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This division is written so that ordinarily the type of construction described is complete, but, where applicable, other divisions are considered a part of these specifications.

SECTION 15 - SCOPE OF WORK

This work shall consist of constructing curb and gutter, sidewalks, and driveways of Portland cement concrete on an approved, prepared subgrade in strict accordance with these specifications and in conformity with the lines, grades, and applicable drawings. All curb and gutter districts constructed shall conform to Division II, Portland Cement Concrete, as well as these specifications.

SECTION 16 - MATERIALS

16.01 Cement - Portland cement shall conform to all requirements of ASTM C-150, Type I, "Specifications for Portland Cement", with subsequent additions and amendments thereto, and also the following general requirements.

Cement shall be stored to provide adequate protection against dampness, and no cement shall be used that has become caked or lumpy. No reclaimed cement shall be used. No cement which has been left in storage more than ninety (90) days after shipment from the mill shall be used unless retested and, if failing to meet the requirements specified, shall be rejected. Normally, cement purchased from local dealers shall be considered satisfactory.

16.02 Sand-Gravel - Sand-gravel for concrete shall be a mixture of sand and gravel composed of clean, hard, durable, uncoated pebbles free from injurious amounts of soft or flaky particles, shale, alkali, organic matter, or other deleterious materials. The following materials shall be considered objectionable and percentage by weight shall not be greater than:

Clay lumps	0.5
Coal and carbonaceous shale	0.5
Unsound chert particles retained on 3/8" sieve	3.0

Gradation requirements for sand-gravel aggregates for concrete are as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Total % retained on 1" sieve	--	0
Total % retained on #4 sieve	10	35
Total % retained on #10 sieve	45	65
Total % retained on #20 sieve	65	85
Total % retained on #30 sieve	75	85
Total % retained on #100 sieve	95	100
Total % retained on #200 sieve	97	100

Platte River sand-gravel meeting the above gradation is considered satisfactory.

16.03 Fine Sand and Coarse Aggregate. When 47-B concrete is required, see Division II, Portland Cement Concrete Pavement, for specifications.

16.04 Water. Water used for mixing concrete shall be free from oil, acid, alkali, organic matter, or other deleterious materials. Water from wells or City mains shall be considered satisfactory.

16.05 Joint Filter. Joint filter shall consist of premolded bituminous fiber uniformly impregnated with between 35% and 50% durable asphalt by weight and being furnished in strips of the dimensions specified in the plans. A one (1) inch thick sample when compressed to 50% of original thickness at a rate of 1/10 inch per minute and released shall show at least 70T recovery within one hour after compression and shall not have required more than 500 pounds per square inch compression load and extrusion of not more than 1/8 inch.

Expansion joint material shall be 3/4 inch or more in thickness and shall conform to AASHTO M33-48 (Pre-formed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete).

16.06 Joint Sealing Material. The hot pour paving joint materials shall be of the rubber-asphalt type and shall be melted in a double jacket kettle equipped with an agitator for stirring the material during melting and pouring. The rubber-asphalt shall meet Federal Specifications SS-S-164 or subsequent revisions.

SECTION 17 - CONSTRUCTION METHODS

17.01 Subgrade Preparation. The subgrade shall be prepared by excavating or filling to the required elevation for bottom of concrete. The subgrade shall be thoroughly tamped or otherwise compacted to insure stability. In fills, the subgrade shall be made at least one foot wider on each side than required by the curb and gutter, sidewalk, or driveway.

Stakes will be set by the City Engineering Division of the Public Works Department for line and grade after a sidewalk permit has been issued by the Public Works Department. The subgrade shall slope toward the street curb on a grade of not less than one-fourth inch per foot.

Where fill is required, it will be laid in six (6) inch layers and thoroughly tamped to the satisfaction of the Engineer. Mushy or spongy material will not be used for fill material. Soft and spongy material will be removed and replaced with suitable backfill material.

Trees that are in the way of the sidewalk will be removed including the stump. Roots of trees that are located outside the sidewalk but extend under the sidewalk shall be cut off at least six (6) inches below the sidewalk.

17.02 Forms and Form Setting. The forms shall be of wood or metal, straight and free from warp, and of sufficient strength to resist springing during the process of depositing concrete against them. All forms shall be securely staked, braced, and held firmly to the required line and grade. All forms shall be thoroughly cleaned and oiled before concrete is placed against them.

Wood forms shall be not less than 1-5/8 inches in thickness except for curvilinear sections where properly braced forms of lesser thickness may be used.

Tolerances of 1/8 to 1/4 inch shall be maintained for form alignment and vertical elevation.

17.03 Concrete. Concrete shall conform to Division II, Portland Cement Concrete Pavement.

Concrete shall be mixed in an approved mixer with sufficient water added to produce a workable mix. In no case shall so much water be used as to cause the collection of a surplus on the surface or to cause segregation during transportation to place of deposit. All materials shall be accurately weighed or measured, and mixing shall continue for a full minute after all materials are in the drum of the mixer. Any concrete which is not in place within thirty (30) minutes after the water has been added shall not be used.

The operation of depositing and compacting concrete shall be conducted so as to form a compact, dense, artificial stone of uniform texture which shall show smooth faces on all exposed surfaces.

Transit-mixed or ready-mixed concrete may be used provided the concrete is placed in the forms before it has developed initial set and shall comply with ASTM C95-58 and the requirements of these specifications. Such concrete must be transported in such a way as to prevent segregation between the aggregates and the cement. Concrete shall develop an ultimate compressive strength of not less than figures shown in Section 11.01 when tested in standard 6" x 12" cylinders at an age of twenty-eight (28) days in accordance with ASTM C39-56T.

Hand mixing of concrete will not be permitted except with specific permission of the City Engineer on very small jobs or in case of emergency.

The concrete surface shall be treated with a liquid treatment for curing such as Tri-Kote or approved equal or burlap cure or plastic covering may be used in the concrete cure. The plastic film used for curing concrete or subgrade insulating material shall be tough, pliable, moisture-proof, and sufficiently durable to retain its moisture-proof properties. The plastic film can be a polyethylene film not less than 0.001 inch thick. Reinforcement materials where required or as shown on the plans and wire mesh shall comply with ASTM A-185 and reinforcing bars where required shall conform to ASTM A-15 or A305.

Air entrained concrete shall be obtained by using air-entrained Portland cement or air-entraining admixtures. Air content of fresh concrete shall measure six (6) to nine (9) percent. Air entrained concrete shall be used for all sidewalks, driveways, and curb and gutter.

The use of high-early strength Portland cement concrete will not be required unless stipulated in the plans and in the Special Provisions on certain contracts.

Concrete shall not be placed when inclement weather prevents good workmanship. Concrete shall not be placed when temperature is below 40 degrees F without specific permission of the Engineer.

The surface shall be wood floated to give a proper roughness to prevent foot slippage for normal foot traffic.

The cross slope shall be 1/4 inch per foot of width of sidewalk.

The sidewalk after pouring shall be protected from foot traffic for twenty-four (24) hours and vehicle traffic for seven (7) days.

17.04 Expansion Joints. Expansion joints shall be placed as indicated on the drawings or at each location where new construction connects with existing construction. Specifically, joints shall be placed where new curb and gutter joins existing curb and gutter, where sidewalks connect to curb and gutter, and at such other locations as the Engineer may direct. On long runs of new construction, joints shall be placed as directed. In no case shall the spacing between expansion joints exceed one hundred (100) feet.

SECTION 18 - CURB AND GUTTER

Concrete curb and gutter shall be constructed to the lines, grades, dimensions and design as called for in the drawings.

There shall be installed every six (6) feet a separator true to the dimensions and cross-section of the combined curb and gutter. This separator shall be removed after the concrete has taken its initial set and the joint properly edged to provide a neat joint. In finishing joints prior to and after removal of separators, extreme care shall be exercised to avoid raising the edge of the joint causing water pockets in the gutter flow line. Separators shall not exceed 1/8 inch in thickness. Immediately following finished operations and before the concrete has taken its final set, the gutter flow line shall be checked with a straightedge not less than ten (10) feet in length and approved by the Engineer.

The maximum deviation from true grade shall not exceed 1/4 inch and any irregularities shall be corrected immediately.

SECTION 19 - SIDEWALKS

Concrete sidewalks shall be constructed to the lines and grades determined by the Engineer. Sidewalks shall have a minimum width of four (4) feet and a depth of four (4) inches and shall be constructed with a side slope of 1/4 inch per foot unless otherwise approved by the Engineer or Engineer's representative. Surfaces shall be marked off in square blocks having an area of not less than sixteen (16) nor more than thirty-six (36) feet. On these lines, the concrete shall be cut through not less than 1/4 inch thickness with a pointed trowel or suitable spading tool and the concrete edged on both sides.

Sidewalks that are being constructed across driveway openings shall have a minimum depth of five (5) inches.

The surface shall be floated with a steel float just enough to produce a smooth surface, free from irregularities. All edges and joints shall be rounded to a radius of 1/4 inch with an approved finishing tool. The surface shall then be brushed with a fine bristle broom or wood float to slightly roughen the surface and remove the finishing tool marks.

SECTION 20 - DRIVEWAYS

Driveway approaches connecting private driveways to City streets shall be constructed with Portland cement concrete except where the private driveway connects to a full depth asphalt street. Where the driveway connects to a full depth asphalt street, asphaltic concrete may be used in construction of the driveway approach.

Driveway approaches shall be constructed to the lines and grade set by the Engineer. The minimum depth of both Portland cement concrete and asphaltic concrete for driveway approaches shall be five (5) inches and, in the event heavy loads are anticipated, the depth shall be increased to handle the expected loads.

SECTION 21 - METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

21.01 Curb and Gutter. Combination curb and gutter will be measured for payment by length in linear feet. Measurements will be made along the flow line of the gutter.

21.02 Sidewalks. Sidewalks will be measured for payment by area in square feet.

21.03 Driveways. Driveways as referred to in this paragraph are that portion of existing driveway approaches having to be removed behind the construction lines of pavement due to the driveway approach lying partly within the area between construction lines. Driveways will be measured for payment in area in square yards.

21.04 Expansion and Miscellaneous Joints. Expansion joints and all miscellaneous joints using pre-molded bituminous fiber will be considered incidental to the construction and not as a separate pay item.

21.05 Acceptance. Upon completion of a job, the Engineer shall be notified, and they shall make an inspection of the work. The Contractor will be notified in writing as to the acceptability of the work.