Forest Service Supplemental Specifications (FSSS) to the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highways (FP-14)

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Preface

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Delete all but the first paragraph and add the following:

The Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture has adopted FP-14 for construction of National Forest System Roads.

101 - Terms, Format, and Definitions

101.01_National_11_9_2016

Add the following paragraph to Subsection 101.01:

101.01 Meaning of Terms.

Delete all references to the TAR (Transportation Acquisition Regulations) in the specifications.

101.03_National_11_9_2016

Add the following to Subsection 101.03:

101.03 Abbreviations.

(a) Acronyms.

AGAR — Agriculture Acquisition Regulations

AFPA — American Forest and Paper Association

FSAR — Forest Service Acquisition Regulations

MSHA — Mine Safety and Health Administration

NESC — National Electrical Safety Code

WCLIB — West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau

(f) Miscellaneous unit abbreviations.

MP	—	milepost	location
ppm	—	parts per million	volume
STA		station	location

Make the following changes to Subsection 101.04:

101.04 Definitions.

Delete these definitions and replace the following:

Bid Schedule — The Schedule of Items.

Bridge — A structure, including supports, erected over a depression or an obstruction such as water along a road, a trail, or a railway and having a deck for carrying traffic or other loads.

Contractor — The individual or legal entity contracting with the Government for performance of prescribed work. In a timber sale contract, the contractor is the "Purchaser".

Culvert — Any structure with a bottom, regardless of fill depth, depth of invert burial, or presence of horizontal driving surface, or any bottomless (natural channel) structure with footings that will not have wheel loads in direct contact with the top of the structure.

Drawings — (Public Works Contracts) Design sheets or fabrication, erection, or construction details submitted to the CO by the Contractor according to FAR Clause 52.236-21 Specifications and Drawings for Construction. Project Plans. Also refers to submissions and submittals.

Notice to Proceed — (Public Works Contracts) Written notice to the Contractor to begin the contract work.

Right-of-Way — A general term denoting (1) the privilege to pass over land in some particular line (including easement, lease, permit, or license to occupy, use, or traverse public or private lands), or (2) Real property necessary for the project, including roadway, buffer areas, access, and drainage areas.

Solicitation—(Public Works Contracts) The complete assembly of documents (whether attached or incorporated by reference) furnished to prospective bidders.

Add the following definitions:

Adjustment in Contract Price — "Equitable adjustment," as used in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, or "construction cost adjustment," as used in the Timber Sale Contract, as applicable.

Change — "Change" means "change order" as used in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, or "design change" as used in the Timber Sale Contract.

Forest Service — The United States of America, acting through the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Neat Line — A line defining the proposed or specified limits of an excavation or structure.

Pioneer Road — Temporary construction access built along the route of the project.

Protected Streamcourse — A drainage shown on the plans or timber sale area map that requires designated mitigation measures.

Road Order — An order affecting and controlling traffic on roads under Forest Service jurisdiction. Road Orders are issued by a designated Forest Officer under the authorities of 36 CFR, part 260.

Shop Drawings — Referred to as "Drawings" in FP-14, include drawings, diagrams, layouts, schematics, descriptive literature, illustrations, lists or tables, performance and test data, and similar materials furnished by contractor to explain in detail specific portions of the work required by the contract.

Utilization Standards — The minimum size and percent soundness of trees described in the specifications to determine merchantable timber.

Add Figure 101-1—Illustration of road structure terms:

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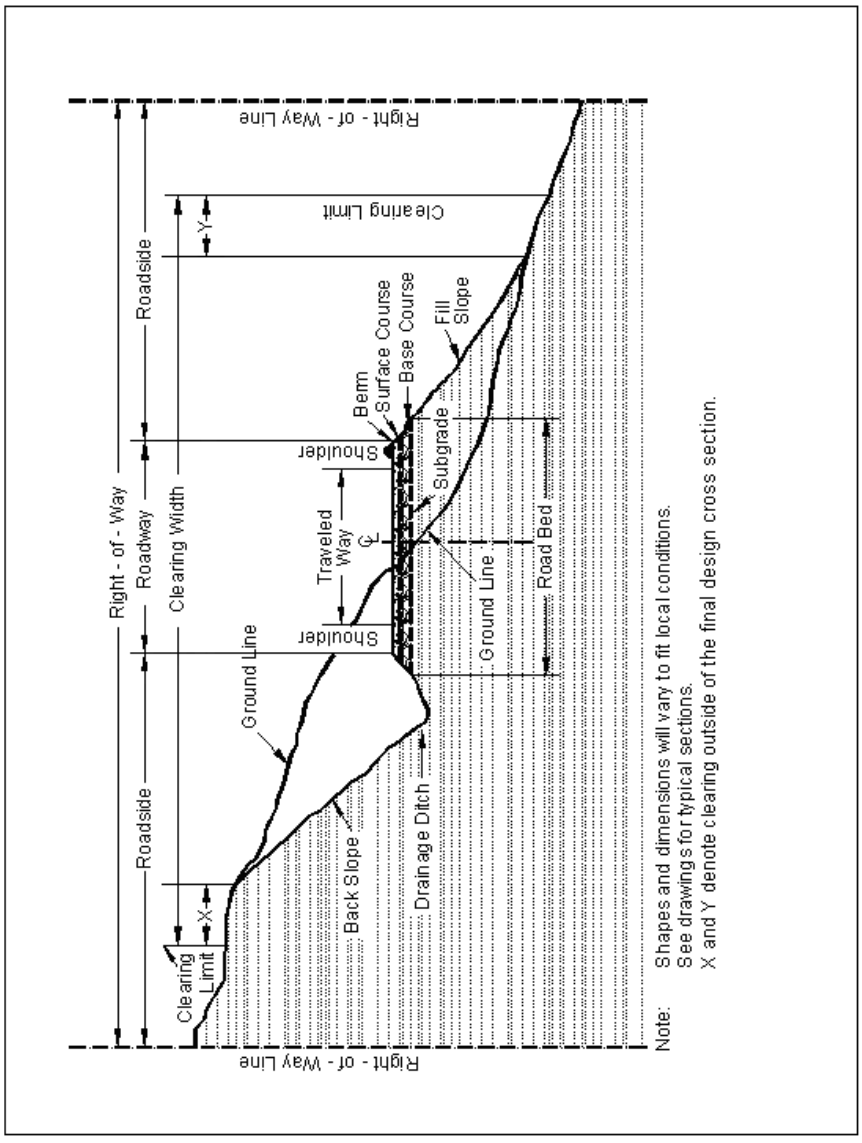

102 - Bid¸ Award¸ and Execution of Contract

102.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete Section 102 in its entirety.

Delete Section 102.

103 - Scope of Work

103.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete all of Section 103 except Subsection 103.01 Intent of Contract.

Delete Subsections 103.02, 103.03, 103.04, 103.05.

104 - Control of Work

104.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete Subsections 104.01, 104.02, and 104.04.

Delete Subsections 104.01, 104.02, 104.04.

104.03_National_11_4_2016

Delete Subsection 104.03 and replace with the following:

104.03 Specifications and Drawings.

Refer to B(T) 5.211 in the 2400-6(T)) or F(T).2.1.1 in the 2400-13(T) contracts for requirements under this subsection.

See elsewhere in the contract for the Statement of Work, Project Plans and Technical Specifications

104.06_National_11_9_2016

Add the following to Subsection 104.06:

104.06 Use of Roads by Contractor.

The Contractor is authorized to use roads under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service for all activities necessary to complete this contract, subject to the limitations and authorizations designated in the Road Order(s) or described in the contract, when such use will not damage the roads or national forest resources, and when traffic can be accommodated safely.

105 - Control of Material

105.02_National_11_1_2016

Add the following to Subsection 105.02(a):

105.02(a) Government-provided sources.

Government-provided sources for this project are identified as follows:

(1) Government-provided mandatory sources.

Pay Item	Description	Material source number or name
None	**None**	None

(2) Government-provided optional sources for this project are identified as follows:

Pay Item	Description	Material source number or name
C	Borrow Excavation	On-site Source

105.02_National_11_1_2016

106 - Acceptance of Work

106.01_National_7_18_2017

Delete Subsection 106.01 and replace with the following:

106.01 Conformity with Contract Requirements.

Follow the requirements of FAR Clause 52.246-12 Inspection of Construction.

References to standard test methods of AASHTO, ASTM, GSA, and other recognized standard authorities refer to the methods in effect on the date of solicitation for bids.

Perform all work to the lines, grades, cross-sections, dimensions, and processes or material requirements shown on the plans or specified in the contract.

Incorporate manufactured materials into the work according to the manufacturer's recommendations or to these specifications, whichever is more strict.

Plan dimensions and contract specification values are the values to be strived for and complied with as the design values from which any deviations are allowed. Perform work and provide material that is uniform in character and reasonably close to the prescribed value or within the specified tolerance range. The purpose of a tolerance range is to accommodate occasional minor variations from the median zone that are unavoidable for practical reasons.

When standard manufactured items are specified (such as fence, wire, plates, rolled shapes, pipe conduits, etc., that are identified by gauge, unit mass, section dimensions, etc.), the identification will be

considered to be nominal masses or dimensions. Unless specific contract tolerances are noted, established manufacturing tolerances will be accepted.

The Government may inspect, sample, or test all work at any time before final acceptance of the project. When the Government tests work, copies of test reports are furnished to the Contractor upon request. Government tests may or may not be performed at the work site. If Contractor testing and inspection is verified by the Government, the Contractor's results may be used by the Government to evaluate work for acceptance. Do not rely on the availability of Government test results for process control.

Acceptable work conforming to the contract will be paid for at the contract unit bid price. Four methods of determining conformity and accepting work are described in Subsections 106.02 to 106.05 inclusive. The primary method of acceptance is specified in each Section of work. However, work may be rejected at any time it is found by any of the methods not to comply with the contract.

Remove, repair, or replace work that does not conform to the contract, or to prevailing industry standards where no specific contract requirements are noted. Removing, repairing, or replacing work; providing temporary traffic control; and any other related work to accomplish conformity will be at no cost to the Government.

(a) Disputing Government test results. If the accuracy of Government test results is disputed, promptly inform the CO. If the dispute is unresolved after reasonable steps are taken to resolve the dispute, further evaluation may be obtained by written request. Include a narrative describing the dispute and a proposed resolution protocol that addresses the following:

Sampling method;
Number of samples;
Sample transport;
Test procedures;
Testing laboratories;
Reporting;
Estimated time and costs; and
Validation process.

If the evaluation requires additional sampling or testing be performed, mutually agree with the Government on witnessing procedures and on sampling and testing by a third party laboratory. Use a third party laboratory accredited by the AASHTO accreditation program. Provide proof of the laboratory's accreditation for the test procedures to be used. Do not use the same laboratory that produced the disputed Government test results or that produced the test results used as a basis for the dispute.

The CO will review the proposed resolution protocol and may modify it before final approval and execution.

The Government will use the approved resolution protocol test results to determine the validity of the disputed testing. If the Government test results are validated, the Contractor will be responsible for all costs associated with developing and performing the resolution protocol. If the Government test results are not validated, the Government will be responsible for all costs associated with developing and performing the resolution protocol. If the validity of the Government test results cannot be determined, the Contractor and Government will equally share all costs associated with developing and carrying out the resolution protocol.

(b) Alternatives to removing and replacing non-conforming work. As an alternative to removal and replacement, the Contractor may submit a written request to:

Have the work accepted at a reduced price; or
Be given permission to perform corrective measures to bring the work into conformity.

The request must contain supporting rationale and documentation. Include references or data justifying the proposal based on an evaluation of test results, effect on service life, value of material or work, quality, aesthetics, and other tangible engineering basis. The CO will determine disposition of the nonconforming work.

106.02_National_11_9_2016

Delete Subsection 106.02 and replace with the following:

106.02 Visual Inspection.

Acceptance is based on visual inspection of the work for compliance with the specific contract requirements. Use prevailing industry standards in the absence of specific contract requirements or tolerances.

106.07_National_11_1_2016

107 - Legal Relations and Responsibility to the Public

Delete Subsection 107.02:

Delete Subsection 107.02 Protection and Restoration of Property and Landscape.

Add the following to Subsection 105.02:

Refer to the Project Plans for responsibility to the public

107.05_National_7_18_2017

Delete Subsection 107.05.

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107.08_National_11_1_2016

Delete Subsection 107.08 and replace with the following:

107.08 Sanitation, Health, and Safety.

Refer to the Project Plans for responsibility to the public

108 - Prosecution and Progress

108.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete Section 108 in its entirety.

Delete Section 108.

109 - Measurement and Payment

109.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete Subsections 109.06, 109.07, 109.08, and 109.09:

Delete Subsections 109.06, 109.07, 109.08, 109.09.

109.02_National_11_9_2016

Add the following sentence to Subsection 109.02(b):

109.02 Measurement Terms and Definitions.

(b) Contract quantity.

Contract quantities will be adjusted only when there are errors in the original design of 15% or more.

109.03_National_11_1_2016

Add the following to Subsection 109.03(c):

109.03 Weighing Procedures and Devices.

(c) Project weighing system.

For aggregates weighed for payment, adjust scale weights of material to deduct the daily average moisture content in excess of 2 percentage points over optimum moisture as determined by AASHTO T 99 or the designated compaction method. If moisture determination is necessary, determine the daily average moisture content in accordance with AASHTO T 255, from not less than three representative samples of aggregate taken at random intervals each day that aggregate is being weighed.

Manual scales may be used if approved in writing by the CO and if the method of weighing meets all other contract requirements.

152 - Construction Survey and Staking

Add the following to Subsection 152.04(c):

152.04 General.

(c) Material.

Use required stake dimensions and materials. Pre-paint the top 2 inches of all stakes and lath, or mark them with plastic flagging. Use designated colors for paint or flagging. Mark all stakes with a stake pencil that leaves a legible imprint, or with waterproof ink.

Do not use aerosol spray paints.

Use moisture-resistant paper for survey notes. Keep notes in books with covers that will protect the contents and retain the pages in numerical sequence.

Make the following changes to Subsection 152.05:

152.05 Survey and Staking Requirements.

Delete Subsection 152.05(d)(2) and replace with the following:

(d) Slope and reference stakes.

(2) Conventional survey methods. When required, locate slope stakes on designated portions of the road. Locate the slope stake catch points and use them to establish clearing limits and slope stake references.

Mark slope stakes with the station, the amount of cut or fill, the horizontal distance to centerline, and the slope ratios.

Place slope reference stakes at least 10 feet outside the clearing limit and mark with the offset distance to the slope stake. Place sight stakes when required.

Prior to clearing and grubbing operations, move the slope stake outside the clearing limit to the slope reference stake. After clearing and grubbing and before excavation, reset the slope stakes in their original position.

Use the designated method to establish the slope stake catchpoint.

Method I—Computed Method. Use the template information shown in the plans or other Government-provided data to calculate the actual location of the catchpoint. The slope stake "catchpoint distance" provided may be used as a trial location to initiate slope staking. Recatch slope stakes on any section that does not match the staking report within the tolerances established in Table 152-2.

Method II—Catchpoint Measurement Method. Determine the location of slope stake catchpoints by measuring the catchpoint distances shown in the plans or other Government-provided data.

Add the following to Subsection 152.05(e):

(e) Clearing and grubbing limits.

Mark the clearing limits with flagging or tags on trees to be left standing, or on lath. Make markings intervisible, and no more than 90 feet apart.

After establishing clearing limits, move the location line stake outside the clearing limits for station identification purposes, and mark it with horizontal distance to location line.

Replace Table 152-1 with the following:

Table 152-1 Construction Survey and Staking Tolerances

Table 152-1
Construction Survey and Staking Tolerances (1)

Staking Phase	Horizontal	Vertical
Control points set from existing Government control points- Tolerance Class A	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)	±0.01 feet × $\sqrt{N}$ (±3 millimeters × $\sqrt{N}$)(2)
Mapping, topography, and cross-section Points- Tolerance Class A	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)
Centerline points (3) including (PC), (PT), (POT),(POC), and references- Tolerance Class A	±0.06 feet (±20 millimeters)	±0.06 feet (±20 millimeters)
Slope-stake and slope-stake references- Tolerance Class A (4)	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.16 feet ±50 millimeters)
Culverts, ditches, and minor drainage structures stakes- Tolerance Class A	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.06 feet (±20 millimeters)
Retaining walls stakes	±0.06 feet (±20 millimeters)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)
Curb and gutter stakes	±0.06 feet (±20 millimeters)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)
Bridge substructures stakes	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)(5)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)
Bridge superstructures stakes	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)(5)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)
Clearing and grubbing limit stakes- Tolerance Class A	±1.00 feet (±300 millimeters)	–
Roadway subgrade finish stakes- Tolerance Class A (6)	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)
Roadway finish grade stakes (6)	±0.16 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.03 feet (±10 millimeters)

Table 152-1
Construction Survey and Staking Tolerances (continued) (1)

Staking Phase	Horizontal	Vertical

Control points set from existing Government control points –Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.16 feet (±20 millimeters)	±0.16 feet × $\sqrt{N}$ (±20 millimeters × $\sqrt{N}$)(2)
Mapping, topography, and cross-section points–Tolerance Class B [7]	±1.00 feet (±300 millimeters)	±0.50 feet (±150 millimeters)
Centerline points including (PC), (PT), (POT),(POC), and references–Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.16 feet (±20 millimeters)	±0.16 feet (±20 millimeters)
Slope-stake and slope-stake references–Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.50 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.16 feet ±50 millimeters)
Culverts, ditches, and minor drainage structures stakes–Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.50 feet (±150 millimeters)	±0.16 feet (±20 millimeters)
Clearing and grubbing limit stakes–Tolerance Class B [7]	±2.00 feet (±600 millimeters)	—
Roadway subgrade finish stakes–Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.50 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.16 feet (±10 millimeters)
Roadway finish grade stakes–Tolerance Class B [7]	±0.50 feet (±50 millimeters)	±0.16 feet (±10 millimeters)

(1) At statistical 95 percent confidence level. Tolerances are relative to existing Government control points.

(2) N is the number of instrument setups.

(3) Centerline points: PC - point of curve, PT - point of tangent, POT - point on tangent, POC - point on curve.

(4) Take the cross-sections normal to the centerline ±1 degree.

(5) Bridge control is established as a local network and the tolerances are relative to that network.

(6) Includes paved ditches.

(7) Tolerance Class B for Very Low Volume Roads with an aggregate or native finished surface.

153 - Contractor Quality Control

153.02_National_11_1_2016

Delete Subsection 153.02 and replace with the following:

153.02 Qualifications.

Submit the following for approval with the quality control plan:

(a) Quality control manager (QCM). Furnish a QCM who has at least 2 years' experience in construction, inspector, quality control and material testing on construction projects of similar type and scope.

(b) Testers. Provide testers with at least one year experience in the type of sampling and testing required, and with one of the following for the type of sampling and testing performed:

(1) NICET Level II certification in highway material or equivalent state or industry certification;

(2) Certification by a regional certification program (such as Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC), Northeast Transportation Technician Certification Program (NETTCP), Southeast Task Force for Technician Training and Qualification (STFTTQ), or Multi Regional Training and Certification (M-TRAC)); or

(3) At least one year employment by an AASHTO accredited laboratory performing equivalent sampling and testing.

153.03_National_11_1_2016

Add the following paragraph to the end of Subsection 153.03(b):

153.03 Quality Control Plan.

(b) Quality Control Procedures.

Submit written proposals for approval of alternate AASHTO or State approved test methods. Alternate methods may be allowed based on documented equivalence to the specified method.

153.07_National_11_1_2016

Delete Subsection 153.07 and replace with the following:

153.07 Records and control charts.

Maintain complete testing and inspection records by pay item number and make them accessible to the CO.

155 - Schedules for Construction Contracts

155.00_National_11_9_2016

Delete Section 155 in its entirety.

Delete Section 155.

157 - Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

157.04_National_11_1_2016

Delete Subsection 157.04 and replace with the following:

157.04 General.

Thirty (30) days prior to the start of construction, submit a written plan according to subsection 104.03 with all necessary permits that provides permanent and temporary erosion control measures to minimize erosion and sedimentation during and after construction. Do not begin work until the necessary controls for that particular phase of work have been implemented. Do not modify the type, size, or location of any control without approval.

When erosion control measures are not functioning as intended, take corrective action to eliminate or minimize pollutants in storm water discharges from the project.

201 - Clearing and Grubbing

201.04_National_11_8_2016

Delete and replace Subsection 201.04(d) with the following:

201.04(d) Clearing.

(d) Trim tree branches that extend over the road surface and shoulders to attain a clear height of **<number>** feet. Trim tree limbs as near flush with the trunk as practicable.

201.04_National_11_2_2016

Add the following paragraph to Subsection 201.04:

201.04 Clearing.

(e) Do not cut vegetation less than 3 feet in height and less than 3 inches in diameter that is within the clearing limits but beyond the roadway and not in a decking area and that does not interfere with sight distance along the road unless otherwise designated.

Delete the first sentence of this Subsection 201.06 and replace the following:

201.06 Disposal.

Dispose of merchantable timber designated for removal according to the provisions of the timber sale contract.

203 - Removal of Structures and Obstructions

203.04_National_11_2_2016

Make the following changes to Subsection 203.04(b):

203.04 (b) General.

Delete the fifth paragraph of Subsection 203.04(b) and replace with the following:

Remove structures and obstructions in the grading limits to 12 inches (300 millimeters) below over-excavated subgrade elevation.

204 - Excavation and Embankment

204.00_National_11_4_2016

Delete Section 204 in its entirety and replace with the following.

Section 204. — EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT

Description

204.01 This work consists of excavating material and constructing embankments. This work also includes furnishing, hauling, stockpiling, placing, disposing, sloping, shaping, compacting, and finishing earthen and rocky material.

204.02 Definitions.

(a) Excavation. Excavation consists of the following:

(1) Roadway excavation. Material excavated from within the right-of-way or easement areas, except subexcavation covered in Subsection 204.02(a)(2) and structure excavation covered in Sections 208 and 209. Roadway excavation includes all material encountered regardless of its nature or characteristics.

(2) Subexcavation. Material excavated from below subgrade elevation in cut sections or from below the original ground-line in embankment sections. Subexcavation excludes the work required by Subsection 204.05 or 204.06.

(3) Borrow excavation. Material used for embankment construction that is obtained from outside the roadway prism. Borrow excavation includes unclassified borrow, and topping.

(b) Embankment construction. Embankment construction consists of placing and compacting roadway or borrow excavation. This work includes:

(1) Preparing foundation for embankment;

(2) Constructing roadway embankments;

(3) Benching for side-hill embankments;

(4) Constructing dikes, ramps, mounds, and berms; and

(5) Backfilling subexcavated areas, holes, pits, and other depressions.

(c) Conserved topsoil. Excavated material conserved from the roadway excavation and embankment foundation areas that is suitable for growth of grass, cover crops, or native vegetation.

(d) Waste. Excess and unsuitable roadway excavation and subexcavation that cannot be used.

Material

204.03 Conform to the following Subsections:

Topping	704.05
Unclassified borrow	704.06
Water	725.01(c)

Construction Requirements

204.04 Preparation for Roadway Excavation and Embankment Construction. Clear the area of vegetation and obstructions according to Sections 201 and 203.

Road pioneering, slash disposal, and grubbing of stumps may proceed concurrently with excavation and embankment. Maintain drainage during pioneering operations.

204.05 Conserved Topsoil. When designated, conserve topsoil from roadway excavation and embankment foundation areas. Stockpile conserved topsoil in low windrows immediately beyond the rounding limits of cut and embankment slopes or in other approved locations. Separate conserved topsoil from other excavated material. When designated, place conserved topsoil on completed slopes according to Section 624.

204.06 Roadway Excavation. Excavate as follows:

(a) Rock cuts. Blast rock according to Section 205. Excavate rock cuts to 6 inches (150 millimeters) below subgrade within the roadbed limits. Backfill to subgrade with topping or other suitable material. Compact the material according to Subsection 204.11.

(b) Earth cuts. Scarify earth cuts to 6 inches (150 millimeters) below subgrade within the roadbed limits. Compact the scarified material according to Subsection 204.11.

(c) Pioneer Roads. Conduct excavation and placement operations so material to be treated under Section 201 will not be incorporated into the roadway unless specified in the slash treatment method. Maintain drainage during pioneering operations.

Remove snow and ice in advance of the work and deposit beyond the roadway limits in a manner that will not waste material or generate sediment. Do not incorporate snow and ice into embankments. Place snow or ice in a manner to prevent resource damage.

(d) Drainage Feature. Drainage feature includes construction of all ditches, minor channel changes, drainage dips, catch basins, surface water deflectors, and other minor drainage structures. Compact the material according to Subsection 204.11. Excavate on a uniform grade between control points.

Do not disturb material and vegetation outside the construction limits. Retrieve material deposited outside the construction limits. Dispose of unsuitable or excess excavation material according to Subsection 204.14. Replace shortage of suitable material caused by premature disposal of roadway excavation.

Shape to drain and compact the work area to a uniform cross-section at the end of each day's operations.

204.07 Subexcavation. Excavate material to the required limits. Dispose of unsuitable material according to Subsection 204.14. Take cross-sections according to Section 152. Backfill subexcavated area with suitable material in horizontal layers not exceeding 12 inches (300 millimeters) in compacted thickness and compact according to Subsection 204.11. Prevent unsuitable material from mixing with suitable backfill material.

204.08 Borrow Excavation. Use suitable roadway excavation in embankment construction. Do not use borrow excavation when it results in excess roadway excavation. Deduct excess borrow excavation from the total borrow excavation quantity.

Obtain borrow source approval according to Subsection 105.02. Develop and restore borrow sources according to Subsections 105.03 and 105.06. Do not excavate beyond the established limits. When applicable, shape the borrow source to permit accurate measurements when excavation is complete.

204.09 Preparing Foundation for Embankment Construction. Prepare foundation for embankment construction as follows:

(a) Embankment over natural ground. Remove topsoil and break up the ground surface to a minimum depth of 6 inches (150 millimeters) by plowing or scarifying. Compact the ground surface according to Subsection 204.11.

(b) Embankments over an existing asphalt, concrete, or gravel road surface. Scarify gravel roads to a minimum depth of 6 inches (150 millimeters). Scarify or pulverize asphalt and concrete roads to 6 inches (150 millimeters) below the pavement. Reduce particles to a maximum size of 6 inches (150 millimeters) and produce a uniform material. Compact the surface according to Subsection 204.11.

(c) Embankment across ground not capable of supporting equipment. Dump successive loads of embankment material in a uniformly distributed layer to construct the lower portion of the embankment. Limit the layer thickness to the minimum depth necessary to support the equipment.

(d) Embankment on an existing slope steeper than 1V:3H. Cut horizontal steps in the existing slope to a sufficient width to accommodate placement and compaction operations and equipment. Step the slope as the embankment is placed and compacted in layers. Begin each step at the intersection of the original ground and the vertical cut of the previous step.

204.10 Embankment Construction. Incorporate only suitable roadway excavation material into the embankment. When the supply of suitable roadway excavation is exhausted, furnish unclassified borrow to complete the embankment. Obtain written approval before beginning construction of embankments over 6 feet (2 meters) high at subgrade centerline. Construct embankments as follows:

(a) General. At the end of each day's operations, shape to drain and compact the embankment surface to a uniform cross-section. Eliminate ruts and low spots that could hold water.

During all stages of construction, route and distribute hauling and leveling equipment over the width and length of each layer of material.

Compact embankment side slopes with a tamping foot roller, by walking with a dozer, or by over-building the fill and then removing excess material to the final slope line. For slopes 1V:1¾H or steeper, compact the slopes as embankment construction progresses.

(b) Embankment within the roadway prism. Place embankment material in horizontal layers not exceeding 12 inches (300 millimeters) in compacted thickness. Incorporate oversize boulders or rock fragments into the 12-inch (300-millimeter) layers by reducing them in size or placing them individually as required below. Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11 before placing the next layer.

Material composed predominately of boulders or rock fragments too large for 12-inch (300-millimeter) layers may be placed in layers up to 24 inches (600 millimeters) thick. Incorporate oversize boulders or rock fragments into the 24-inch (600-millimeter) layer by reducing them in size or placing individual rock fragments and boulders greater than 24 inches (600 millimeters) in diameter as follows:

(1) Reduce rock to less than 48 inches (1200 millimeters) in the largest dimension;

(2) Distribute rock within the embankment to prevent nesting;

(3) Place layers of embankment material around each rock to a depth not greater than that permitted above. Fill voids between rocks; and

(4) Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11(a) before placing the next layer.

(c) Embankment outside of roadway prism. When placing embankment outside the staked roadway prism, place material in horizontal layers not exceeding 24 inches (600 millimeters) in compacted thickness. Compact each layer according to Subsection 204.11.

204.11 Compaction. Compact the embankment using one of the following methods as specified.

(a) Placement Method 1. Use AASHTO T 27 to determine the quantity of material retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Compact as follows:

(1) More than 80 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Adjust the moisture content to a level suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet (1 meter) per second. Compact each layer of material full width with one of the following and until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation:

(a) Four roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 40,000 pounds (180 kilonewtons) impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute;

(b) Eight roller passes of a 20-ton (20-metric ton) compression-type roller; or

(c) Eight roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 30,000 pounds (130 kilonewtons) impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute.

Increase the compactive effort for layers deeper than 12 inches (300 millimeters) as follows:

- For each additional 6 inches (150 millimeters) or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in Subsection 204.11(a)(1)(a), by four passes; or

- For each additional 6 inches (150 millimeters) or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in Subsection 204.11(a)(1)(b) and (c), by eight passes.

(2) 50 to 80 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Classify the material according to AASHTO M 145. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content. Use AASHTO T 99 to determine the optimum moisture content of the portion of the material passing a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Multiply this number by the percentage of material passing a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve, and add 2 percent to determine the optimum moisture content of the material.

Use nonvibratory rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet(1 meter) per second. Compact each layer of material full width according to Subsection 204.11(a)(1).

(3) Less than 50 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Classify the material according to AASHTO M 145. For material classified A-1 or A-2-4, determine the maximum density according to AASHTO T 99, Method C.

Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.

Use compression-type or vibratory rollers. Compact each layer of material full width to at least 95 percent of the maximum density. Determine the in-place density and moisture content according to AASHTO T 310 or other approved test procedures. When required, use AASHTO T 224 to correct for coarse particles.

(b) Placement Method 2. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate roller compaction equipment over the full width of each layer until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation or, if when a sheepsfoot roller is used, the roller “walks out” of the layer. Make at least three complete passes. Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet (1 meter) per second. Ensure rollers meet the following requirements:

(1) Steel wheeled rollers, other than vibratory, capable of exerting a force of not less than 250 pounds per inch (4.5 kilogram/millimeter) of width of the compression roll or rolls.

(2) Vibratory steel wheeled rollers equipped with amplitude and frequency controls with a minimum dynamic force of 30,000 pounds (130 kilonewtons) impact per vibration, specifically designed to compact the material on which it is used.

(3) Pneumatic-tired rollers with smooth tread tires of equal size that will provide a uniform compacting pressure for the full width of the roller and capable of exerting a ground pressure of at least 80 psi (550 Kilopascals).

(4) Sheepsfoot, tamping, or grid rollers capable of exerting a force of 250 pounds per inch (4.5 kilogram/millimeter) of width of roller drum.

(c) Placement Method 3. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate

hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation. Make at least three complete passes.

(d) Placement Method 4. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer.

(e) Placement Method 5. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact the complete surface with a bucket of an excavator larger than 39,000 pounds (18 metric ton) Gross Vehicle Weight using a minimum of three blows. Overlap compaction by ½ width of bucket.

(f) Placement Method 6. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact using an approved mechanical tamper for a minimum of three complete passes.

When compacting with rollers or hauling and spreading equipment is not practical, use approved mechanical tampers for a minimum of three complete passes.

204.12 Drainage Features. Slope, grade, and shape all drainage features. Remove projecting roots, stumps, rock, or similar matter. Maintain all drainage features in an open condition and without sticks, and other debris.

Form furrow ditches by plowing or using other acceptable methods to produce a continuous furrow. Place excavated material on the downhill side so the bottom of the ditch is approximately 18 inches (450 millimeters) below the crest of the loose material. Clean the ditch using a hand shovel or other suitable method. Shape to provide drainage without overflow.

204.13 Sloping, Shaping, and Finishing. Complete subgrade, slopes, drainage features, culverts, riprap, and other underground minor structures before placing aggregate courses. Slope, shape, and finish to the designated tolerance class as defined in Table 204-2 as follows:

(a) Sloping. Leave earth slopes with uniform roughened surfaces, except as described in Subsection 204.13(b), with no noticeable break as viewed from the road. Except in solid rock, round tops and bottoms of slopes including the slopes of drainage ditches. Round material overlaying solid rock to the extent practical. Scale rock slopes. Slope rounding is not required on tolerance class D through M roads.

If a slide or slipout occurs on a cut or embankment slope, remove or replace the material and repair or restore damage to the work. Bench or key the slope to stabilize the slide. Reshape the cut or embankment slope to an acceptable condition.

(b) Stepped slopes. Where required, construct steps on slopes of 1⅓V:1H to 1V:2H. Construct the steps approximately 18 inches (450 millimeters) high. Blend the steps into natural ground at the end of the cut. If the slope contains non-rippable rock outcrops, blend steps into the rock. Remove loose material found in transitional area. Except for removing large rocks that may fall, scaling stepped slopes is not required.

(c) Shaping. Shape the subgrade to a smooth surface and to the cross-section required. Shape slopes to gradually transition into slope adjustments without noticeable breaks. At the ends of cuts and at intersections of cuts and embankments, adjust slopes in the horizontal and vertical planes to blend into each other or into the natural ground.

(d) Finishing. Ensure that the subgrade is visibly moist during shaping and dressing; smooth and uniform, and shaped to conform to the typical sections. Remove material larger than 6 inches (150 millimeters) from the top 6 inches (150 millimeters) of the roadbed. Remove unsuitable material from the roadbed, and replace it with suitable material. Scarify to 6 inches (150 millimeters) below the bottom of low sections, holes, cracks, or depressions and bring back to grade with suitable material.

Maintain proper ditch drainage.

204.14 Disposal of Unsuitable or Excess Material. Dispose of unsuitable or excess material at designated sites or according to Subsection 203.05(a)

When there is a pay item for waste, shape and compact the waste material in its final location. Do not mix clearing or other material not subject to payment with the waste material.

204.15 Acceptance. See Table 204-1 for sampling, testing, and acceptance requirements.

Material for embankment and conserved topsoil will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

Excavation and embankment construction will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

Subexcavation will be evaluated under Subsections 106.02 and 106.04.

Measurement

204.16 Measure the Section 204 pay items listed in the bid schedule according to Subsection 109.02 and the following as applicable:

(a) Roadway excavation. Measure roadway excavation in its original position as follows:

(1) Include the following volumes in roadway excavation:

(a) Roadway prism excavation;

(b) Rock material excavated and removed from below subgrade in cut sections;

(c) Unsuitable material below subgrade and unsuitable material beneath embankment areas when a pay item for subexcavation is not listed in the bid schedule;

(d) Ditches, except furrow ditches measured under a separate pay item;

(e) Conserved topsoil;

(f) Borrow material used in the work when a pay item for borrow is not listed in the bid schedule;

(g) Loose scattered rocks removed and placed as required within the roadway;

(h) Conserved material taken from pre-existing stockpiles and used in Section 204 work, except topsoil measured under 624; and

(i) Slide and slipout material not attributable to the Contractor's method of operation.

(2) Do not include the following in roadway excavation:

(a) Overburden and other spoil material from borrow sources;

(b) Overbreakage from the backslope in rock excavation;

(c) Water or other liquid material;

(d) Material used for purposes other than required;

(e) Roadbed material scarified in place and not removed;

(f) Material excavated when stepping cut slopes;

(g) Material excavated when rounding cut slopes;

(h) Preparing foundations for embankment construction;

(i) Material excavated when benching for embankments;

(j) Slide or slipout material attributable to the Contractor's method of operation;

(k) Conserved material taken from stockpiles constructed at the option of the Contractor;

(l) Material excavated outside the established slope limits; and

(m) Road pioneering for the convenience of the Contractor.

(3) When both roadway excavation and embankment construction pay items are listed in the bid schedule, measure roadway excavation only for the following:

(a) Unsuitable material below subgrade in cuts and unsuitable material beneath embankment areas when a pay item for subexcavation is not listed in the bid schedule;

(b) Slide and slipout material not attributable to the Contractor’s method of operations; and

(c) Drainage ditches, channel changes, and diversion ditches.

(b) Unclassified borrow, and topping. When measuring by the cubic yard (cubic meter) measure in its original position. If borrow excavation is measured by the cubic yard (cubic meter) in-place, take initial cross-sections of the ground surface after stripping overburden. Upon completion of excavation and after the borrow source waste material is returned to the source, retake cross-sections before replacing the overburden. Do not measure borrow excavation until suitable roadway excavation is depleted.

(c) Embankment construction. Measure embankment construction in its final position. Do not make deductions from the embankment construction quantity for the volume of minor structures.

(1) Include the following volumes in embankment construction:

(a) Roadway embankments;

(b) Material used to backfill subexcavated areas, holes, pits, and other depressions;

(c) Material used to restore obliterated roadbeds to original contours; and

(d) Material used for dikes, ramps, mounds, and berms.

(2) Do not include the following in embankment construction:

(a) Preparing foundations for embankment construction;

(b) Adjustments for subsidence or settlement of the embankment or of the foundation on which the embankment is placed; and

(c) Material used to round fill slopes.

(d) Rounding cut slopes. If a pay item for slope rounding is included in the bid schedule measure rounding cut slopes horizontally along the centerline of the roadway. If a pay item is not included for slope rounding is not included in the bid schedule payment will be considered indirect to roadway excavation.

(e) Waste. Measure waste by the cubic yard (cubic meter) in its final position. Take initial cross-sections of the ground surface after stripping over-burden. Upon completion of the waste placement, retake cross-sections before replacing overburden.

(f) Slope scaling. Measure slope scaling by the cubic yard (cubic meter) in the hauling vehicle.

(g) Subexcavation. Measure subexcavation by the cubic yard (cubic meter) in its original position.

(h) Drainage features. Measurement includes all excavation, embankment, shaping, and grading necessary for a completed drainage feature.

Payment

204.17 The accepted quantities will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 204 pay items listed in the bid schedule. Payment will be full compensation for the work prescribed in this Section. See Subsection 109.05.

Table 204-1
Sampling, Testing, and Acceptance Requirements

Material or Product (Subsection)	Type of Acceptance (Subsection)	Characteristic	Category	Test Methods Specifications	Sampling Frequency	Point of Sampling	Split Sample	Reporting Time
Source								
Topping (704.05)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04 & 105)	Classification[1]	–	AASHTO M 145	1 per soil type and source of material	Processed material	Yes	Before using in work
Unclassified borrow (704.06)	"	"	–	"	"	"	"	"
Production								
Topping (704.05) and (204.11(a))	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Moisture-density	–	T 99, Method C[2]	1 per soil type, but not less than 1 per each 13,000 yd^3 (10,000 m^3)	Processed material	Yes	Before using in work
		Density	–	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 3500 yd^2 (3000 m^2), but not less than 3 per layer	In-place	No	Before placement of next layer
Unclassified borrow (704.06) and (204.11(a))	"	Moisture-density	–	T 99, Method C[2]	1 per soil type, but not less than 1 per each 13,000 yd^3 (10,000 m^3)	Processed material	Yes	Before using in work
		Density	–	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 3500 yd^2 (3000 m^2), but not less than 3 per layer	In-place	No	Before placement of next layer

Table 204-1
Sampling, Testing, and Acceptance Requirements

Material or Product (Subsection)	Type of Acceptance (Subsection)	Characteristic	Category	Test Methods Specifications	Sampling Frequency	Point of Sampling	Split Sample	Reporting Time
Production (continued)								
Earth embankment (204.11(a))	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Classification	–	AASHTO M 145	1 per soil type	Source of material	Yes	Before using in work
		Moisture-density	–	T 99, Method C(2)	1 per soil type, but not less than 1 per each 13,000 yd^3 (10,000 m^3)	"	"	"
		Density	–	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 3500 yd^2 (3000 m^2), but not less than 3 per layer	In-place	No	Before placement of next layer
Top of subgrade (204.11(a))	"	Density	–	AASHTO T 310 or other approved procedures	1 per 2500 yd^2 (2000 m^2), but not less than 3 per layer	In-place	No	Before placement of next layer
Finished Product								
Roadbed (204.13)	Measured and tested for conformance (106.04)	Final line & grade	–	Field measured	Determined by the CO	Determined by the CO	No	Before placement of next layer

(1) Not required when using Government-provided source.
(2) Minimum 5 points per proctor.

Table 204-2
Construction Tolerances

Location Description	Tolerance Class (a)												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Roadbed width (ft)	+0.5	+0.5	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+1.5	+1.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0
Subgrade elevation (ft)	±0.1	±0.2	±0.2	±0.5	±0.5	±1.0	±1.0	±1.5	±2.0	±3.0	±2.0	±3.0	(c)
Centerline alignment (ft)	±0.2	±0.2	±0.5	±0.5	±1.0	±1.0	±1.5	±1.5	±2.0	±3.0	±3.0	±5.0	(c)
Slopes, excavation, and embankment (% slope[(b)])	±3	±5	±5	±5	±5	±5	±10	±10	±10	±10	±20	±20	±20

(a) Maximum allowable deviation from construction stakes and drawings.
(b) Maximum allowable deviation from staked slope measured from slope stakes or hinge points.
(c) Unless otherwise shown the centerline alignment and subgrade elevation, as built, have no horizontal curves with a radius of less than 80 feet, and no vertical curves with a curve length of less than 80 feet when the algebraic difference in the grade change is less than 10 percent, or a curve length of less than 100 feet when the algebraic difference of the grade change is greater than or equal to 10 percent. The centerline grade is not to exceed 20 percent in 100 feet of length.

209 - Structure Excavation and Backfill

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Make the following Changes to Subsection 209.09:

209.09 Backfill.

Add the following to Subsection 209.09(a):

(a) General.

Backfill without damaging or displacing the culvert or structural plate structure. Replace any pipe that is distorted by more than 5 percent of nominal dimensions, or that is ruptured or broken.

Add the following to Subsection 209.09(b)

(b) Pipe culverts.

Do not place or backfill pipe that meets any of the following conditions until the excavation and foundation have been approved in writing by the CO:

- Embankment height greater than 6 feet at subgrade centerline.
- Installation in a protected stream course.
- Round pipe with a diameter of 48 inches or greater.
- Pipe arches with a span of 50 inches or greater.
- Any box culvert or structure other than pipe culverts.

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Delete Subsection 209.10 and replace with the following:

209.10 Compacting.

Compact the embankment using one of the following methods as specified.

(a) Compaction Method 1. Use AASHTO T 27 to determine the quantity of material retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Compact as follows:

(1) More than 80 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Adjust the moisture content to a level suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters)

per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet (1 meter) per second. Compact each layer of material full width with one of the following and until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation:

(a) Four roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 40,000 pounds (180 kilonewtons) impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute;

(b) Eight roller passes of a 20-ton (20-metric ton) compression-type roller; or

(c) Eight roller passes of a vibratory roller having a minimum dynamic force of 30,000 pounds (130 kilonewtons) impact per vibration and a minimum frequency of 1000 vibrations per minute.

Increase the compactive effort for layers deeper than 12 inches (300 millimeters) as follows:

- For each additional 6 inches (150 millimeters) or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in Subsection 209.10(a)(1)(a), by four passes; or
- For each additional 6 inches (150 millimeters) or fraction thereof, increase the number of roller passes in Subsection 209.10(a)(1)(b) and (c), by eight passes.

(2) 50 to 80 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Classify the material according to AASHTO M 145. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content. Use AASHTO T 99 to determine the optimum moisture content of the portion of the material passing a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Multiply this number by the percentage of material passing a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve, and add 2 percent to determine the optimum moisture content of the material.

Use nonvibratory rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet(1 meter) per second. Compact each layer of material full width according to Subsection 209.10(a)(1).

(3) Less than 50 percent retained on a No. 4 (4.75-millimeter) sieve. Classify the material according to AASHTO M 145. For material classified A-1 or A-2-4, determine the maximum density according to AASHTO T 99, Method C..

Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-1 through A-5 to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Adjust the moisture content of material classified A-6 and A-7 to within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.

Use compression-type or vibratory rollers. Compact each layer of material full width to at least 95 percent of the maximum density. Determine the in-place density and moisture content according to AASHTO T 310 or other approved test procedures. When required, use AASHTO T 224 to correct for coarse particles.

(b) Compaction Method 2. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate roller compaction equipment over the full width of each layer until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation or, if when a sheepsfoot roller is used, the roller "walks out" of the layer. Make at least three complete passes. Use compression-type rollers at speeds less than 6 feet (1.8 meters) per second and vibratory rollers at speeds less than 3 feet (1 meter) per second. Ensure rollers meet the following requirements:

(1) Steel wheeled rollers, other than vibratory, capable of exerting a force of not less than 250 pounds per inch (4.5 kilogram/millimeter) of width of the compression roll or rolls.

(2) Vibratory steel wheeled rollers equipped with amplitude and frequency controls with a minimum dynamic force of 30,000 pounds (130 kilonewtons) impact per vibration, specifically designed to compact the material on which it is used.

(3) Pneumatic-tired rollers with smooth tread tires of equal size that will provide a uniform compacting pressure for the full width of the roller and capable of exerting a ground pressure of at least 80 psi (550 Kilopascals).

(4) Sheepsfoot, tamping, or grid rollers capable of exerting a force of 250 pounds per inch (4.5 kilogram/millimeter) of width of roller drum.

(c) Compaction Method 3. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer until there is no visible evidence of further consolidation. Make at least three complete passes.

(d) Compaction Method 4. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Fill the interstices around rock with earth or other fine material as practical. Operate hauling and spreading equipment uniformly over the full width of each layer.

(e) Compaction Method 5. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact the complete surface with a bucket of an excavator larger than 39,000 pounds (18 metric ton) Gross Vehicle Weight using a minimum of three blows. Overlap compaction by ½ width of bucket.

(f) Compaction Method 6. Adjust the moisture content of the material to a moisture content suitable for compaction. Compact using an approved mechanical tamper for a minimum of three complete passes.

When compacting with rollers or hauling and spreading equipment is not practical, use approved mechanical tampers for a minimum of three complete passes.

213 - Subgrade Stabilization

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Delete the second paragraph in Subsection 213.05 and replace with the following:

213.05 General.

Prepare the subgrade according to Subsection 303.05. Scarify or pulverize the subgrade to the required depth. Adequately blend the material to produce a homogeneous mixture within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.

301 - Untreated Aggregate Courses

301.03_National_7_17_2017

Add the following to Subsection 301.03:

301.03 General.

Written approval of the roadbed is required before placing aggregate.

For pit run or grid-rolled material, furnish material smaller than the maximum size, no gradation will be required otherwise. After processing on the road, remove all oversize material from the road and dispose as directed by the CO.

Provide additives or binder, if required, at the proportions specified.

Develop and use Government furnished sources according to Section 105.

If the aggregate is produced and stockpiled before placement, handle and stockpile according to Section 314.

301.05_National_7_17_2017

Delete Subsection 301.05 and replace with the following:

301.05 Compacting.

Compact each layer full width. Roll from the sides to the center, parallel to the centerline of the road. Along curbs, headers, walls, and all places not accessible to the roller, compact the material with approved tampers or compactors.

Compact the aggregate using one of the following methods as specified:

Compaction A. Operating spreading and hauling equipment over the full width of the travelway.

Compaction B. Operate rollers and compact as specified in Subsection 204.11(a)(1).

Compaction C. Moisten or dry the aggregate to a uniform moisture content between 5 and 7 percent based on total dry weight of the mixture. Operate rollers and compact as specified in Subsection 204.11(a)(1).

Compaction D. Compact to a density of at least 95 percent of the maximum density, as determined by AASHTO T 99, method C or D.

Compaction E. Compact to a density of at least 95 per-cent of the maximum density, as determined by AASHTO T 180, method C or D.

For all compaction methods, blade the surface of each layer during the compaction operations to remove irregularities and produce a smooth, even surface. When a density requirement is specified, determine the in place density and moisture content according to AASHTO T 310 or other approved test procedures.

302 - Minor Crushed Aggregate

302.04_National_7_18_2017

Add the following to Subsection 302.04 and 302.04(a)

302.04 Placing Crushed Aggregate.

Written approval of the surface is required before placing aggregate.

(a) Roadway aggregate.
For pit run or grid-rolled material, furnish material smaller than the maximum size, no gradation will be required otherwise. After processing on the road, remove all oversize material from the road and dispose as directed by the CO.

303 - Road Reconditioning

303.07_National_7_18_2017

Add the following to Subsection 303.07:

303.07 Roadway Reconditioning.

Remove cattleguard decks. Clean the deck and the area beneath the cattleguard of soil and other material to the bottom of the original foundation over the entire width of the installation. Dispose of waste at designated sites or according to Subsection 204.14. Reinstall the cattleguard deck.

314 - Stockpiled Aggregates

314.00_National_7_17_2017

Add the following to Subsection 314.01:

314.01 Description.

Pit or quarry development work consists of clearing, grubbing, stripping topsoil, removing overburden, constructing access roads, conducting restoration activities, and performing other incidental work required for pit or quarry development.

Add the following to Subsection 314.04 after the first sentence of second paragraph:

314.04 Stockpile Site.

Submit a plan of operation according to Section 105.02. Perform the work in accordance with MSHA 30 CFR, part 56.

407 - Chip Seal

407.01_National_7_18_2017

Delete the first sentence of Subsection 407.01 and replace with the following:

407.01 Description.

407.01 This work consists of applying a single, double, or triple course chip seal with emulsified asphalt.

407.07_National_5_17_2017

Delete Subsection 407.07 (b) and (e) replace with the following:

407.07 Weather Limitations.

(b) Surface temperature in the shade is 60 °F (16 °C) and rising.

(e) Rain or temperatures below 40 °F (4 °C) are not forecast or anticipated for at least 24 hours after application;

407.08_National_5_17_2017

Delete the second paragraph of Subsection 407.08 and replace with the following:

407.08 Production Start-Up Procedures.

On the first day of placement of each surface treatment layer, or whenever there is a change in the surface texture or aggregate gradation, construct a 500-foot control strip that is one-lane wide.

Construct the control strip using material, lay-down, and compaction procedures intended for the remainder of the surface treatment according to subsection 407.09 and 407.10. Cease production after construction of the control strip until the material and the control strip are evaluated and accepted.

407.09_National_5_17_2017

Add the following to Subsection 407.09:

407.09 Asphalt Application.

On existing aggregate surfaces, prime the surface according to Section 411. Allow the primed surface to cure at least 5 days for cutback asphalt or 24 hours for asphalt emulsions. Ensure that the primed surface is dry for surface treatments using asphalt binder or slightly damp for surface treatments using emulsified asphalt.

407.11_National_5_17_2017

Delete Table 407-1 and replace with the following:

407.11 Placing and Finishing. Table 407-1.

Table 407-1
Approximate Quantities of Material for
Single-Course Chip Seal

Designation	Nominal Maximum Size of Aggregate	Aggregate Gradation (1)	Estimated Quantity of Aggregate (2) pounds/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Emulsified Asphalt (3) gallons/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Asphalt Binder (3) gallons/yd^2
1A	3/4 inch	B	40 – 49	0.40 – 0.55	0.27 – 0.38
1B	1/2 inch	C	26 – 29	0.31 – 0.44	0.20 – 0.31
1C	3/8 inch	D	20 – 26	0.20 – 0.35	0.13 – 0.24
1D	No. 4	E	15 – 20	0.15 – 0.22	0.11 – 0.18

(1) See Table 703-7 for aggregate gradations.
(2) Aggregate masses are for aggregates having a bulk specific gravity of 2.65, as determined by AASHTO T 84 and T 85. Make proportionate corrections when the aggregate furnished has a bulk specific gravity above 2.75 or below 2.55.
(3) Adjust the asphalt content for the condition of the road.

407.12_National_5_17_2017

Rename Subsection 407.12

407.12 Double and Triple Course Chip Seal.

Delete Table 407-2 in Subsection 407.12 and replace with the following:

407.12 Double and Triple Course Chip Seal. Table 407-2.

Table 407-2
Approximate Quantities of Material for
Double Course Surface Treatments

Designation (Thickness)	Nominal Maximum Size of Aggregate	Aggregate Gradation(1)	Estimated Quantity of Aggregate(2) pounds/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Emulsified Asphalt (3) gallons/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Asphalt Binder (3) gallons/yd^2
2A (3/4 inch)					
1st Application	3/4 inch	A	40 – 49	0.35 – 0.51	0.22 – 0.33
2nd Application	3/8 inch	C	20 – 26	0.51 – 0.60	0.33 – 0.42
2B (5/8 inch)					
1st Application	1/2 inch	B	29 – 40	0.31 – 0.40	0.18 – 0.29
2nd Application	No. 4	D	14 – 20	0.40 – 0.51	0.24 – 0.33
2C (1/2 inch)					
1st Application	3/8 inch	C	26 – 35	0.20 – 0.31	0.11 – 0.22
2nd Application	No. 4	B	9 – 15	0.31 – 0.40	0.18 – 0.29

(1) See Table 703-7 for aggregate gradations.
(2) Aggregate masses are for aggregates having a bulk specific gravity of 2.65, as determined by AASHTO T 84 and T 85. Make proportionate corrections when the aggregate furnished has a bulk specific gravity above 2.75 or below 2.55.
(3) Adjust the asphalt content of the first application for the condition of the road.

Add Table 407-2a to Subsection 407.12.

407.12 Double and Triple Course Chip Seal. Table 407-2a.

Table 407-2a
Approximate Quantities of Material for
Triple Course Chip Seal

Designation (Thickness)	Nominal Maximum Size of Aggregate	Aggregate Gradation(1)	Estimated Quantity of Aggregate(2) pounds/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Emulsified Asphalt (3) gallons/yd^2	Estimated Quantity of Asphalt Binder(3) gallons/yd^2
3A (3/4 inch)					
1st Application	3/4 inch	A	35 – 46	0.24 – 0.35	0.15 – 0.27
2nd Application	3/8 inch	C	20 – 26	0.31 – 0.40	0.18 – 0.29
3rd Application	No. 4	D	9 – 15	0.24 – 0.35	0.15 – 0.27
3B (5/8 inch)					
1st Application	1/2 inch	B	29 – 40	0.20 – 0.31	0.11 – 0.22
2nd Application	3/8 inch	C	15 – 20	0.31 – 0.40	0.18 – 0.29
3rd Application	No. 4	D	9 – 15	0.20 – 0.31	0.11 – 0.22

(1) See Table 703-7 for aggregate gradations.
(2) Aggregate masses are for aggregates having a bulk specific gravity of 2.65 as determined by AASHTO T 84 and T 85. Make proportionate corrections when the aggregate furnished has a bulk specific gravity above 2.75 or below 2.55.
(3) Adjust the asphalt content of the first application for the condition of the road.

407.15_National_5_17_2017

Delete Subsection 407.15 and replace with the following:

407.15 Payment.

407.15 The accepted quantities will be paid at the contract price per unit of measurement for the Section 407 pay items listed in the bid schedule. See Subsection 109.05.

411 - Asphalt Prime Coat

411.05_National_7_17_2017

Delete Subsection 411.05(d) and replace with the following:

411.05 Weather Limitations.

(d) Weather is not forecasted to be foggy or rainy 24 hours following application.

411.08_National_11_4_2016

Delete the second paragraph of Subsection 411.08 and replace with the following:

411.08 Maintenance.

Spread additional blotter to cover unabsorbed cut-back asphalt. Spread additional choker aggregate to cover unabsorbed emulsified asphalt. Remove excess blotter or choker aggregate after the asphalt is absorbed.

411.09_National_11_4_2016

Delete the second sentence of Subsection 411.09 and replace with the following:

411.09 Acceptance.

Crushed aggregate, blotter, and choker aggregate will be evaluated under Subsection 106.03.

412 - Asphalt Tack Coat

412.05_National_11_4_2016

Delete Subsection 412.05(b) and replace with the following:

412.05 Weather Limitations.

(b) Ambient air temperature is above 40 °F (5 °C) and rising; and

413 - Asphalt Pavement Milling

413.00_National_7_17_2017

Add the following to Subsection 413.01:

413.01 Description.

This work also includes cutting asphalt pavement.

Make the following changes to Subsection 413.03:

413.03 Milling.

Add the following to the end of the first paragraph:

Prior to milling, cut existing asphalt pavement at the locations and to the extent shown on the plans. Cut the asphalt pavement to form a vertical face in unfractured asphalt surfacing.

Delete the first sentence of paragraph five and replace with the following:

Remove and completely recover all loose milled material.

Delete the second paragraph of Subsection 413.05and replace with the following:

413.05 Measurement.

Do not measure asphalt pavement milling or asphalt pavement cutting.

Delete the first sentence of Subsection 413.06 and replace with the following:

413.06 Payment.

Payment is indirect to Section 403 pay items listed in the Schedule of Items.

602 - Culverts and Drains

602.05_National_7_7_2017

Add the following to Subsection 602.05.

602.05 Laying Metal Pipe.

(c) Standard Connecting bands. Band corrugation shall match that of the pipe sections being joined or the annular rerolled ends of those pipe sections.

701 - Cement

701.02_National_7_10_2017

Add the following to Subsection 701.02:

701.02 Masonry and Mortar Cement.

Keep mortar in the original manufacturer's labeled containers until used. Protect as specified for Portland cement in 701.01. Do not use mortar after the expiration date shown on the container or 1 year from date of purchase, whichever date occurs first.

Store, mix, place and cure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; submit a copy in advance of use to the CO.

Furnish mortar that is a chemical action concrete of the magnesium ammonium phosphate family and requires no curing under ambient temperatures of 36° - 100° F. Require recommendation by its manufacturer specifically for use in prestressed concrete bridge member keyways that are to be part of the finished wearing and running surface of the bridge, subjected to normal roadway contaminants and conditions promoting wear of normal bridge deck concrete.

Typical properties of the mortar, when tested neat without aggregate, are as follows, except when noted:

- Compressive strength (ASTM C 109 modified) of 6000 psi at 24 hours at 72° F or above, and when used below 50° F, 5000 psi.
- Modulus of elasticity (ASTM C 469) at 7 and 28 days of 4177 ksi and 4554 ksi.
- Freeze-thaw durability (ASTM C 666, Procedure A Modified) of a relative dynamic modulus greater than 80 percent after 300 cycles.
- Scaling resistance to deicing chemicals (ASTM C 672) after 5 and 25 cycles at a rating of 0, shall show no surface scaling; after 50 cycles at a rating of 1.5 shall show only slight surface scaling.
- Sulfate resistance (ASTM C 1012) length change after 52 weeks shall be no greater than 0.9 percent.
- Coefficient of thermal expansion (CRD-C 39-81) when run with 1inch x 1 inch x 11 inch bars and neat mixes without aggregate, shall be within 10 percent of 7150 psi/degree Fahrenheit.
- Flexural strength (ASTM C 78 Modified) of 3 inch x 4 inch x 16 inch prisms shall be 3.8 550 psi at 24 hours for the mortar only, and 670 psi with 3/8 inch pea gravel.

Submit independent tests for the mortar recommended for use from 50° - 100° F, when used to fill test specimens conforming to the Government's bridge box beam test keyway, showing the following results:

Lateral (horizontal) shear between adjacent members: Range of 14 k/ft of keyway

Vertical shear between adjacent members: 16 k/ft of keyway

Direct tension between adjacent members: 6 k/ft of keyway.

Submit independent tests for the mortar recommended for use from 36° - 50° F, when used to fill test specimens conforming to the Government's bridge box beam test keyway, showing the following results:

- Lateral (horizontal) shear between adjacent members: Range of 2.4 k/ft of keyway
- Vertical shear between adjacent members: 6 k/ft of keyway
- Direct tension between adjacent members: 4 k/ft of keyway.

Two products that meet these requirements are BASF/Master Builders Technologies Regular Set-45 [for use below 50° F] and Set-45 Hot Weather Formula [for use from 50° - 100° F].

Use Set-45 Hot Weather Formula in air temperatures from 50° - 100° F. Use Regular Set-45 only in air temperatures below 50° F. When used in temperatures below 36° F, use approved weather precautions designed to prevent the mortar from freezing. Except when used in bridge deck keyways and blockouts, Regular Set-45 may be extended by the addition of 20 pounds of washed and clean 3/8 inch minus pea gravel per 50 pound bag when placed in thicknesses over 1.5 inches, or when approved by the CO.

Unless using one of the two products described above, submit products proposed for use to the CO for approval, and accompany them with the manufacturer’s submittals substantiating all requirements in this section, including (1) graphs or charts showing the time, temperature,

humidity, and curing requirements to achieve mortar strengths equal to the adjacent concrete; and (2) complete recommendations for storage, mixing, application and curing procedures.

703 - Aggregate

703.05_National_7_18_2017

Delete Subsection 703.05(c)(3) and Replace with the following:

703.05 (c) Surface course aggregate. (3) Plastic Index

(3) Plastic Index, AASHTO T 90

If the percent passing the No. 200 sieve is less than 12%	2 to 9
If the percent passing the No. 200 sieve is greater than 12%	Less than 2

703.05_National_12_15_2016

Delete 703.05 and replace with the following:

703.05 Subbase, Base, Surface Course, and Screened Aggregate.

(a) Subbase or base aggregate. Furnish hard, durable particles or fragments of crushed stone, crushed slag, or crushed gravel conforming the following:

(1) Gradation	Table 703-2
(2) Liquid limit, AASHTO T 89	25 max.
(3) Plastic limit, AASHTO T 90	Nonplastic
(4) Los Angeles abrasion, AASHTO T 96	40% max.
(5) Sodium sulfate soundness loss (5 cycles), AASHTO T 104	12% max.
(6) Durability index (coarse), AASHTO T 210	35 min.
(7) Durability index (fine), AASHTO T 210	35 min.
(8) Fractured faces, ASTM D 5821	50% min.
(9) Free from organic matter and lumps or balls of clay	

Do not use material that breaks up when alternately frozen and thawed or wetted and dried.

Obtain the aggregate gradation by crushing, screening, and blending processes as necessary. Fine aggregate, material passing the No. 4 sieve, shall consist of natural or crushed sand and fine mineral particles.

(b) Surface course aggregate. Furnish hard, durable particles or fragments of crushed stone, crushed slag, or crushed gravel conforming the following:

(1) Gradation	Table 703-3
(2) Liquid limit, AASHTO T 89	35 max.
(3) Plastic Index, AASHTO T 90	
a) If the percent passing the No. 200 sieve is less than 12%	2 to 9
b) If the percent passing the No. 200 sieve is greater than 12%	Less than 2

(4) Los Angeles abrasion, AASHTO T 96	40% max.
(5) Sodium sulfate soundness loss (5 cycles), AASHTO T 104	12% max.
(6) Durability index (coarse), AASHTO T 210	35 min.
(7) Durability index (fine), AASHTO T 210	35 min.
(8) Fractured faces, ASTM D 5821	75% min.
(9) Free from organic matter and lumps or balls of clay	

Do not use material that breaks up when alternately frozen and thawed or wetted and dried.

Do not furnish material that contains asbestos fibers.

Obtain the aggregate gradation by crushing, screening, and blending processes as necessary. Fine aggregate, material passing the No. 4 sieve, shall consist of natural or crushed sand and fine mineral particles.

(c) Screened aggregate – Furnish hard, durable particles or fragments of stone, slag, or gravel conforming the following:

(1) Gradation	Table 703-16
(2) Plastic Index, AASHTO T 90	Less than 9
(3) Los Angeles abrasion, AASHTO T 96	55% max.
(4) Free from organic matter and lumps or balls of clay.	

Do not use material that breaks up when alternately frozen and thawed or wetted and dried.

Obtain the aggregate gradation by crushing, screening, and blending processes as necessary.

Delete Table 703-2 and replace with the following:

Table 703-2

Sieve Size	Percent by Mass Passing Designated Sieve (AASHTO T 27 and T 11)				
	Grading Designation				
	A (Subbase)	B (Subbase)	C (Base)	D (Base)	E (Base)
2½ inch	100				
2 inch	97 – 100	100	100		
1½ inch		97 – 100			
1 inch	65 – 79 (6)		80 – 100 (6)	100	
3/4 inch			64 – 94 (6)	86 – 100 (6)	100
1/2 inch	45 – 59 (7)				
3/8 inch			40 – 69 (6)	51 – 82 (6)	62 – 90 (6)
No. 4	28 – 42 (6)	40 – 60 (8)	31 – 54 (6)	36 – 64 (6)	36 – 74 (6)
No. 40	9 – 17 (4)			12 – 26 (4)	12 – 26 (4)
No. 200	4.0 – 8.0 (3)	4.0 – 12.0 (4)	4.0 –7.0 (3)	4.0 – 7.0 (3)	4.0 – 7.0 (3)

( ) The value in the parentheses is the allowable deviation (±) from the target values..

Delete Table 703-3 and replace with the following:

Table 703-3

Sieve Size	Percent by Mass Passing Designated Sieve (AASHTO T 27 and T 11)					
	Grading Designation					
	F	G	H	S	T	U
1 1/2 inch	100			100		
1 inch	97-100	100		72 – 92 (6)	100	
3/4 inch	76-89 (6)	97 - 100	97 - 100			100
1/2 inch					71 – 91 (6)	
3/8 inch	56-68 (6)	70 – 80 (6)	80 – 92 (6)	51 – 71 (6)		71 – 90 (6)
No. 4	43-53 (7)	51 – 63 (7)	58 – 70 (7)	36 – 53 (7)	43 – 60 (7)	50 – 68 (7)
No. 8				26 – 40 (6)	30 – 46 (6)	34 – 51 (6)
No. 16	23-32 (6)	28 – 39 (6)	28 – 40 (6)			
No. 40	15-23 (5)	19 – 27 (5)	16 – 26 (5)	14 – 25 (5)	16 – 28 (5)	19 – 30 (5)
No. 200	10.0-16.0 (4)	10.0 – 16.0 (4)	9.0 – 14.0 (4)	8.0 – 15.0 (4)	8.0 – 15.0 (4)	8.0 – 15.0 (4)

( ) The value in the parentheses is the allowable deviation (±) from the target values.
If the plasticity index (PI) is greater than 0, the TV range for the No. 200 sieve size is 8-12 (4).

Add Table 703-13:

Table 703-16
Gradation Requirements for Screened Aggregate

Sieve Size	Percent by Mass Passing Designated Sieve (AASHTO T 27 and T 11)						
	Grading Designation						
	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
6 inch	100	100					
4 inch			100	100			
3 inch					100	100	
2 inch							100
No. 4		15-45		15-45		15-45	

703.09_National_7_18_2017

Make the following changes to Subsection 703.09:

703.09 Chip Seal Aggregate.

Delete Subsection 703.09(c) and replace with the following:

(c) Flakiness Index, FLH T 508 30% max.

Add the following to Subsection 703.09:

(g) Adherent coating on the aggregate, FLH T 512 0.5% max.

704 - Soil

704.02_National_7_18_2017

Delete Subsection 704.02(a) and replace with the following:

704.02 Bedding Material.

(a) Maximum particle size	3 in (75 millimeters) or half the corrugation depth, whichever is smaller

704.08_National_11_8_2016

Make the following changes to Subsection 704.08:

704.08 Select Granular Backfill.

Delete Subsection 704.08(a)(2)

704.08 Select Granular Backfill. (a) Quality requirements. (2)

Delete Table 704-2 and replace with the following:

704.08 Select Granular Backfill. Table 704-2

Table 704-2
Select Granular Backfill Gradation

Sieve Size	Percent by Mass Passing Designated Sieve (AASHTO T 27 & AASHTO T 11)
4 inch (100 mm)	100
No. 40 (425 µm)	0 – 30
No. 200 (75 µm)	0.0 – 8.0