

SECTION 312333 - UNDERGROUND CONDUIT INSTALLATION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. The Construction Drawings and General Provisions of this Contract including the General and Supplementary Conditions, Specific Project Requirements, Proposal, and all referenced standard specifications apply to work defined in this section.

1.2 DESCRIPTION

- A. This work shall consist of the construction or reconstruction of underground pipe conduits in accordance with these specifications and in reasonable close conformance to the lines and grades shown on the detailed plans or as otherwise established by the Engineer.
- B. This work shall include excavating for the conduit, fittings, and appurtenances; clearing and grubbing and removal of all materials necessary for placement of the conduit except any items paid for separately; furnishing and placing bedding and backfill as required; constructing and subsequently removing all necessary cofferdams, cribs and sheeting; pumping and dewatering; making all conduit joints as required; installing all necessary conduit; joining to existing and proposed appurtenances as required; performing leakage tests as required; restoration of all disturbed facilities and surfaces. The work shall also include the maintenance of existing flow and service to facilities being modified. Procedures for such maintenance shall be as approved by the Engineer prior to any work commencing.

PART 2 - MATERIALS

2.1 CONDUIT

- A. All conduit utilized shall be of one type and size specified in the proposal meeting the requirements of the detailed material specification.
- B. Shop drawings, catalog cuts, and test certifications may be required by the Engineer for all conduit, fittings, and appurtenances.
- C. Aggregate for the bedding and backfill shall conform to the requirements of the plan detail or as modified in writing by the Engineer. All aggregates shall conform to ODOT 703 for soundness and gradation.
- D. All other materials utilized as part of this work shall meet their respective ASTM requirements.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS

A. Pavement, Sidewalks, and Curbing

1. Removal of existing pavements, sidewalks, curbing, and similar structures shall end at an existing joint or a sawed joint. Sawed joints shall be straight, neat, and free from chipped or damaged edges.
2. For non-reinforced concrete, the saw cut shall be completely through concrete.
3. For reinforced concrete, the saw cut shall be completely through the steel and concrete.
4. If the concrete is coated with a bituminous surface or other material, the saw cut shall be as specified above.

B. Manholes, Catch Basins, and Inlets

1. Existing drainage structures and sanitary manholes designated by the Engineer to be removed shall be completely removed.
2. Manholes designated to be abandoned shall be removed to an elevation of at least 3 ft. below the finished subgrade or ground surface. The remaining void shall be filled with backfill material in accordance with Section 312323.13 - Compacted Backfill.
3. Live sewers connected to structures removed or abandoned shall be rebuilt through the area with new conduit. Sewer flow shall be maintained between removal and replacement operations. Abandoned sewers shall be sealed and made watertight with approved precast stoppers or masonry bulkheads.
4. All castings salvaged from abandoned or removed structures shall remain the property of the Owner and shall be cleaned and transported by the Contractor to a nearby site designated by the Owner or incorporated in the work where called for on the drawings.

C. Guardrail and Fence

1. Where necessary, existing guardrail and fence shall be carefully dismantled and stored for reuse or for salvage by the Owner.
2. Posts and other materials not considered salvageable by the Engineer shall be disposed of by the Contractor.
3. The Contractor will be required to replace, at no cost to the Owner, material lost or damaged by negligence or by the use of improper methods.

3.2 METHOD OF EXCAVATION

- A. All excavation shall be in open cut unless otherwise permitted by the Engineer. Loosening of material by blasting will not be permitted without written authorization by the Owner specifying both the extent and location of the blasting to be done. If permission is granted the Contractor shall submit in writing his means and methods of blasting to the Owner for approval. Blasting shall not begin until the Owner issues written approval of the means and method of blasting.

- B. Excavation shall be made to undisturbed finish subgrade to the depth below the bottom of the conduit or structure as shown on the Contract Drawings details.
- C. Trenches shall be excavated with vertical sides from the bottom of the trench to one (1') foot above the top of the conduit from which point sides may slope to ground surface, except that, in streets or roadways, trenches shall be excavated with near vertical sides to the top of the trench. Width of trench in the vertical section shall be excavated only as wide as necessary to accommodate a safety box and to provide free working space on each side of the conduit or structure according to the size of the conduit or structure and the character of the ground. In every case there shall be sufficient space between the conduit or structure and the sides of the trench to make it possible to thoroughly ram the bedding around the conduit or structure and to secure tight conduit joints, but in no case more than twelve inches on either side of conduit. In no case, however, shall the width of the trench at the top of the conduit exceed the dimensions as shown on the contract drawings. In no case will it be permitted to excavate conduit trenches with sides sloping to the bottom.
- D. The trench bottom shall be firm and uniform for its full length. Should unstable material be encountered below plan subgrade, it shall be removed to a depth directed by the Engineer. Replacement of the additional excavation shall be with the specified bedding material or as otherwise directed by the Engineer.
- E. In the case the flow line is changed not to exceed one (1) foot or it becomes necessary to remove unstable material in an amount not to exceed one (1) foot, the same shall be done at one contract bid price or amount. When the flow line is lowered more than (1 foot) or if it becomes necessary to remove more than (1 foot) of unsuitable material below the bottom of the trench, compensation will be provide therefore in a supplemental agreement for the excavation and backfill beyond (1 foot).

3.3 UNAUTHORIZED EXCAVATIONS

- A. All excavations carried outside of the lines and grades given or specified, together with the disposal of such material, and all excavations and other work resulting from slides, cave-ins, swellings or upheavals shall be at the Contractor's own cost and expense. All spaces resulting from unauthorized excavations or from slides or cave-ins shall be refilled at the Contractor's expense with suitable material as specified in ODOT Item 203, "Roadway Excavation and Embankment" or Section 312323.13, "Compacted Backfill" in designated areas shown on the contract drawings or specified under this Section. Compaction requirements shall be in accordance with these specifications.

3.4 SHEETING AND SHORING

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for supporting and maintaining all excavations required even to the extent of sheeting or shoring the sides and ends of excavations with timber or other satisfactory supports. If the sheeting, braces, shores, stringers, waling timbers, or other supports are not properly placed or are insufficient, the Contractor shall provide additional or stronger supports. The requirements of sheeting or shoring or of the addition of supports shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for their sufficiency. All trench protection and sheeting and shoring must conform to the

regulations of both the Ohio State Industrial Commission (OSIC) and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and will be subject to their respective inspections. All orders of OSIC and OSHA representatives must be complied with by the Contractor.

- B. All sheeting and shoring shall be removed where and when required and, upon its removal, all voids filled. If any sheeting or shoring is ordered to be left in place, it shall be cut-off as directed. In compensation for the sheeting and shoring left in place, if any, shall be by prior written change order.

3.5 REMOVAL OF WATER

- A. All conduit shall be installed in a dry and stable trench. The Contractor may pump or otherwise remove any water, sewage, or other liquid that may be found or may accumulate in the trench.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Contractor, dewatering pumps and equipment are required to maintain a dry and stable trench, suitably sized pumps shall be provided to meet the requirements. The manner and spacing of well points shall be at the Contractor's discretion.
- C. Excess water shall not be considered reason for undercut of trench bottom.
- D. The Contractor shall maintain the pumps for the duration of their need including a satisfactory discharge outlet. Power for the pumps shall be electric unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. Noise abatement may be required for any on-site generators in residential areas.

3.6 BEDDING FOR LAYING CONDUIT

- A. Bedding shall conform to the requirements of the plan detail unless otherwise modified by the Engineer.
- B. All granular bedding material shall be compacted to 95 percent of maximum laboratory dry density.
- C. All pipe bedding shall be of the gradation(s) specified and be limestone. Slag may not be used and gravel may be used with permission of the Engineer.

3.7 LAYING CONDUIT

- A. Except as otherwise permitted by the Engineer, all conduit shall be laid starting at the outlet end. Pressure conduits may be laid from either direction however the joints shall be such that the bell is upgrade or toward normal pressure.
- B. Line and grade for gravity conduits shall be established by the use of sufficient means to maintain acceptable installation tolerances and allow for reasonable checking observation by the Engineer.

- C. Line and grade shall be established and maintained over a length of fifty (50) feet minimum. Cut sheets establishing grade at fifty (50) foot intervals shall be provided to the Engineer prior to beginning work.
- D. The Contractor shall provide sufficient equipment and workers to safely handle and lay all conduit included as part of this work. All storage of materials shall be in a manner as to avoid damage to either surface prior to placement.
- E. The Contractor shall inspect each piece of conduit prior to placement in the trench and any unsatisfactory conduit shall be rejected.
- F. Conduit shall not be laid in water, mud, or any otherwise unsuitable trench. The conduit shall not be pushed into or allowed to fall to the bottom of the trench. Handling of the conduit shall be in conformance to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- G. The conduit shall be kept clean and any open ends of installed conduit shall be closed when work is not in progress.
- H. Jointing of the conduit shall be in accordance to the requirements of the manufacturers and as required by the specification material type. Any deviation from these acceptable methods requires approval of the Engineer.
- I. Testing of joints, where required, shall be done in accordance with the Specification for Testing. Should any section fail to meet test requirements, the Contractor shall make suitable corrections, at their cost, until the requirements are met.

3.8 SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- A. In general, and as called for on the drawings, as required or as ordered, provision shall be made in the sewers for service connections by inserting a wye branch for each service connection with a branch size called for by the contract drawings but never less than six (6) inch, in the sewer at location shown, where required or ordered, for sewers to ten (10) feet in depth. For sewers exceeding ten (10) feet in depth, or indicated on the plans, the Contractor shall construct a riser, as per detail, in such manner, that the top of the riser shall be not less than seven (7) feet below grade or at such elevation as to properly receive the required service connection, with full regard to elevation of service sewer and slope from building or structure to the sewer which shall not be less than one percent (1%). Risers are to be encased in sonotube filled with No. 57 Limestone as shown on the contract drawings.
- B. The location of service connections is shown in a general way on the contract drawings. The Owner may also increase the number of connections or delete some connections as the sewer is being built, or increase the size of connections when it deems such advisable.

3.9 FINAL BACKFILL

- A. Final backfill shall be installed from the top of the Pipe Embedment to the final grade. Final backfill of all conduit trenches shall conform to the requirements of the plans and details, Section 312323.13 "Compacted Backfill", and Section 312323.14 "Compacted Granular Backfill". All final backfill under existing or proposed pavement or structures or within the 1:1 zone of influence of existing or proposed pavement or structures shall be "Compacted Granular Backfill". All final backfill not under existing or proposed pavement or structures or within the 1:1 zone of influence of proposed pavement or structures shall be "Compacted Backfill".
- B. Unless otherwise directed, all forms, bracing and lumber shall be removed during backfilling and the cavities and voids resulting from the removal shall be backfilled and compacted to 100% of Standard Proctor.
- C. The Contractor must use special care in placing backfill so as to avoid injuring or moving the conduit or structure when compacting the backfill.
- D. In areas used for temporary maintenance of traffic the top layer of final backfill from the elevation of the existing subbase base interface to the existing or proposed surface(s), shall be ODOT Item 304 Aggregate Base to provide a temporary surface traffic course.
- E. Should after settlement occur, the Contractor must add and compact additional material.
- F. Machine mounted mechanical tamper shall be used for backfill compaction. Flooding, jetting or puddling of backfill will not be permitted.
- G. Excavated material in excess of that needed for backfilling and all unsuitable material shall be disposed of by the Contractor at his own expense and the cost of such disposal shall be included in the unit or lump sum prices bid.

3.10 TESTING AND ACCEPTANCE

- A. Prior to final acceptance of the conduit or the placing of the conduit into service, testing and/or televising may be required.
- B. For all sanitary, water, or other pressured conduits, pressure testing shall be required in accordance to the specifications contained herein. Televising shall be required for all sanitary sewer and may be required for storm sewers as outlined or required by plan note.
- C. Final television inspection of conduit shall be performed by an experienced company and in a format satisfactory to the Owner. Televising shall be done in the presence of the Engineer unless so waived. The Engineer shall be provided with unedited video tapes and two (2) copies of the video log.
- D. Televising shall not be done until all known repairs are completed and the line has been suitably flushed.

3.11 SITE RESTORATION

- A. Restoration of the disturbed project area shall begin immediately after backfilling has been completed. All excess material, debris, and excavation shall be disposed of by the Contractor.
- B. Restoration of paved surfaces and of seeded areas shall be done as soon as conditions permit. The manner in which this work shall be done is defined in other specifications or the contract plans.
- C. While payment for site restoration may be included in other items, final acceptance of the underground conduit shall not occur until all work is complete. Where no separate pay items exist for restoration work, the Engineer may determine an appropriate value for this work to be retained until its completion.

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