

SECTION 01570

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND REGULATION

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Requirements for signs, signals, control devices, flares, lights and traffic signals, as well as construction parking control, designated haul routes and bridging of trenches and excavations.
- B. Qualifications and requirements for use of flagmen.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Make submittals in accordance with Section 01300 - Submittals

1.03 UNIT PRICES

- A. Measurement and payment is on a unite of time or lump sum basis for traffic control and regulation, including obtaining approvals by governing authorities, preparation and submittal of traffic control plan if different than shown on Drawings, and subsequent approval from Owner and any other entity prior to commencing work in their right-of-way, provision of traffic control devices, barrels, barricades, control panels, signage including arrow boards as necessary for the project, relocation of traffic signs and control devices as necessary, relocating and replacing existing signs and provision of equipment and personnel as necessary to protect the work and the public in accordance with the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TxMUTCD). The amount invoiced shall be determined based on the approved schedule of values for traffic control and regulation.
- B. No separate measurement will be made for flaggers as required for the Project. Flaggers shall be considered incidental to the traffic control and regulation bid item.

1.04 FLAGMEN

- A. Use only flagmen who are off-duty, regularly employed, uniformed peace officers when specified in the Special Conditions. The Contractor shall also utilize certified flagmen at locations approved by the Owner or Owner's Representative.
- B. Use flagmen to control, regulate and direct an even flow and movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, for periods of time as may be required to provide for public safety and convenience, where:

1. Where multi-lane vehicular traffic must be diverted into single-lane vehicular traffic.
 2. Where vehicular traffic must change lanes abruptly.
 3. Where construction equipment either enters or crosses vehicular traffic lanes and walks.
 4. Where construction equipment may intermittently encroach on vehicular traffic lanes and unprotected walks and crosswalks.
 5. Where traffic regulation is needed due to rerouting of vehicular traffic around the work site.
 6. Where construction activities might affect public safety and convenience.
- C. The use of flagmen is for the purpose of assisting in the regulation of traffic flow and movement, and does not in any way relieve the contractor of full responsibility for taking such other steps and provide such other flagmen or personnel as the Contractor may deem necessary to protect the work and the public, and does not in any way relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for any damage for which he would otherwise be liable.

Flagmen shall be used and maintained at such points for such periods of time as may be required to provide for the public safety and convenience of travel.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND DEVICES

- A. Comply with Texas State Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (latest revision).
- B. Traffic Cones and Drums, Flares and Lights: As approved by local jurisdictions.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 PUBLIC ROADS

- A. Abide by laws and regulations of governing authorities when using public roads. If the Contractor's work requires that public roads be temporarily impeded or closed, approvals shall be obtained from governing authorities and permits paid for before starting any work. Coordinate activities with the Owner's Representative.

- B. Give Owner's Representative one-week notice before implementing approved traffic control phases. Inform local businesses of impending traffic control activities.
- C. Notify police department, fire department, and local schools, churches, and businesses in writing a minimum of five business days prior to beginning work.
- D. Contractor shall maintain at all times a 10-foot-wide all-weather lane adjacent to work areas which shall be kept free of construction equipment and debris and shall be for the use of emergency vehicles, or as otherwise provided in the traffic control plan.
- E. Contractor shall not obstruct the normal flow of traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on designated major arterials or as directed by the Owner's Representative.
- F. Contractor shall maintain local driveway access to residential and commercial properties adjacent to work areas at all times unless approved. Use all-weather materials approved by Owner's Representative to maintain temporary driveway access to commercial and residential driveways. The Contractor shall also give special consideration to maintain access by constructing temporary driveway pavement for schools, apartment complex, day care facilities, hospitals, clinics, retirement and assisted living facilities.
- G. Cleanliness of Surrounding Streets:
 - 1. Keep streets used for entering or leaving the job area free of excavated material, debris, and any foreign material resulting from construction operations in compliance with applicable ordinances.
- H. Remove existing signage and striping that conflict with construction activities or that may cause driver confusion.
- I. Provide safe access for pedestrians along major cross streets.
- J. Alternate closures of cross streets so that two adjacent cross streets are not closed simultaneously.
- K. Do not close more than two consecutive esplanade openings at a time without prior approval from Owner's Representative.

3.02 CONSTRUCTION PARKING CONTROL

- A. Control vehicular parking to prevent interference with public traffic and parking, access by emergency vehicles, and the Owner's operations.

- B. Monitor parking of construction personnel's vehicles in existing facilities. Maintain vehicular access to and through parking areas.
- C. Prevent parking on or adjacent to access roads or in non-designated areas.

3.03 FLARES AND LIGHTS

- A. Provide lights during hours of low visibility to delineate traffic lanes and to guide traffic.

3.04 HAUL ROUTES

- A. Utilize haul routes designated by owner, authorities or shown on the Drawings for construction traffic.
- B. Confine construction traffic to designated haul routes.
- C. Provide traffic control at critical areas of haul routes to regulate traffic and minimize interference with public traffic.

3.05 TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

- A. Construct all necessary traffic control devices including but not limited to loop detectors, traffic signal conduits, traffic signal wiring and cross walk signals as shown on the plan drawings.
- B. Install traffic control devices at approaches to the site and on site, at crossroads, detours, parking areas, and elsewhere as needed to direct construction and affected public traffic.
- C. Relocate traffic signs and appurtenances as Work progresses to maintain effective traffic control.
- D. Unless otherwise approved by Owner's Representative, provide driveway signs with the name of business that can be accessed from the particular cross-over. Two signs will be required for each cross-over.
- E. Replace existing traffic control devices in the project area.
- F. Owner's Representative may direct Contractor to make adjustments to traffic control signage to eliminate driver confusion and maintain orderly traffic flow during construction at no additional cost to the Owner.

- G. Repair or replace signal control devices, detectors or cables where damage occurred due to Contractors construction efforts or operation of equipment related to paving repairs or removal.

3.06 BRIDGING TRENCHES AND EXCAVATIONS

- A. Whenever necessary, bridge trenches and excavation to permit an unobstructed flow of traffic. Provide steel plates that can be laid across construction areas and major drives of commercial businesses.
- B. Secure bridging against displacement by using adjustable cleats, angles, bolts or other devices whenever bridge is installed:
 - 1. On an existing bus route;
 - 2. When more than five percent of daily traffic is comprised of commercial or truck traffic;
 - 3. When more than two separate plates are used for the bridge; or
 - 4. When bridge is to be used for more than five consecutive days.
- C. Install bridging to operate with minimum noise.
- D. Adequately shore the trench or excavation to support bridge and traffic.
- E. Extend steel plates used for bridging a minimum of one foot beyond edges of trench or excavation. Use temporary paving materials (premix) to feather edges of plates to minimize wheel impact on secured bridging.
- F. Use steel plates of sufficient thickness to support H-20 loading, truck or lane, which produces maximum stress.

3.07 REMOVAL

- A. Remove equipment and devices when no longer required.
- B. Repair damage caused by installation.
- C. Remove post settings to a depth of 2 feet.

3.08 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

- A. Designate individual to be responsible for maintenance of traffic handling around construction area. This individual must be accessible at all times to immediately correct any deficiencies in equipment and materials used to handle traffic, such as

missing, damaged, or obscured signs, drums, barricades, or pavement markings. Give name, address and telephone number of designated individual to the Owner's Representative.

- B. Make daily inspections of signs, barricades, drums, lamps and temporary pavement markings to verify that these are visible, and in good working order, and in conformance with TxDOT or any other entity. When not in conformance immediately bring equipment and materials into conformance by replacement, repair, cleaning, relocation, and/or realignment.
- C. Keep all equipment and materials, especially signs and pavement markings, clean and free of dust, dirt, grime, oil, mud or debris.

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