONCRETE for R-2413C

(SPECIAL)

This special provision applies for bridges at Sta. 24+37.00-LRev- (Right and Left Lane) to the caps of all interior bents only.

The Contractor shall provide an analysis of the anticipated thermal developments in the mass concrete elements using his proposed mix design, casting procedures, and materials. Additionally, the Contractor shall describe the measures and procedures he intends to use to limit the temperature differential to 20°C (35°F) or less between the interior and exterior of the designated mass concrete elements during curing. The proposed plan to control the temperature differential shall be submitted to the Department for review and comments at the time approval is requested for the mass concrete mix design.

Maintenance of the specified thermal differential may be accomplished through a combination of the following:

- A. Selection of concrete ingredients to minimize the heat generated by hydration of the cement.
- B. Cooling component materials to reduce the temperature of the concrete while in its plastic state.
- C. Controlling the rate of placing the concrete.
- D. Insulating the surface of the concrete to prevent heat loss.
- E. Providing supplemental heat at the surface of the concrete to prevent heat loss.
- F. Other acceptable methods which may be developed by the Contractor.

Mass concrete shall be the Class A or Prestress -41.4 MPa (6000 psi) Concrete as shown on the plans, vibrated, air-entrained, and shall contain an approved set-retarding, water-reducing admixture, and 30% flyash by weight of the total cementitious material. The total cementitious material shall not exceed 410 kg per cubic meter (690 lbs. per cubic yard) of concrete. The maximum water-cementitious material ratio shall be 0.366 for rounded aggregate and 0.410 for angular aggregate. The slump of the concrete shall not exceed 150mm (6 inches). The Contractor shall submit compressive strength results, the average of at least three cylinders made in the laboratory, of his proposed mix design. These cylinders shall show a minimum strength of 24.2 MPa (3500 psi) for Class A concrete and 44.9 MPa (6500 psi) for Prestress -41.4MPa Concrete at 28 days.

Minimum compressive strength at 28 days of field placed Class A concrete shall be 20.7 MPa (3000 psi), and the minimum compressive strength at 28 days of field placed Prestress -41.4 MPa Concrete shall be 41.4 MPa (6000 psi).

The Contractor shall meet the temperature monitoring requirements listed below for all elements designated as mass concrete elements. At the discretion of the Engineer, all temperature monitoring requirements may be waived provided the Contractor has proven to the satisfaction of the Engineer that he can limit the temperature differential to 20°C (35°F) or less between the interior and exterior of a given element.

The Contractor shall provide and install a minimum of six temperature sensing devices in each mass concrete pour to monitor temperature differentials between the interior and exterior of the pour unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. These devices shall be accurate within $\pm 1.1^\circ\text{C}$ ($\pm 2^\circ\text{F}$) within the temperature range of 4°C (40°F) to 82°C (180°F). One temperature sensing probe shall be placed near the center of mass of the pour, and another temperature sensing probe shall be placed at approximately 50 mm (2 inches) clear from the surface of the concrete furthest from the center of mass. The locations of the other temperature sensing probes shall be approved by the Engineer.

The monitoring devices shall be read and readings recorded at one hour intervals, beginning when casing is complete and continuing until the maximum temperature is reached and two consecutive readings indicate a temperature differential decrease between the interior and exterior of the element. At the option of the Contractor, the temperature may be recorded by an approved strip-chart recorder furnished by the Contractor. If monitoring indicated the 20°C (35°F) differential has been exceeded, the Contractor shall make the necessary revisions to the approved plan to reduce the differential on any remaining placements to 20°C (35°F) or less. Revisions to the approved plan must be approved by the Department prior to implementation.

Flyash used in the mass concrete mix shall meet the requirements of Article 1024-5 and 1024-7 of the Standard Specifications. Portland Cement shall meet the requirements of AASHTO M85 for Portland Cement Type II.

The temperature of mass concrete at the time of placement shall not be less than 4°C (40°F) nor more than 24°C (75°F).

The placement of the mass concrete shall be continuous until the work is completed and the resulting structures shall be monolithic and homogeneous.

The entire cost of this work shall be included in the unit contract price bid for Class A or Prestress -41.4MPa concrete.

THERMAL SPRAYED COATINGS (METALLIZATION)

(6-07-05)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

Apply a thermal sprayed coating (TSC) and sealer to metal surfaces as specified herein when called for on the plans or by other Special Provisions, or when otherwise approved by the Engineer in accordance with the SSPC-CS 23.00/AWS C2.23/NACE No. 12 Specification. Only Arc Sprayed application methods are used to apply TSC coatings, the Engineer must approve other methods of application.

2.0 QUALIFICATIONS

Only use NCDOT approved TSC Contractors meeting the following requirements:

1. Who have the capability of blast cleaning steel surfaces to SSPC SP-5 and SP-10 Finishes.
2. Who employ a Spray Operator(s) qualified in accordance with AWS C.16/C2.16M2002 and a Quality Control Inspector(s) who have documented training in the applicable test procedures of ASTM D-3276 and SSPC-CS 23.00.

A summary of the contractor's related work experience and the documents verifying each Spray Operator's and Quality Control Inspector's qualifications are submitted to the Engineer before any work is performed.

3.0 MATERIALS

Provide wire in accordance with the metallizing equipment manufacturer's recommendations. Use the wire alloy specified on the plans which meets the requirements in Annex C of the SSPC-CS 23.00 Specification. Have the contractor provide a certified analysis (NCDOT Type 2 Certification) for each lot of wire material.

Apply an approved sealer to all metallized surfaces in accordance with Section 9 of SSPC-CS 23. The sealer must either meet SSPC Paint 27 or is an alternate approved by the Engineer.

4.0 SURFACE PREPARATION AND TSC APPLICATION

Grind flame cut edges to remove the carbonized surface prior to blasting. Bevel all flame cut edges in accordance with Article 442-10(D) regardless of included angle. Blast clean surfaces to be metallized with grit or mineral abrasive in accordance with Steel Structures Painting Council SSPC SP-5/10(as specified) to impart an angular surface profile of 2.5 - 4.0 mils (0.063 – 0.100 mm). Surface preparation hold times are in accordance with Section 7.32 of SSPC-CS 23. If flash rusting occurs prior to metallizing, blast clean the metal surface again. Apply the thermal sprayed coating only when the surface temperature of the steel is at least 5°F (3°C) above the dew point.

At the beginning of each work period or shift, conduct bend tests in accordance with Section 6.5 of SSPC-CS 23.00. Any disbonding or delamination of the coating that exposes the substrate requires corrective action, additional testing, and the Engineer's approval before resuming the metallizing process.

Apply TSC with the alloy to the thickness specified on the plans or as provided in the table below. All spot results (the average of 3 to 5 readings) must meet the minimum requirement. No additional tolerance (as allowed by SSPC PA-2) is permitted. (For Steel Beams: For pieces with less than 200 ft² (18.6m²) measure 2 spots/surface per piece and for pieces greater than 200 ft² (18.6m²) add 1 additional spots/surface for each 500 ft² (46.5m²)).

Application	Thickness	Alloy	Seal Coat
Pot Bearings	8 mil	85/15 Zinc (W-Zn-Al-2)	0.5 mil
Armored Joint Angles	8 mil	85/15 Zinc (W-Zn-Al-2)	0.5 mil
Modular Joints	8 mil	99.99% Zn (W-Zn-1)	0.5 mil
Expansion Joint Seals	8 mil	99.99% Zn (W-Zn-1)	0.5 mil
Optional Disc Bearings	8 mil	85/15 Zinc (W-Zn-Al-2)	0.5 mil

When noted on the plans or as specified in the above chart, apply the sealer to all metallized surfaces in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and these provisions. Apply the seal coat only when the air temperature is above 40°F (4°C) and the surface temperature of the steel is at least 5°F (3°C) above the dew point. If the sealer is not applied within eight hours after the final application of TSC, the applicator verifies acceptable TSC surfaces and obtains approval from the Engineer before applying the sealer.

5.0 INSPECTION FREQUENCY

The TSC Contractor must conduct the following tests at the specified frequency and the results documented in a format approved by the Engineer.

Test/Standard	Location	Frequency	Specification
Ambient Conditions	Site	Each Process	5°F (3°C) above the dew point
Abrasive Properties	Site	Each Day	Size, angularity, cleanliness
Surface Cleanliness SSPC Vis 1	All Surfaces	Visual All Surfaces	SSPC-SP-10 Atmospheric Service SSPC-SP - 5 Immersion Service
Surface Profile ASTM D-4417 Method C	Random Surfaces	3 per 500 ft ²	2.5 - 4.0 mils
Bend Test SSPC-CS 23.00	Site	5 per shift	Pass Visual
Thickness SSPC PA-2R SSPC-CS 23.00	Each Surface	Use the method in PA-2 Appendix 3 for Girders and Appendix 4 for frames and miscellaneous steel. See Note 1.	Zn - 8 mils minimum Al - 8 mils minimum Zn Al - 8 mils minimum Areas with more than twice the minimum thickness are inspected for compliance to the adhesion and cut testing requirements of this specification.
Adhesion ASTM 4541	Random Surfaces Splice Areas	1 set of 3 per 500 ft ²	Zn > 500 psi Al > 1000 psi Zn Al > 750 psi
Cut Test - SSPC-CS 23.00	Random Surfaces	3 sets of 3 per 500 ft ²	No peeling or delamination
Job Reference Std. SSPC-CS 23.00	Site	1 per job	Meets all the above requirements

6.0 REPAIRS

All Repairs are to be performed in accordance with the procedures below, depending on whether the repair surface is hidden or exposed. As an exception to the following, field welded splices on joint angles and field welding bearing plates to girders may be repaired in accordance with the procedures for hidden surfaces.

For hidden surfaces (including but not limited to interior girders, interior faces of exterior girders, and below-grade sections of piles):

1. Welding of metallized surfaces may be performed only if specifically permitted by the Engineer. Remove metallizing at the location of field welds by blast cleaning (SSPC SP-6 finish), or hand (SSPC SP-2 finish) or power tool cleaning (SSPC SP-3 finish) just prior to welding. Clean sufficiently to prevent contamination of the weld. All repairs to welded connections are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00.
2. Minor areas less than or equal to 0.1 ft^2 (9300mm^2) exposing the substrate are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00 or painted in accordance with ASTM A780, "Repair of Damaged and Uncoated Areas of Hot Dip Galvanized Coatings."
3. Large areas greater than 0.1 ft^2 (9300mm^2) exposing the substrate are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00.
4. Damaged (burnished) areas not exposing the substrate with less than the specified coating thickness are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00 or painted in accordance with ASTM A780, "Repair of Damaged and Uncoated Areas of Hot Dip Galvanized Coatings."
5. Damaged (burnished) areas not exposing the substrate with more than the specified coating thickness are not repaired.
6. Defective coating is repaired by either method 2 or 3 depending on the area of the defect.

For Exposed Surfaces (including but not limited to exterior faces of exterior girders and above-grade sections of piles):

1. Welding of metallized surfaces may be performed only if specifically permitted by the Engineer. Remove metallization at the location of field welds by blast cleaning (SSPC SP-6 finish), or hand (SSPC SP-2 finish) or power tool cleaning (SSPC SP-3 finish) just prior to welding. Clean sufficiently to prevent contamination of the weld. All repairs to welded connections are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00.
2. All areas exposing the substrate are metallized in accordance with SSPC CS 23.00
3. Defective coating is repaired by either method 2 or 3 depending on the area of the defect.

7.0 TWELVE MONTH OBSERVATION PERIOD

The contractor maintains responsibility for the coating system for a twelve (12) month observation period beginning upon the satisfactory completion of all the work required in the plans or as directed by the engineer. The contractor must guarantee the coating system under the payment and performance bond (refer to article 109-10). To successfully complete the observation period, the coating system must meet the following requirements after twelve(12) months service:

- No visible rust, contamination or application defect is observed in any coated area.
- Painted surfaces have a uniform color and gloss.
- Surfaces have an adhesion of no less than 500 psi (3.45 MPa) when tested in accordance with ASTM D-4541.

8.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The contract price bid for the bridge component to which the coating is applied will be full compensation for the thermal sprayed coating.

30-INCH CORRUGATED STEEL PIPE: (SPECIAL)

Furnish and install 30-inch diameter corrugated steel pipes in the area of the rock embankment at the bridge end bents in accordance with the detail in the plans. The work includes supporting the pipes in their proper location while the #57 stone is being placed.

Pipe thickness shall be 0.168 inch. Pipes shall be embedded approximately one foot in natural ground and filled with sand meeting the requirements of Table 1005-2 of the Standard Specifications for Type 2S sand. Sand shall completely fill the void between the end bent piles and the corrugated steel pipe and should be placed before driving end bent piles.

Pipe will be measured and paid as the actual number of linear feet of pipe that has been incorporated into the completed and accepted work. No separate payment will be made for sand as this will be considered incidental to payment for the pipe.

Payment will be made under:

30" C. S. Pipe, 0.168" ThickLinear Feet

SOUND BARRIER WALL (4-1-11)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

This work consists of furnishing precast panels, structural steel, concrete, and all other materials; handling, transporting, fabricating, galvanizing, and storing materials; furnishing erection drawings, pile excavation, backfilling, erecting and installing the sound barrier wall members and all other materials as required by the plans, Standard Specifications and this Special Provision.

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The plans allow for a choice of 10 ft (3.1 m) or 15 ft (4.6 m) pile spacing. Pile spacings greater than 15 ft (4.6 m) will not be permitted. Provide consistent pile spacing the entire length of the wall. Use odd pile spacing, if necessary, only at the ends of the wall and at turning points as approved by the Engineer.

A maximum one foot drop or rise in elevation between wall sections is permitted. Elevation changes greater than one foot, if necessary, will be allowed only at the end of the wall. Top of wall elevation changes that result in a jagged appearance will not be allowed.

2.0 ALTERNATE PILE SPACING

As an alternate, the Contractor may submit plans for pile spacing greater than 10' and less than 15' for review and approval. The excavated hole diameter, excavation depth and reinforcing steel shall be equal to the amount shown on the existing plans for the 15' pile spacing. A variance in the reinforcing steel will be allowed for the length of horizontal and number of vertical reinforcement bars in the precast panel for the alternate pile spacing.

Submit two sets of detailed plans for review. Include all details in the plans, including the size and spacing of required reinforcement necessary to fabricate the precast panels. Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer check, seal and date the plans. After the plans are reviewed and, if necessary, the corrections made, submit one set of reproducible tracings on 22" x 34" sheets to become part of the contract plans.

3.0 ALTERNATE WALL TYPE

Walls that have been assigned "Approved" or "Approved for Provisional Use" status by the Product Evaluation Program will be considered for substitution to the detailed Standard Sound Barrier Wall only when noted on the plans. Alternate walls must meet the design and construction requirements of the project. Alternate wall structural stability and connection details shall conform to the current edition of the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications.

Prior to submittal of Working Drawings, as described herein, submit a copy of the signed NCDOT Product Status Notification Letter and two sets of preliminary plans for review and approval. Include material specifications for all components. Once preliminary plans are approved, submit Working Drawings in accordance with all applicable portions of the requirements herein, including details necessary to fabricate and construct the proposed alternate.

Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer check, seal and date the plans and, when requested, calculations. After the plans are reviewed and, if necessary, corrections made, submit one set of reproducible tracings on 22" x 34" sheets to become part of the contract plans.

4.0 MATERIALS AND FABRICATION

Provide materials and fabricate members in accordance with the requirements of Division 10 of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.

Provide precast panels that are 4 inches \pm ¼ inch (102 \pm 6 mm) thick with an exposed aggregate finish on one face. The panel face with the aggregate finish shall be installed facing the roadway. The depth of the exposure is required to range from 0 to ¼ inch (0 mm to 6 mm). Furnish three 12" x 12" (300 mm x 300 mm) samples for approval which establish the acceptable variations in color, texture, and uniformity. After the color, texture, and uniformity of the furnished samples are approved, produce a full scale panel unit meeting design requirements. This mock-up and the furnished samples establish the standard quality for determining acceptance of the panels. When producing the final installed panels, use fine and coarse aggregate, retarder, and cement from the same source as those used in the approved sample panels.

5.0 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Complete the final survey of existing ground profile after clearing the wall area but prior to submitting any working drawings. Submit the final groundline survey with the working drawings.

If the Department is responsible for the survey, the Engineer field verifies the existing ground profile along the sound barrier wall. Contact the Engineer to obtain the survey information. Otherwise, complete the existing ground survey prior to submittal of working drawings.

Excavate holes with the diameters shown on the plans. Perform pile excavation to the depths shown on the plans and install piles as shown on the plans or in the accepted submittals with a tolerance of 1/2 inch per foot (42 mm per meter) from vertical. Backfill excavations with concrete after placing piles.

A. Pile Excavation

Use equipment of adequate capacity and capable of drilling through soil and non-soil including rock, boulders, debris, man-made objects and any other materials encountered. Blasting is not permitted to advance the excavation. Blasting for core removal is only permitted when approved by the Engineer. Dispose of drilling spoils in accordance with Section 802 of the Standard Specifications and as directed by the Engineer. Drilling spoils consist of all excavated material including water removed from the excavation either by pumping or drilling tools.

If unstable, caving or sloughing soils are anticipated or encountered, stabilize excavations with either slurry or steel casing. When using slurry, submit slurry details including product information, manufacturer's recommendations for use, slurry equipment information and written approval from the slurry supplier that the mixing water is acceptable before beginning drilling. When using steel casing, use either the sectional type or one continuous corrugated or non-corrugated piece. Steel casings

should consist of clean watertight steel of ample strength to withstand handling and driving stresses and the pressures imposed by concrete, earth or backfill. Use steel casings with an outside diameter equal to the hole size and a minimum wall thickness of 1/4 inch (6 mm).

B. Concrete Placement

Before placing concrete, center and support the pile in the excavation and check the water inflow rate in the excavation after any pumps have been removed. If the inflow rate is less than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, remove any water and free fall the concrete into the excavation. Ensure that concrete flows completely around the pile. If the water inflow rate is greater than 6" (150 mm) per half hour, propose a concrete placement procedure to the Engineer. The Engineer shall approve the concrete placement procedure before placing concrete.

Fill the excavation with Class A concrete in accordance with Section 1000 of the Standard Specifications except as modified herein. Provide concrete with a slump of 6" to 8" (150 to 200 mm). Use an approved high-range water reducer to achieve this slump. Place concrete in a continuous manner and remove all casings.

6.0 WORKING DRAWINGS

Submit casting drawings for the precast face panels for approval in accordance with Article 1077-2 of the Standard Specifications prior to casting. Show the inserts, method of handling, and support details used for transportation on casting drawings. Submit metalwork fabrication drawings for approval prior to fabrication of steel wall components. Submit an erection plan and concrete face panel placing plan, including location of various heights of panels, for review and acceptance prior to fabrication of metalwork. Submit five sets of detail drawings.

7.0 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

The quantity of sound barrier wall to be paid for will be the actual square feet (square meters) of precast panels used in the completed and accepted wall. Measurement will be made of the total area of precast panels used in the wall.

8.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

The quantity of sound barrier wall, measured as provided above, will be paid for at the contract unit price bid per square foot (square meter) for "Sound Barrier Wall".

The unit price bid per square foot (square meter) will be full compensation for all work covered by this Special Provision including, but not limited to, furnishing precast panels, structural steel, concrete, and all other materials; handling, transporting, fabricating, galvanizing, and storing materials; furnishing erection drawings, backfilling, pile excavation including any casing or slurry, and erecting and installing the sound barrier wall members.

Payment will be made under:
Sound Barrier Wall.....Square Foot (Square Meter)

ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEM

(3-04-05)

1.0 GENERAL

The work covered by this section consists of furnishing and installing a conduit system suspended beneath structures and buried. Perform all work in accordance with these special provisions, the plans, and the National Electrical Code (NEC). Install the conduit system in accordance with NEC requirements as an approved raceway for electrical circuits.

The Contractor actually performing the work described in these special provisions is required to have a license of the proper classification from the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.

The licensed Electrical Contractor is required to be available on the job site when the work is being performed or when requested by the Engineer. The licensed Electrical Contractor is required to have a set of plans and special provisions in his possession on the job site, and must maintain accurate "as built" plans.

2.0 MATERIALS

Submit eight (8) copies of catalog cuts and/or drawings for all proposed materials for the Engineer's review and approval. Include the brand name, stock number, description, size, rating, manufacturing specification, and applicable contract item number(s) on each submittal. Allow forty (40) days for submittal review. The Engineer will advise the Contractor of reasons for rejected submittals and will return approved submittals to the Contractor. Do not deliver material to the project prior to submittal approval.

For the work covered by this section, the term conduit applies to a system of components consisting of an outer duct, 4 inner ducts, internal spacers, special-purpose spin couplings and all necessary components, referred to as a multi-cell raceway system.

For the outer duct of RGC multi-cell raceway, use rigid galvanized conduit per UL 6 "Rigid Metallic Conduit" with rigid full weight galvanized threaded fittings. Provide factory installed reverse-spin couplings with 3 set screws, to allow assembly without turning the outer duct, and prevent the coupling from backing off before and after installation. Provide an O-ring gasket in the coupling body to resist pullout and to create a watertight seal. Provide pre-installed, smooth walled, pre-lubricated PVC inner ducts, with one white "tracer" duct and internal spacers to maintain alignment throughout the raceway system. Do not use materials provided by more than one manufacturer.

When deflection couplers are detailed on the plans, use deflection couplers that are designed for use with RGC multi-cell raceway, and meet all the requirements for RGC outer duct stated above. Provide deflection couplers that allow a 30 degree bend in

any direction and 20mm (3/4") mis-alignment in all axis. Provide factory installed reverse-spin couplings with 3 set screws, to allow assembly without turning the outer duct, and prevent the coupling from backing off before and after installation. Provide deflection couplers with a middle section consisting of a rubber boot attached by spin couplings and galvanized straps, with inner ducts that bend in unison with the rubber boot.

Use expansion joints that are designed for use with RGC multi-cell raceway, and meet the requirements for RGC outer duct stated above. Provide expansion joints that allow 200 mm (8") of longitudinal movement. Use expansion joints consisting of a female end with a lead-in coupling body and spin coupling, an exterior sliding joint, and a fixed inner duct with an internal sliding joint. Provide expansion joints that have factory installed reverse-spin couplings with 3 set screws, to allow assembly without turning the outer duct and prevent the coupling from backing off before and after installation.

Use transition adapters that allow RGC raceway and PVC raceway to be coupled together while maintaining the same inner duct alignment. Provide adapters consisting of a threaded female adapter, an outer duct adapter, and a modified coupling body with a sleeve, thin wall couplings and an end spacer.

For the outer duct of PVC multi-cell raceway use schedule 40 PVC per UL 651 "Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit." Use PVC raceway with 153mm (6") bell ends and an O-ring gasket to resist pullout and provide a watertight seal. Provide PVC raceway having a print line that states "Install Print Line Up" to help facilitate correct installation. Use PVC raceway with pre-lubricated PVC inner ducts, with one white "tracer" duct and internal spacers to maintain alignment throughout the raceway system. Do not use material provided by more than one manufacturer.

Use terminations designed for PVC raceway, to seal each inner duct and the outer duct, and to provide watertight protection.

Use schedule 40 PVC for sleeves in accordance with UL 651 "Rigid Nonmetallic Conduit."

Provide concrete inserts made of galvanized malleable iron, with internal threads for suspending loads from a fixed point beneath a concrete ceiling or deck where no lateral adjustment is required. Use inserts that can be secured to the concrete forms, preventing movement during concrete placement.

For stabilizers and hangers, use galvanized rods that conform to ASTM-A36 or A-575. Galvanized rods may be threaded on both ends or threaded continuously. Use steel stabilizer clamps and attachment brackets, sized as noted in the plans and hot dipped galvanized per ASTM-A123. Provide high strength bolts, nuts and washers that are galvanized in accordance with Article 1072-7 of the Standard Specifications.

Use adjustable clevis-type pipe hangers that allow for vertical adjustment and limited movement of the pipe. Use galvanized pipe hangers that are listed with Underwriters Laboratories, or are Factory Mutual approved for the size conduit shown in the plans. Use hangers that comply with Federal Specification WW-H-171E Type 1 and Manufacturers Standardization Society SP-69 Type 1. Plastic-coat the saddle area of the hanger.

Provide pull lines specifically designed for pulling rope through conduit. Use pull lines made of 2-ply line, with a tensile strength of 110 kilograms (240 pounds) minimum. Use rot and mildew resistant pull lines that are resistant to tangling when being dispensed.

Use mastic that is a permanent, non-hardening, water sealing compound that adheres to metal, plastic, and concrete.

Provide jute that is a burlap-like material used for filling voids and protecting components from waterproofing and adhesive compounds.

Provide zinc rich paint conforming to Section 1080-9 of the Standard Specifications.

3.0 INSTALLATION

To ensure against corrosion in the area where hot dipped galvanizing has been damaged, cover all raw metal surfaces with a cold galvanized, zinc rich paint.

Stub the raceway out at an accessible location and seal with termination kits designed specifically for that purpose. Use termination kits of the same material as the raceway.

Install Stabilizers as shown on the plans to assure proper movement of the conduit expansion joints. Securely fasten the clamps with attachment brackets and stabilizer rods to the conduit at the indicated locations to assure these locations remain stationary. Install the stabilizer rods parallel to the alignment of the conduit, and tilt rod upward at an orientation of 45 degrees to the bottom of the bridge deck.

Insert a pull line in each inner duct with sufficient slack for future use.

Securely fasten all components to prevent movement during concrete placement.

Smooth all sleeve ends and make them flush with surrounding concrete surfaces. Remove burrs and rough edges by filing or grinding. A torch may be used to cut the ends of metal sleeves. Use shields to protect all surfaces during torch-cutting operations.

Place backfill in accordance with Section 300-7 of the Standard Specifications.

Fill the space between the raceway and the sleeve with mastic and jute. Install the mastic with a minimum distance of 50mm (2") at each end of the sleeve and the remaining interior space filled with jute. Finish the mastic by making it smooth and flush with the concrete.

Coordinate electrical conduit system work with work by others, and allow installation of circuitry or fiber optic cables during the construction process as directed by the Engineer.

Ensure that the concrete inserts are in the proper position and installed correctly, including when they are located in prestressed concrete deck panels.

Keep the raceway system clean of all debris during construction, with the completed system clean and ready for installation of circuitry or fiber optic cables.

The Engineer must inspect and approve all work before concealment.

4.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

No direct measurement will be made for the conduit system, since it will be paid for on a lump sum basis.

Payment for the conduit system will be made at the contract lump sum price for “Electrical Conduit System at station _____”.

Such price and payment for the conduit system as provided above will be considered full compensation for all materials, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the work in accordance with the plans and these special provisions.

Payment will be made under:

Electrical Conduit System at station _____ Lump Sum

METRIC STRUCTURAL STEEL

(10-12-01)

The reinforcing steel for the project is specified in SI Units with bar designation numbers as stated in ASTM A615/A615M-93.

If choosing to substitute AASHTO M31M bars instead of ASTM A615M-93 unit bars, in accordance with the chart shown below, there will be no additional payment for the extra weight incurred. Do not change the spacing or number of bars shown on the plans. In addition, recompute and provide correct heights of all bar supports affected by the substitution of bars.

Payment will be based on the reinforcing steel quantity shown on the plans.

ASTM A615M-93 Designation	AASHTO M31 Conventional Unit	AASHTO M31M SI Unit
#10	#4	#13
#15	#5	#16
—	#6	#19
#20	#7*	#22*
#25	#8	#25
—	#9	#29
#30	#10	#32
#35	#11	#36
#45	#14	#43
#55	#18	#57

* For Prestressed Concrete Girders, #6 or #19 bars are permitted in lieu of #20 bars.

PRECAST REINFORCED CONCRETE THREE-SIDED CULVERT
AT STATION 57+45.800 -L- REV.

(SPECIAL)

1.0 GENERAL

This Special Provision covers precast reinforced concrete three-sided culverts intended for the construction of culverts and for the conveyance of storm water.

The work covered by this special provision consists of furnishing a precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert, including all materials, labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the design, fabrication, and installation of the precast three-sided culvert sections in accordance with this Special Provision, the applicable parts of the Standard Specifications, and details shown on the plans. The culvert shall be a single span three-sided structure constructed of precast reinforced concrete members and/or prestressed concrete members and shall be subject to the requirements of Sections 1077, 1078, and any other applicable parts of the Standard Specifications with the exceptions and additions specified in this special provision.

The Contractor shall design the precast culvert sections in accordance with AASHTO M259 and provide the size of the barrel as indicated on the plans. For culverts with less than 2 feet (0.6 m) of fill cover, design the precast culvert sections in accordance with AASHTO M273. Provide a precast three-sided culvert that meets the requirements of Section 1077 and any other applicable parts of the Standard Specifications.

The design of the precast or cast-in-place members is the responsibility of the Contractor and is subject to review, comments and approval. Submit two sets of detailed plans for review. Include all details in the plans, including the size and spacing of the required reinforcement, for the precast reinforced three-sided culvert and provide weep holes, if necessary. Include details for the connection of footings, headwalls, and wingwalls to precast culvert sections, and checked design calculations for the precast members complying with the latest AASHTO Standard Specifications and requirements detailed herein. Have a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer check and seal the plans and design calculations. After the plans are reviewed and, if necessary, the corrections made, submit one set of reproducible tracings on 22" x 34" sheets to become the revised contract plans.

A pre-installation meeting is required prior to installation. Representatives from the Contractor, the precast box manufacturer, and the Department should attend this meeting. The precast box manufacturer representative shall be on site during installation.

2.0 PRECAST REINFORCED CONCRETE THREE-SIDED CULVERT SECTIONS

A. Types

Precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert sections manufactured in accordance with this Special Provision shall be 23.95' (7.3 m) span by 6.89' (2.1 m) rise arch or 19.68' (6.0 m) span by 6.89' (2.1 m) rise flat-topped type structure. The invert and footings shall be constructed in accordance with the revised contract plans.

B. Design

1. Design – The section dimensions and reinforcement details are subject to the provisions of Section F.
2. Placement of Reinforcement – Provide a 1 inch (25 mm) concrete cover over the reinforcement subject to the provisions of Section F. Detail the clear distance of the end wires so it is not less than 1/2 inch (13 mm) nor more than 2 inches (51 mm) from the ends of the precast unit. Assemble reinforcement per the requirements of AASHTO M259, Section 7.3. The exposure of the ends of the wires used to position the reinforcement is not a cause for rejection.
3. Laps and Spacing – Use lap splices for the reinforcement. Detail the welded wire fabric sheet so that the center to center spacing is not less than 2 inches (50 mm) nor more than 4 inches (100 mm). Do not detail the longitudinal wires with a center to center spacing of more than 8 inches (200 mm).
4. Footings, Headwalls and Wingwalls– Design for the footings, headwalls, and wingwalls shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Footings shall be cast-in-place reinforced concrete. The design shall conform to the information shown on the plans, shall meet the three-sided culvert manufacturer's requirements, and be submitted to the Engineer for review.

C. Joints

The precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert segments shall be produced with flat-butt ends. Design and form the ends of the precast unit so that when the sections are laid together, they will make a continuous line of precast three-sided culvert sections with a smooth interior, free of appreciable irregularities along the length, all compatible with the permissible variations given in Section F. Seal the joint formed at the ends of the precast three-sided culvert sections with material approved by the Engineer. Show the recommended joint sealer material on the shop drawings when they are submitted for review.

D. Manufacture

Manufacture precast reinforced concrete three-sided culverts by either the wet cast method or dry cast method.

1. Mixture – In addition to the requirements of Section 1077 of the Standard Specifications, do not proportion the mix with less than 564 lb/yd³ (335 kg/m³) of portland cement.
2. Strength – Make sure that all concrete develops a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 5000 psi (34.5 MPa). Movement of the precast sections should be minimized during the initial curing period. Any damage caused by moving or handling during the initial curing phase will be grounds for rejection of that precast section.
3. Air Entrainment – Air entrain the concrete in accordance with Section 1077 - 5(A) of the Standard Specifications. For dry cast manufacturing, air entrainment is not required.
4. Testing – Test the concrete in accordance with the requirements of Section 1077 - 5(B).
5. Handling – Handling devices or holes are permitted in each box section for the purpose of handling and laying. Submit details of handling devices or holes for approval and do not cast any concrete until approval is granted. Remove all handling devices flush with concrete surfaces as directed. Fill holes in a neat and workmanlike manner with an approved non-metallic non-shrink grout, concrete, or hole plug.

E. Physical Requirements

Acceptability of precast sections is based on concrete cylinders made and tested in accordance with AASHTO T22 and AASHTO T23.

F. Permissible Variations

1. Flatness – All external surfaces shall be flat, true, and plumb. Irregularities, depressions, or high spots on all external surfaces shall not exceed 1/2 inch (12 mm) in 8 feet (2.5 meters).
2. Internal Dimensions – Produce sections so that the internal and haunch dimensions do not vary more than 1/4 inch (6 mm) from the revised contract plan dimensions.
3. Adjacent Sections - Internal, external, and haunch dimensions for connecting sections shall not vary more than 1/2 inch (12 mm).
4. Slab and Wall Thickness – Produce sections so that the slab and wall thickness are not less than that shown on the revised contract plans by more than 5% or 3/16 inch (5 mm), whichever is greater. A thickness more than that required on the revised contract plans is not a cause for rejection.
5. Length of Opposite Surfaces – Produce sections so that variations in laying lengths of two opposite surfaces of the section meet the requirements of AASHTO M259, Section 11.3.
6. Length of Section – Produce sections so that the underrun in length of a section is not more than 1/2 inch (13 mm) in any section.
7. Position of Reinforcement – Produce sections so that the maximum variation in the position of the reinforcement is $\pm 3/8"$ (± 10 mm) for slab and wall thicknesses of 5 inches (125 mm) or less and $\pm 1/2"$ (± 13 mm) for slab and wall thicknesses greater than 5 inches (125 mm). Produce sections so that the concrete cover is never less than 5/8 inch (16 mm) as measured to the internal surface or the external surface. The preceding minimum cover limitations do not apply at the mating surfaces of the joint.
8. Area of Reinforcement – The steel reinforcement shall be the design steel as shown on the revised contract plans. Steel areas greater than those required are not cause for rejection. The permissible variation in diameter of any wire in finished fabric is prescribed for the wire before fabrication by either AASHTO M32 or M225.

G. Marking

1. In addition to the requirements of AASHTO M259 Section 15, clearly mark the project number and culvert span and rise on each section.

H. Installation

1. Footings – Install precast three-sided culvert sections on cast-in-place reinforced concrete footings. The footings shall have a smooth float finish and shall conform to the lines and grades shown on the plans.

2. Placement of precast three-sided culvert sections – Arrange for a representative of the precast three-sided culvert manufacturer to be present on site during installation of all precast three-sided culvert sections. Place the precast three-sided culvert sections as shown on the revised contract plans. Take special care in setting the sections to the true line and grade. Set sections on 6" x 6" (150mm x 150mm) masonite or steel shims or other shims as approved by the Engineer located at support points, as recommended by the manufacturer. Provide 2" (51mm) of stacked shims between the footing and the bottom of the vertical walls. In case of irregularities between the two surfaces, provide a minimum of ½" (13mm) of shims under any point to assure a minimum of ½" (13mm) gap between the two surfaces. Fill the gap with non-shrink grout.
3. External protection of joints – Cover the flat-butt joints made by adjoining precast three-sided culvert sections with a minimum of 9" (230mm) wide joint wrap. Thoroughly clean the surface of the section from all dirt and dust before applying the joint material. The external wrap shall be in accordance with ASTM C-877 Specification for External Sealing Bands or an approved equal. Cover the joint from the bottom of one precast three-sided culvert section leg, across the top of the precast three-sided culvert section, and down to the bottom of the opposite precast three-sided culvert section leg. Minimize the number of laps. Where necessary, provide a minimum of 6" (150mm) long wrap laps and have the overlap running in the downward direction. Prime the section ends prior to placing the wrap material when the air temperature is below 50° F (10° C). Provide primer that is in accordance with the joint wrap manufacturer's recommendations and that is approved by the Engineer. During backfilling operations, keep the joint wrap material in its proper location.
4. Excavation and select backfill – Perform excavation and backfilling operations in accordance with the Standard Specifications.
5. Excavation shall include foundation excavation for the construction of culvert and wing footings, and as directed by the Engineer, removal of any other material, including rock and boulders, necessary to construct the precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert.

No separate payment will be made for excavation. The entire cost to perform excavation shall be considered incidental to the Class A Concrete pay item.

6. Provide backfill that meets the requirements of Section 1016 of the Standard Specifications and that are in accordance with the precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert manufacturer's recommendations. Compact select backfill in loose lifts not to exceed eight inches (200mm) and to a density not less than 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by AASHTO T-99 or ASTM D-698. Place select backfill to the existing natural ground elevation or as directed by the Engineer.

No separate payment will be made for select backfill material. The entire cost of providing select backfill, including hauling, furnishing, and placing backfill material shall be included in the lump sum price bid for "Precast Reinforced Concrete Three-Sided Culvert at Station 57+45.800 -L- Rev."

3.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT

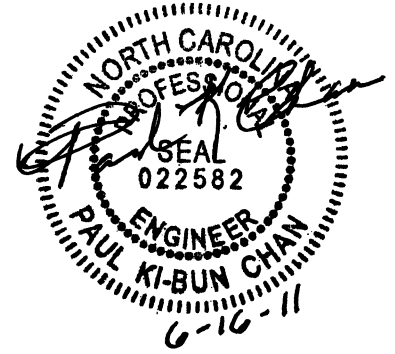
The precast reinforced concrete three-sided culvert as described on the plans and in this Special Provision excluding the footings will be paid for at the contract lump sum price for "Precast Reinforced Concrete Three-Sided Culvert at Station 57+45.800 -L- Rev." The above price and payment will be full compensation for all work covered by this Special Provision, the plans and applicable parts of the Standard Specifications and shall include, but not be limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and other incidentals necessary to complete this work. Such price and payment will also be full compensation for concrete, reinforcing steel, labor, equipment and all other related materials necessary for the fabrication and installation of the precast three-sided culvert sections and the design and construction of headwalls, end curtain walls, and wingwalls. Select backfill shall be considered a part of this pay item. Payment is to be made under:

Precast Reinforced Concrete Three-Sided
Culvert at Station 57+45.800 -L- Rev.Lump Sum

Design and construction of the footings and wing footings will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard for "Class A Concrete". This price shall include, but not be limited to, furnishing all concrete, reinforcing steel, labor, equipment and all other related materials necessary to complete the work. All excavation costs shall be incidental to this pay item. Payment will be made under:

Class A Concrete.....Cubic Yards (Cubic Meters)

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**PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS
PEDESTRIAN CULVERT CONDUIT SYSTEM**

1. DESCRIPTION

The work covered by this section consists of furnishing and installing a pedestrian culvert conduit system at the location shown on the plans. The work shall be in accordance with these special provisions, the plans, and the National Electrical Code (NEC), and Division 14 of the North Carolina Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures" (Standard Specifications) except as modified or added by these Special Provisions. The culvert may be either cast-in-place or pre-cast. Concrete encased conduit system will be installed for cast-in-place culvert, and surface mounted conduit system will be provided for pre-cast pedestrian culvert as detailed in the sections below. Culvert lighting luminaires and circuitry will be provided by others after the project is complete.

The Contractor actually performing the work described in these special provisions shall have a license of the proper classification from the North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.

The Contractor shall provide for someone who has passed the N. C. State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors test for either limited, intermediate or unlimited classification, to be available on the job site as necessary when work is being performed or when requested by the Engineer. This person shall have a set of plans and special provisions in his possession on the job site and shall maintain accurate "as built" plans and shall be qualified to instruct and direct all of the Contractor's employees regarding the work.

The Contractor shall submit for the Engineer's review and approval, eight (8) copies of catalog cuts for all proposed materials. Each submittal shall show the brand name, stock number, description, size, rating, manufacturing specification, and applicable contract item number(s). The Contractor shall allow forty (40) days for review of each submittal. The Engineer will advise the Contractor of reasons for rejected submittals and will return three (3) copies of approved submittals to the Contractor. Material shall not be delivered to the project prior to approval of submittals.

2. MATERIALS

Install pull lines in all empty conduits. The pull line shall be 2-ply line with a tensile strength of 240 pounds minimum, shall be resistant to tangling when being dispensed and shall be rot and mildew resistant.

CAST-IN-PLACE CULVERT

Use polyvinyl chloride (PVC) conduit in accordance with UL 651 "Schedule 40 and 80 Rigid PVC Conduit and Fittings". Use ¾" conduit as shown in the plans.

Cast outlet boxes shall be zinc electroplated with a grounding lug. The boxes shall be deep enough to assure a minimum of 2" concrete over the conduit. Cast outlet boxes and junction boxes shall be installed with blank covers and gaskets to provide a weatherproof installation. The boxes shall be designed for flush-mounted installations in poured concrete. Field drilled holes may be provided in lieu of drilled and tapped conduit entrances. Lightweight, stamped metal boxes with knockouts are not acceptable.

Incidental bolts, nuts, and washers shall be high strength and galvanized in accordance with Article 1072-7 of the Standard Specifications.

PRE-CAST CULVERT

Use rigid galvanized conduit (RGC) in accordance with UL 6 "Electrical Rigid Metal Conduit - Steel", with rigid full weight galvanized threaded fittings. Use ¾" conduit as shown in the plans. Use hot dipped or mechanically galvanized malleable iron pipe straps, clamp backs and conduit spacers to secure RGC conduit on the culvert wall.

Die cast outlet boxes and junction boxes shall be zinc electroplated with a grounding lug installed as recommended by the light fixtures manufacturer. Cast outlet boxes and junction boxes shall be installed with blank covers and gaskets to provide a weatherproof installation prior to pulling in circuit conductors and mounting light fixtures. Field drilled holes may be provided in lieu of drilled and tapped conduit entrances. Lightweight, stamped metal boxes with knockouts are not acceptable.

Attach all outlet boxes, junction boxes and conduit clamps using concrete expansion anchors and bolts. Concrete bolt anchors are one-piece, pre-assembled, stainless steel that are ¼" diameter and 1 ½" long.

Provide expansion fittings at each culvert expansion joint and one expansion joint for every 80' or longer run.

3. **CONSTRUCTION METHODS**

Conduit shall be installed continuous, watertight, free of kinks, and all runs shall be made with as few couplings as standard lengths will permit. The total angle of all bends between outlets shall not exceed 270° (3-90 bends).

Protection shall be provided at all times against the entrance of moisture or other foreign matter into the conduit. Conduit shall be plugged or capped when work is temporarily suspended, including nightly stoppage of work.

For a pre-cast culvert, expansion fittings shall be provided where conduit crosses culvert expansion joints and one expansion joint for every 80' or longer run.

For a cast-in-place culvert, all conduit and boxes shall be securely fastened with ties prior to placing any concrete. After the conduit is encased in concrete, the Contractor shall use a non-destructive cleaning technique to thoroughly clean the inside of each conduit and ensure the conduit is free from accidental plugs.

The conduit system shall be installed in accordance with NEC requirements as an approved raceway for electrical circuits.

All exposed raw metal surfaces or areas with damaged galvanizing shall be covered with a cold galvanized, zinc rich paint prior to installation to ensure against corrosion.

Conduits stubbed for future use shall be capped with a waterproof cap. All conduit-to-box connections shall be made with locknuts and insulating bushings. Install pull rope prior to capping conduit system. Provide green insulated number 14 AWG, THW, stranded copper wire to serve as tracer wire.

All work shall be inspected and approved by the Engineer before concealment.

4. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

No direct measurement will be made for the electrical conduit system, since it will be paid for on a lump sum basis.

5. BASIS OF PAYMENT

Lump Sum Basis:

Such price and payment for the pedestrian culvert conduit system as provided above will be considered full compensation for all materials, equipment and labor necessary to complete the conduit installation for the pedestrian culvert in accordance with the plans and these special provisions.

Payment will be made under:

Pedestrian Culvert Conduit SystemLump Sum

DRILLED PIERS

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(SPECIAL)

1.0 DESCRIPTION

Construct drilled piers consisting of cast-in-place reinforced concrete cylindrical sections in excavated holes typically stabilized with casings or slurry. Provide permanent casings, penetration tests, integrity testing and assistance with the shaft inspection device as noted in the plans. Construct drilled piers with the required capacities and dimensions in accordance with the contract and accepted submittals. Use a prequalified Drilled Pier Contractor to construct drilled piers.

Define "excavation" and "hole" as a drilled pier excavation and "pier" as a drilled pier. Define "rock" as a continuous intact natural material in which the penetration rate with a rock auger is less than 2" (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force. This definition excludes discontinuous loose natural materials such as boulders and man-made materials such as concrete, steel, timber, etc. and is not for measurement and payment purposes. See Section 7.0 of this provision for measurement and payment of drilled piers.

2.0 MATERIALS

Refer to Division 10 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Item	Section
Portland Cement Concrete, Class Drilled Pier	1000
Reinforcing Steel	1070

Use standard size No. 78M coarse aggregate for Drilled Pier concrete.

Provide Type 3 material certifications in accordance with Article 106-3 of the *Standard Specifications* for permanent casings and roller, chair, steel pipe and cap materials. Store steel materials on blocking at least 12" (300 mm) above the ground and protect it at all times from damage; and when placing in the work make sure it is free from dirt, dust, loose mill scale, loose rust, paint, oil or other foreign materials. Load, transport, unload and store drilled pier materials so materials are kept clean and free of damage.

A. Steel Casing

Define "casing" as a temporary or permanent casing. Use smooth non-corrugated clean watertight steel casings of ample strength to withstand handling and installation stresses and pressures imposed by concrete, earth, backfill and fluids.

1. Temporary Casings

Provide temporary casings with nominal wall thicknesses of at least 0.375" (10 mm) and outside diameters equal to or larger than the design pier diameters for which casings are used.

2. Permanent Casings

Use permanent casings with yield strengths of at least 36 ksi (250 MPa) and nominal wall thicknesses that meet the following requirements:

MINIMUM PERMANENT CASING WALL THICKNESS	
Casing Diameter	Nominal Wall Thickness
< 48" (1220 mm)	0.375" (10 mm)
48" - 78" (1220 mm - 1980 mm)	0.500" (13 mm)
> 78" (1980 mm)	0.625" (16 mm)

Provide permanent casings with outside diameters equal to the design pier diameters for which casings are used unless larger diameter permanent casings are approved.

B. Slurry

Define "slurry" as bentonite or polymer slurry. Mix bentonite clay or synthetic polymer with water to form bentonite or polymer slurry.

1. Bentonite Slurry

Provide bentonite slurry that meets the following requirements:

BENTONITE SLURRY REQUIREMENTS^a		
Property	ANSI/API RP^b 13B-1	Requirement
Density ^c (Mud Weight)	Section 4	64.3 - 72.0 lb/cf (1030 - 1150 kg/m ³)
Viscosity	Section 6.2 Marsh Funnel	28 - 50 sec/qt (28 - 50 sec/0.95 liter)
Sand Content	Section 9	≤ 4 % ^d ≤ 2 % ^e
pH	Section 11 Glass Electrode pH Meter ^f	8 - 11

- Slurry temperature of at least 40°F (4.4°C) required
- American National Standards Institute/American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice
- Increase density requirements by 2 lb/cf (32 kg/m³) in saltwater
- In tanks before pumping slurry into excavations
- In excavations immediately before placing concrete
- pH paper is also acceptable for measuring pH

2. Polymer Slurry

Use a polymer slurry product approved by the Department. Value engineering proposals for other polymer slurry products will not be considered. A list of approved polymer slurry products is available from the Department's website or the Geotechnical Engineering Unit.

Provide polymer slurry that meets the following requirements:

POLYMER SLURRY REQUIREMENTS^a

Property	ANSI/API RP^b 13B-1	Requirement
Density ^c (Mud Weight)	Section 4	≤ 64 lb/cf (≤ 1025 kg/m ³)
Viscosity	Section 6.2 Marsh Funnel	32 - 135 sec/qt (32 - 135 sec/0.95 liter)
Sand Content	Section 9	≤ 0.5 % ^{d,e}
pH	Section 11 Glass Electrode pH Meter ^f	8 - 11.5

- a. Slurry temperature of at least 40°F (4.4°C) required
- b. American National Standards Institute/American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice
- c. Increase density requirements by 2 lb/cf (32 kg/m³) in saltwater
- d. In tanks before pumping slurry into excavations
- e. In excavations immediately before placing concrete
- f. pH paper is also acceptable for measuring pH

C. Rollers and Chairs

Use rollers and chairs that are non-metallic and resistant to corrosion and degradation. Provide rollers with the necessary dimensions to maintain the minimum required concrete cover shown in the plans and center rebar cages within excavations. Use chairs of sufficient strength to support rebar cages in excavations and of the size necessary to raise cages off bottom of holes to maintain the minimum required distance shown in the plans.

D. Steel Pipes and Caps

Use Schedule 40 black steel pipes for access tubes for crosshole sonic logging (CSL). Provide CSL tubes with an inside diameter of at least 1.5" (38 mm). Use CSL tubes with a round, regular inside diameter free of defects and obstructions, including any pipe joints, in order to permit free, unobstructed passage of probes for CSL testing. Provide watertight CSL tubes free of corrosion with clean internal and external faces to ensure a good bond between concrete and tubes. Fit CSL tubes with watertight plastic caps on the bottom and removable caps on top.

E. Grout

Use nonshrink grout in accordance with the contract.

3.0 PRECONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**A. Drilled Pier Construction Plan**

Submit the proposed drilled pier construction plan for all drilled piers for acceptance. Provide 2 copies of this plan at least 30 days before starting drilled pier construction. Do not begin drilled pier construction until a construction plan is accepted. Provide

detailed project specific information in the drilled pier construction plan that includes the following:

1. Overall description and sequence of drilled pier construction;
2. List and sizes of equipment including cranes, drill rigs, vibratory and downhole hammers, Kelly bars, augers, core barrels, casings (diameters, thicknesses and lengths), cleanout buckets, air lifts, pumps, slurry equipment, tremies, pump pipes and other equipment;
3. Procedures for casing installation and temporary casing removal including how telescoping temporary casings will be removed;
4. If applicable, details of slurry testing and use including intended purpose, product information and additives, manufacturer's recommendations for use, name and contact information for slurry manufacturer's technical representative, mixing and handling procedures and how slurry level will be maintained above the highest piezometric head;
5. Methods for drilling and cleaning holes including how cores will be removed and drilling spoils and slurry will be handled and disposed of;
6. Details of CSL tubes, caps and joints including pipe size and how tubes will be attached to reinforcing steel;
7. Procedures for lifting and setting reinforcing steel including how rebar cages will be supported and centralized;
8. Procedures for placing concrete including how tremies and pump pipes will be controlled and contaminated concrete will be contained;
9. Concrete mix design that meets Section 1000 of the *Standard Specifications*;
10. Approved packaged grout or grout mix design that meets the *Grout for Structures* provision;
11. CSL Consultant including Field and Project Engineer; and
12. Other information shown in the plans or requested by the Engineer.

If alternate construction procedures are proposed or necessary, a revised drilled pier construction plan submittal may be required. If the work deviates from the accepted submittal without prior approval, the Engineer may suspend drilled pier construction until a revised plan is accepted.

B. Preconstruction Meeting

Before starting drilled pier construction, hold a preconstruction meeting to discuss the installation, monitoring and inspection of the drilled piers. Schedule this meeting after all drilled pier submittals have been accepted and the Drilled Pier Contractor has mobilized to the site. The Resident or Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Construction Engineer, Geotechnical Operations Engineer, Contractor and Drilled Pier Contractor Superintendent will attend this preconstruction meeting.

4.0 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Do not excavate holes, install piles or allow equipment loads or vibrations within 20 ft (6 m) of completed piers until 16 hours after Drilled Pier concrete reaches initial set.

When drilling from a barge, use a fixed template that maintains hole position and alignment during drilled pier construction. Do not use floating templates or templates attached to barges.

Check for correct drilled pier alignment and location before beginning drilling. Check plumbness of Kelly bars before beginning and frequently during drilling.

Construct drilled piers with the minimum required diameters shown in the plans except for piers constructed with permanent casings and slurry or permanent casings to rock. For these situations, the pier diameter may be 2" (50 mm) less than the design pier diameter shown in the plans.

Install drilled piers with tip elevations no higher than shown in the plans or approved by the Engineer. Provide piers with the minimum required end bearing capacity and, when noted in the plans, penetration into rock.

A. Excavation

Excavate holes with equipment of the sizes required to construct drilled piers. Use equipment and methods accepted in the drilled pier construction plan or approved by the Engineer. Inform the Engineer of any deviations from the accepted plan.

Use drill rigs with sufficient capacity to drill through soil, rock, boulders, timbers, man-made objects and any other materials encountered and drill 20 ft (6 m) deeper or 20% longer than the maximum drilled pier length shown in the plans, whichever is greater. Drilling below pier tip elevations shown in the plans may be required to attain sufficient capacity.

Do not use blasting to advance drilled pier excavations. Blasting for core removal is only permitted when approved by the Engineer. Contain and dispose of drilling spoils and waste concrete as directed and in accordance with Section 802 of the *Standard Specifications*. Drilling spoils consist of all materials and fluids removed from excavations.

Stabilize excavations with only casings or slurry and casings except, as approved by the Engineer, portions of excavations in rock. Use casings or slurry in rock if unstable

material is anticipated or encountered. Stabilize excavations from beginning of drilling through concrete placement. If excavations become unstable, the Engineer may suspend drilling and require a revised drilled pier construction plan. If it becomes necessary to replace a casing during drilling, backfill the excavation, insert a larger casing around the casing to be replaced or stabilize the excavation with slurry before removing the casing.

When noted in the plans, do not dewater drilled pier excavations. Otherwise, if excavations are in rock, dewater excavations to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

B. Casings

Provide temporary casings to stabilize holes and protect personnel entering excavations. Permanent casings may be required as noted in the plans. Install permanent casings with tip elevations no deeper than shown in the plans or approved by the Engineer. Additional drilled pier length and reinforcing steel may be required if permanent casings are installed below elevations noted in the plans.

Install casings in continuous sections. Overlap telescoping casings at least 24" (600 mm). Remove casings and portions of permanent casings above the ground line or top of piers, whichever is higher, after placing concrete. Do not cut off permanent casings until Drilled Pier concrete attains a compressive strength of at least 3,000 psi (20.7 MPa).

When using slurry construction without permanent casings, temporary casings at least 10 ft (3 m) long are required at top of excavations. Maintain top of casings at least 12" (300 mm) above the ground line.

C. Slurry Construction

Unless noted otherwise in the plans, slurry construction or polymer slurry is at the Contractor's option.

Use slurry and additives to stabilize holes in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Provide a technical representative employed by the slurry manufacturer to assist and guide the Drilled Pier Contractor onsite during the construction of the first drilled pier. If problems are encountered during drilled pier construction, the Engineer may require the technical representative to return to the site.

Provide documentation that mixing water is suitable for slurry. Use slurry equipment that is sufficient for mixing, agitating, circulating and storing slurry. Thoroughly premix slurry with water in tanks before pumping into excavations. Allow bentonite slurry to hydrate at least 24 hours in tanks before use.

Pump slurry into excavations before encountering water. Maintain slurry level at least 5 ft (1.5 m) or one pier diameter, whichever is greater, above the highest piezometric head along the drilled pier length. The highest piezometric head is anticipated to be the

static water or groundwater elevation. However, the Drilled Pier Contractor is responsible for determining the highest piezometric head for each pier.

Maintain the required slurry properties at all times except for sand content. Desand or replace slurry as needed to meet the required sand content in tanks before pumping slurry into excavations and in excavations immediately before placing concrete.

1. Time

Agitate bentonite slurry in holes at least every 4 hours. If this 4-hour time limit is exceeded, the Engineer may require holes to be overreamed at least 1" (25 mm) and no more than 3" (75 mm) below casings. Overream holes with grooving tools, overreaming buckets or other approved methods.

Construct drilled piers so the maximum time slurry is in contact with uncased portions of holes from drilling through concrete placement does not exceed 36 hours. If this 36 hour time limit is exceeded, the Engineer may require the hole diameter to be enlarged at least 6" (150 mm). If the enlarged hole diameter is greater than the permanent casing diameter, replace casing with a larger permanent casing with an outside diameter equal to the diameter of the enlarged hole.

2. Slurry Testing

Define a "sample set" as slurry samples collected from mid-height and within 2 ft (0.6 m) of the bottom of slurry tanks or holes. Take a sample set from slurry tanks to test slurry before beginning drilling. Do not pump slurry into excavations until both slurry samples from tanks meet the required slurry properties. Take sample sets from excavations to test slurry at least every 4 hours and immediately before placing concrete. Do not place Drilled Pier concrete until both slurry samples from an excavation meet the required slurry properties. If any slurry test results do not meet the requirements, the Engineer may suspend drilling until both samples from a sample set meet the required slurry properties.

Sign, date and submit slurry test reports upon completion of each pier. The Department reserves the right to perform comparison slurry tests at any time.

3. Disposal

Comply with all Federal, State and local regulations, as well as the project permits and commitments, when disposing of slurry and drilling spoils mixed with slurry. Contain slurry and drilling spoils and keep out of water at all times.

D. Cleaning and Inspection

Provide clean holes with level bottoms so elevations within bottom of holes do not vary by more than 12" (300 mm). Remove soft and loose material from bottom of holes using methods accepted in the drilled pier construction plan or approved by the

Engineer. When bottom of holes are not hand cleaned, remove sediment from holes with cleanout buckets, air lifts or pumps.

After cleaning is complete, provide all equipment, personnel and assistance required for the Engineer to visually inspect holes from above or by entering excavations. Remove all cleaning and drilling equipment from holes during inspections and do not interfere with inspections.

1. Bearing Capacity

If the Engineer determines that the material below an excavation does not provide the minimum required end bearing capacity, increase the drilled pier length and lengthen reinforcing steel as directed. One of the following methods may be required to check the conditions and continuity of material below excavations.

a. Test Hole

If excavations are in rock, drill a 1.5" (38 mm) diameter test hole at least 6 ft (1.8 m) below bottom of holes for the Engineer to determine the continuity of rock below holes.

b. Standard Penetration Test

Standard penetration tests (SPT) may be required as noted in the plans. When required, drive a split-barrel sampler 18" (450 mm) below bottom of holes or to refusal in accordance with ASTM D1586. Perform SPT in holes at least 12" (300 mm) away from casing walls and support drill rods so rods remain vertical and straight. Report the number of blows applied in each 6" (150 mm) increment and provide recovered samples to the Engineer. The Engineer will determine the standard penetration resistance required.

2. Bottom Cleanliness

Holes are clean if at least 50% of bottom of holes has less than 0.5" (13 mm) of sediment and no portions of bottom of holes have more than 1.5" (38 mm) of sediment. If bottom of holes does not meet this cleanliness criteria, remove sediment from holes until the Engineer determines holes are clean. One or more of the following methods may be required to inspect the bottom cleanliness of holes.

a. Steel Probe

If drilled pier excavations are not dewatered or as directed, provide a #10 rebar steel probe that is 24" (600 mm) long with a flat tip on one end and a non-stretch cable connected to the other end. Provide a cable long enough to lower the steel probe to the bottom of holes for the Engineer to determine the amount of sediment in holes.

b. Shaft Inspection Device

The Engineer may use the shaft inspection device (SID) as noted in the plans. The Engineer provides the SID and personnel to operate it. Notify the Engineer at least 2 days before finishing holes that will be inspected with the SID.

Assist the Engineer in handling the SID and associated equipment and supporting the SID during inspections. Provide working areas large enough for the SID, associated equipment and SID personnel within reach of the SID cables and clear view of holes being inspected. If necessary, provide a secure location to store the SID and associated equipment onsite overnight.

Approximately one hour is required to inspect a hole with the SID after the SID and associated equipment are set up. The Engineer will use the SID to measure the amount of sediment at 5 locations around the bottom of holes.

E. Reinforcing Steel and Concrete

Assemble rebar cages consisting of bar and spiral reinforcing steel shown in the plans. Securely cross tie reinforcing steel at each intersection with double wire. Attach a chair under each reinforcing bar and rollers near the top and bottom of rebar cages and every 10 ft (3 m) along cages in between. The number of rollers required at each location along rebar cages is one roller per foot of design pier diameter with at least 4 rollers per location. Space rollers equally around rebar cages at each location. Attach rollers so rollers are supported across 2 adjacent reinforcing bars and will freely rotate when rebar cages are lowered into excavations.

If CSL tubes are required, securely attach CSL tubes to spiral reinforcing steel on the inside of rebar cages with at least 3" (75 mm) clearance to reinforcing bars. Extend CSL tubes from 6" (150 mm) above pier tip elevations to at least 2 ft (0.6 m) above the ground line or top of permanent casings, whichever is greater. The number of CSL tubes required for each drilled pier is one tube per foot of design pier diameter with at least 4 tubes per pier. Space CSL tubes equally around rebar cages so distances between tubes measured around spiral reinforcing steel are uniform. Install CSL tubes as straight and parallel to each other as possible. Fit caps on top and bottom of CSL tubes.

After the Engineer determines that the material below excavations provides the minimum required bearing capacity and holes are clean, place rebar cages and then concrete in excavations. Do not rack or distort rebar cages and CSL tubes when lifting and handling cages. Set rebar cages directly on bottom of holes or, as approved by the Engineer, hang cages from permanent casings. When hanging rebar cages, leave devices supporting cages in place until Drilled Pier concrete attains a compressive strength of at least 3,000 psi (20.7 MPa).

Do not delay placing cages or concrete unless excavations are cased to rock or otherwise approved. If delays occur, the Engineer may require removal of rebar cages to reinspect bottom cleanliness of holes. If bottom of holes does not meet the

cleanliness criteria in Section 4.0, Item D, Number 2 of this provision, remove sediment from holes until the Engineer determines holes are clean before resetting rebar cages.

After placing rebar cages with CSL tubes, remove top caps, fill tubes with clean water and reinstall caps before placing concrete. Check for correct cage position before placing concrete and keep rebar cages plumb during concrete placement. Maintain cage position so rebar cages do not move vertically more than 6" (150 mm) and columns or footings have the minimum required concrete cover shown in the plans.

Remove all temporary casings during concrete placement. Do not twist, move or otherwise disturb temporary casings until the concrete depth inside casings is at least 10 ft (3 m) or half the head, whichever is greater, above the bottom of casing being disturbed. Define "head" as the difference between the highest piezometric head along the drilled pier length and the static water elevation inside the excavation.

When removing temporary casings, maintain the required concrete depth above the bottom of casing being removed except when the concrete level is at or above top of piers. Sustain sufficient concrete depths to overcome pressures imposed by earth, backfill and fluids. As temporary casings are withdrawn, ensure fluids trapped behind casings is displaced upward and discharged out of excavations without contaminating or displacing concrete.

Pour concrete in excavations to form uniform jointless monolithic drilled piers. Do not trap soil, air, fluids or other contaminants in concrete. Place concrete in accordance with Subarticle 1000-4(E) of the *Standard Specifications* for Class AA and A concrete. Remove contaminated concrete from top of piers at time of concrete placement.

Inform the Engineer of the volume of concrete placed for each pier. For piers constructed with slurry or as directed, record a graphical plot of depth versus theoretical and actual concrete volumes.

Dry or wet placement of concrete is at the Contractor's option for piers constructed with only casings if the water inflow rate into excavations is less than 6" (150 mm) per half hour after removing any pumps from holes. Wet placement of concrete is required for all other drilled pier construction.

1. Dry Placement

If holes are filling with water for dry placement of concrete, dewater excavations as much as possible before placing concrete. For drilled piers less than 80 ft (24.4 m) long, pour concrete down the center of excavations so concrete does not hit reinforcing steel or excavation sidewalls. For piers longer than 80 ft (24.4 m), place concrete with a tremie or pump pipe down the center of excavations so length of free fall is less than 80 ft (24.4 m).

2. Wet Placement

For wet placement of concrete, maintain static water or slurry levels in holes before placing concrete. Place concrete through steel tremies or pump pipes. Use tremies with watertight joints and a diameter of at least 10" (250 mm). Pump concrete in accordance with Article 420-5 of the *Standard Specifications*. Use approved devices to prevent contaminating concrete when tremies or pump pipes are initially placed in excavations. Extend tremies or pump pipes into concrete at least 5 ft (1.5 m) at all times except when the concrete is initially placed.

When the concrete level reaches the static water elevation inside the excavation, dry placement of concrete is permitted. Before changing to dry placement, pump water or slurry out of holes and remove contaminated concrete from the exposed concrete surface.

5.0 INTEGRITY TESTING

Define "integrity testing" as crosshole sonic logging (CSL) and pile integrity testing (PIT). Integrity testing may be required as noted in the plans or by the Engineer. The Engineer will determine how many and which drilled piers require integrity testing. Do not test piers until Drilled Pier concrete cures for at least 7 days and attains a compressive strength of at least 3,000 psi (20.7 MPa).

A. Crosshole Sonic Logging

If CSL testing is required, use a prequalified CSL Consultant to perform CSL testing and provide CSL reports. Use a CSL Operator approved as a Field Engineer (key person) for the CSL Consultant. Provide CSL reports sealed by an engineer approved as a Project Engineer (key person) for the same CSL Consultant.

1. CSL Testing

Perform CSL testing in accordance with ASTM D6760. If probes for CSL testing will not pass through to the bottom of CSL tubes, the Engineer may require coring to replace inaccessible tubes. Do not begin coring until core hole size and locations are approved. Core at least 1.5" (38 mm) diameter holes the full length of piers. Upon completion of coring, fill holes with clean water and cover to keep out debris. Perform CSL testing in core holes instead of inaccessible tubes.

For piers with 4 or 5 CSL tubes, test all tube pairs. For piers with 6 or more CSL tubes, test all adjacent tube pairs around spiral reinforcing steel and at least 50% of remaining tube pairs selected by the Engineer. Record CSL data at depth intervals of 2.5" (63.5 mm) or less from the bottom of CSL tubes to top of piers.

2. CSL Reports

Submit 2 copies of each CSL report within 7 days of completing CSL testing. Include the following in CSL reports:

a. Title Sheet

- Department's TIP number and WBS element number
 - Project description
 - County
 - Project description
 - County
 - Bridge station number
 - Pier location
 - Personnel
 - Report date
- a. Introduction
 - b. Site and Subsurface Conditions (including water table elevation)
 - c. Pier Details
 - Pier and casing diameters, lengths and elevations
 - Drilled Pier concrete compressive strength
 - Installation methods including use of casings, slurry, pumps, tremies, dry or wet placement of concrete, etc.
 - d. CSL Results
 - Logs with plots of signal arrival times and energy vs. depth for all tube pairs tested
 - e. Summary/Conclusions
 - Table of velocity reductions with corresponding locations (tube pair and depth) for all tube pairs tested
 - List of suspected anomalies with corresponding locations (tube pair(s) and depth range)
 - f. Attachments
 - Boring Log(s)

- Field inspection forms and concrete curves (from Engineer)
- CSL tube locations, elevations, lengths and identifications
- CSL hardware model and software version information
- PDF copy of all CSL data

B. Pile Integrity Testing

If required, the Engineer will perform PIT. Provide access to and prepare top of piers for PIT as directed. See ASTM D5882 for PIT details.

C. Further Investigation

Define “further investigation” as any additional testing, excavation or coring following initial integrity testing. Based on concrete placement and initial integrity testing results, the Engineer will determine if drilled piers are questionable and require further investigation within 7 days of receiving CSL reports or completing PIT. For initial CSL testing, the Engineer will typically determine whether further investigation is required based on the following criteria:

DRILLED PIER FURTHER INVESTIGATION CRITERIA (For Initial CSL Testing)	
Velocity Reductions	Further Investigation Required?
< 20%	No
20 - 30%	As Determined by the Engineer
> 30%	Yes

If further investigation is necessary, the Engineer will typically require one or more of the following methods to investigate questionable piers.

1. CSL Testing

If required, use CSL testing as described above to retest questionable piers and as directed, perform testing with probes vertically offset in CSL tubes. CSL offset data will typically be required for all locations (tube pair and depth) with velocity reductions greater than 30% and at other locations as directed. Record offset data at depths, intervals and angles needed to completely delineate anomalies.

Provide CSL reports that meet Section 5.0, Item A, Number 2 of this provision. When CSL offset data is required, perform tomographic analysis and provide 3 dimensional color coded tomographic images of piers showing locations and sizes of anomalies.

2. Excavation

If required, excavate around questionable piers and remove permanent casing as needed to expose Drilled Pier concrete. Do not damage piers when excavating or removing casings. The Engineer will determine the portions of piers to expose.

3. Coring

If required, core questionable piers and provide PQ size cores that meet ASTM D2113. The Engineer will determine the number, location and depth of core holes required. Handle, log and store concrete cores in accordance with ASTM D5079. Provide cores to the Engineer for evaluation and testing. Sign, date and submit core logs upon completion of each core hole.

D. Defective Piers

For questionable piers that are exposed or cored, the Engineer will determine if piers are defective based on the results of excavation or coring. For questionable piers that are not exposed or cored, the Engineer will determine if piers are defective based on the results of integrity testing. Questionable piers with only CSL testing will be considered defective if any velocity reductions between any tube pairs are greater than 30%.

6.0 DRILLED PIER ACCEPTANCE

Drilled pier acceptance is based in part on the following criteria:

- A. Temporary casings and drilling tools are removed from the drilled pier excavation or the Engineer determines that a temporary casing may remain in the excavation.
- B. Drilled Pier concrete is properly placed and does not have any evidence of segregation, intrusions, contamination, structural damage or inadequate consolidation (honeycombing).
- C. Center of pier is within 3" (75 mm) of plan location and 2% of plumb. Top of pier is within 1" (25 mm) above and 3" (75 mm) below the elevation shown in the plans or approved by the Engineer.
- D. Rebar cage is properly placed and top and center of cage is within tolerances for center of pier. Tip of permanent casing does not extend below the elevation noted in the plans or approved by the Engineer.
- E. Drilled pier is not defective or the Engineer determines the defective pier is satisfactory. A pier will be considered defective based on Section 5.0, Item D of this provision.

Do not grout CSL tubes or core holes, backfill around a pier or perform any work on a drilled pier until the Engineer accepts the pier. If the drilled pier is accepted, dewater and grout CSL tubes and core holes, and backfill around the pier with approved material to finished grade. If the Engineer determines a pier is unacceptable, remediation is required. Remediation may include, but is not limited to grouting, removing part or all of

unacceptable piers, modifying pier designs or providing replacement or additional piers or piles. Submit working drawings and design calculations for acceptance in accordance with Article 105-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Ensure remediation submittals are designed, detailed and sealed by an engineer licensed by the State of North Carolina. Do not begin remediation work until remediation plans are approved. When repairing unacceptable piers, perform post repair testing to gauge success of the repair. No extension of completion date or time will be allowed for remediation of unacceptable drilled piers or post repair testing.

7.0 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

____ *Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil*, ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil* and ____ *Dia. Drill Piers* will be measured and paid in linear feet (meters). Acceptable drilled piers will be measured as the difference between the specified top of pier and pier tip elevations or revised elevations approved by the Engineer.

For bents with a not in soil pay item shown in the plans, drilled piers will be paid as ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil* and ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil*. Define "not in soil" as material with a rock auger penetration rate of less than 2" (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force. When not in soil is encountered, seams, voids and weathered rock less than 3 ft (1 m) thick with a rock auger penetration rate of greater than 2" (50 mm) per 5 minutes of drilling at full crowd force will be paid at the contract unit price for ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil*. Seams, voids and weathered rock greater than 3 ft (1 m) thick will be paid at the contract unit price for ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil* where not in soil is no longer encountered. For bents with a not in soil pay item shown in the plans, drilled piers through air or water will be paid at the contract unit price for ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil*.

For bents without a not in soil pay item shown in the plans, drilled piers will be paid as ____ *Dia. Drill Piers*. The contract unit price for ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers* will be full compensation for drilling through any materials encountered.

The contract unit prices for ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil*, ____ *Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil* and ____ *Dia. Drill Piers* will also be full compensation for spoils and slurry containment and disposal, slurry construction including a slurry manufacturer representative and overreaming and enlarging piers and any concrete removal, miscellaneous grading and excavation. No additional payment will be made for excess Drilled Pier concrete due to caving or sloughing holes or telescoping casings.

Reinforcing steel will be measured and paid in accordance with Article 425-6 of the *Standard Specifications*.

Permanent Steel Casing for ____ *Dia. Drilled Pier* will be measured and paid in linear feet (meters). Permanent casings will only be paid for when required by the Engineer or shown in the plans. Permanent casings will be measured as the difference between the ground line or specified top of pier elevation, whichever is higher, and the specified permanent casing tip elevation or revised elevation approved by the Engineer. If a permanent casing cannot

be installed to the tip elevation shown in the plans, up to 3 ft (1 m) of casing cut-off will be paid at the contract unit price for *Permanent Steel Casing for ____ Dia. Drilled Pier*.

SID Inspections will be measured and paid in units of each. *SID Inspections* will be measured as one per pier. The contract unit price for *SID Inspections* will be full compensation for inspecting holes with the SID the first time. No additional payment will be made for subsequent inspections of the same hole.

The Contractor is responsible for any damage to the SID equipment due to the Contractor's fault or negligence. Replace any damaged equipment at no additional cost to the Department.

SPT Testing will be measured and paid in units of each. *SPT Testing* will be measured as the number of standard penetration tests performed.

CSL Testing will be measured and paid in units of each. *CSL Testing* will be measured as one per pier. The contract unit price for *CSL Testing* will be full compensation for performing initial CSL testing and providing CSL reports. Subsequent CSL testing of and CSL reports for the same pier will be considered further investigation. No separate payment will be made for CSL tubes. CSL tubes including coring for inaccessible tubes and grouting will be incidental to the contract unit prices for drilled piers.

No payment will be made for stuck temporary casings that cannot be removed from drilled pier excavations or additional drilled pier length and reinforcing steel required due to temporary casings that remain in excavations. No payment will be made for PIT. No payment will be made for further investigation of defective piers. Further investigation of piers that are not defective will be paid as extra work in accordance with Article 104-7 of the *Standard Specifications*. No payment will be made for remediation of unacceptable drilled piers or post repair testing.

Payment will be made under:

Pay Item	Pay Unit
____ Dia. Drilled Piers in Soil	Linear Foot (Meter)
____ Dia. Drilled Piers Not in Soil	Linear Foot (Meter)
____ Dia. Drilled Piers	Linear Foot (Meter)
Permanent Steel Casing for ____ Dia. Drilled Piers	Linear Foot (Meter)
SID Inspection	Each
SPT Testing	Each
CSL Testing	Each