PROJECT COORDINATION

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 MEETINGS & PROJECT ACCESS

A. The Owner shall be notified five (5) days prior to commencement of Work by the Contractor.

B. The Contractor will coordinate with the Owner to arrange an on-site pre-construction meeting prior to commencement of any work. Job superintendents and subcontractors shall be included in this meeting.

C. The Contractor will coordinate all phases of the Work, so as not to interfere with the normal work procedures in the area.

D. The Contractor shall conduct his work in such a manner as to not interfere with or endanger work or traffic in areas adjacent to the construction area, except as permitted by the Owner. The Contractor shall so arrange his construction operations as to provide access for emergency vehicles and equipment to the work site at all times.

1.02 LABOR

A. The Contractor and subcontractors will employ mechanics skilled in their respective trades.

B. All labor will be performed in a neat and workmanlike manner.

1.03 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all O.S.H.A. safety precautions in connection with the Work.

B. Fire Protection: The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent fires adjacent to the Work and shall provide adequate facilities for extinguishing fires. The Contractor shall also prevent fires in project related buildings and shall prevent the spread of fires to areas outside the limits of the Work.

C. Safety Precautions: Prior to commencement of Work, the Contractor shall be familiar with all safety regulations and practices applicable with construction operations. No additional payments will be made for equipment and procedures necessitated by these safety precautions.

1.04 CORRECTION OF WORK

A. The Contractor shall promptly correct all Work rejected by the Owner as defective or as failing to conform to the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall bear all cost of correcting such rejected Work.

1.05 WEATHER CONDITIONS

A. No Work shall be done when, in the opinion of the Owner, the weather is unsuitable. No concrete, earth backfill, embankment, or paving shall be placed upon frozen material. If there is delay or interruption in the Work due to weather conditions, the necessary precautions must be taken to bond new Work to old.

B. Protection Against Water and Storm: The Contractor shall take all precautions to prevent damage to the Work by storms or by water entering the site of the Work directly or through the ground. In case of damage by storm or water, the Contractor, at his own expense, shall make repairs or replacements or rebuild such parts of the Work as the Engineer may require in order that the finished work may be completed as required by the Drawings and Specifications.

1.06 DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS

A. All debris and excess materials, other than that which is authorized to be reused, become the property of the Contractor and shall be promptly removed from the property. The Contractor shall receive title to all debris and/or excess material. The Owner will not be responsible for any loss or damage to debris or excess material owned by the Contractor.

1.07 PROJECT LAYOUT

A. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all necessary survey staking.
1. Locate and protect control points before starting work on the site.
2. Preserve permanent reference points during progress of the Work.
3. Establish a minimum of two permanent benchmarks on the site, referenced to data established by survey control points.
   a. Record locations, with horizontal and vertical data, on Project Record Documents.

UTILITY TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. Section includes:
1. Trench, backfill, and compact as specified herein and as needed for installation of underground utilities located outside the buildings.

1.02 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Use adequate numbers of skilled workmen who are thoroughly trained and experienced in the necessary crafts and who are completely familiar with the specified requirements and the methods needed for proper performance of the work of this section.

B. Use equipment adequate in size, capacity, and numbers to accomplish the work in a timely manner.

C. Comply with all requirements of governmental agencies having jurisdiction.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.01 SOIL MATERIALS

A. Fill and backfill materials:
1. Provide backfill materials free from organic matter and deleterious substances, containing no rocks or lumps over 6" in greatest dimension.
2. Fill material is subject to the approval of the Engineer, and is that material removed from excavations or imported from off-site borrow areas, predominantly granular, non-expansive soil free from roots and other deleterious matter.
3. Do not permit rocks having a dimension greater than 2" within 2' of the outside of pipe.
4. Cohesionless material used for backfill: Provide sand free from organic material and other foreign matter, and as approved by the Engineer.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.01 PROCEDURES

A. Existing Utilities:
1. Unless shown to be removed, protect active utility lines shown on the drawings or otherwise made known to the Contractor prior to trenching. If damaged, repair or replace at no additional cost to the Owner.
2. When existing underground utilities, which are not scheduled for removal or abandonment, are encountered in the excavation, they shall be adequately supported and protected from damage. Any damage to utilities shall be repaired promptly at no additional cost to the Owner.
3. If the service is interrupted as a result of work under this section, immediately restore service by repairing the damaged utility at no additional cost to the Owner.
4. If existing utilities are found to interfere with the permanent facilities being constructed under this section, immediately notify the Engineer and secure his instructions.
5. Do not proceed with permanent relocation of utilities until written instructions are received from the Engineer.

B. Protection of persons and property:
1. Barricade open holes and depressions occurring as part of the work, and post warning lights on property adjacent to or with public access.
2. Operate warning lights during hours from dusk to dawn each day and as otherwise required.
3. Protect structures, utilities, sidewalks, pavements, and other facilities from damage caused by settlement, lateral movement, washout, and other hazards created by operations under this section.

C. Dewatering: The Contractor, at all times, shall conduct his operations so as to prevent the accumulation of water, ice, and snow in excavations or in the vicinity of excavated areas, and to prevent water from interfering with the progress of quality of the work. Under no conditions shall water be allowed to rise in open trenches after pipe has been placed.

D. Accumulated water, ice, and snow shall be promptly removed and disposed of by pumping or other approved means. Disposal shall be carried out in a manner which will not create a hazard to public health, nor cause injury to public or private property, work completed or in progress, or public streets, nor cause any interference in the use of streets and road by the public. Pipes under construction shall not be used for drainage of excavations.

E. Maintain access to adjacent areas at all time.

3.02 TRENCHING

A. Care shall be exercised by the Contractor to avoid disrupting the operation of existing facilities without prior written approval of the Engineer.

B. Provide sheeting and shoring necessary for protection of the work and for the safety of personnel.
1. Sheeting and bracing required for trenches shall be removed to the elevation of the pipe, but no sheeting will be allowed to be pulled, removed, or disturbed below the pipe.

C. A trench shall be excavated to the required depth and to a width sufficient to allow for joining of the pipe and compaction of the bedding and backfill material under and around the pipe. Where feasible, trench walls shall be vertical.

D. The completed trench bottom shall be firm for its full length and width.

E. If indicated on the plans or directed by the Engineer, poor foundation material encountered below the normal grade of the pipe bed shall be removed and replaced with granular backfill.

F. Where pipes are to be placed in embankment fill, the excavation shall be made after the embankment has been completed to a height of 3 feet plus the diameter of the pipe above the designed grade of the pipe.

G. Excavating for appurtenances:
1. Excavate for manholes and similar structures to a distance sufficient to leave at least 12" clear between outer surfaces and the embankment or shoring that may be used to hold and protect the banks.
2. Over-depth excavation beyond such appurtenances that has not been directed will be considered unauthorized. Fill with sand, gravel, or lean concrete as directed by the Engineer, and at no additional cost to the Owner.

H. Excavation shall not interfere with normal 45° bearing splay of foundations.

I. All trenching shall be in accordance with the latest OSHA requirements.

J. Where utility runs traverse public property or are subject to governmental or utility company jurisdiction, provide depth, bedding, cover, and other requirements as set forth by legally constituted authority having jurisdiction, but in no case less than the depth shown in the Contract Documents.

K. Where trenching occurs in existing lawns, remove turf in sections and keep damp. Replace turf upon completion of the backfilling.

3.03 BEDDING

A. Pipe Bedding Area: Prior to laying pipe, bedding material shall be placed to the limits of the excavation and to a depth beneath the pipe as specified. This material shall be either sand, gravel, or crushed stone and shall not contain large lumps and stones over one inch in diameter. As the pipe is laid, bedding material shall be extended to 6" above the pipe and leveled along the width of the trench.

3.04 BACKFILLING

A. Backfilling shall not be done in freezing weather, with frozen materials, or when materials already placed are frozen.

B. Unless otherwise specified or indicated on the plans, material used for backfilling trenches above the bedding area shall be suitable material which was removed during excavation or obtained from borrow and when compacted shall make a dense stable fill. The material shall not contain vegetation, porous matter, masses of roots, individual roots more than 18 inches long or 1/2 inch thick, or stones greater than 50 pounds or larger than six inches in the widest dimension.

C. If additional material is required, it shall be furnished from approved sources.

D. Backfill material shall be evenly spread and compacted in lifts not more than 12 inches thick or as approved by the Engineer. Previously placed or new materials shall be moistened by sprinkling, if required, to ensure proper bond and compaction.

E. Reopen trenches which have been improperly backfilled, to a depth as required for proper compaction. Refill and compact as specified, or otherwise correct to the approval of the Engineer.

F. Should any of the work be so enclosed or covered up before it has been approved, uncover all such work and, after approvals have been made, refill and compact as specified, all at no additional cost to the Owner.

G. Take special care in backfilling and bedding operations to not damage pipe and pipe coatings.

H. No compacting shall be done when the material is too wet to be compacted properly. At such times the work shall be suspended until the previously placed and new materials have dried out sufficiently to permit proper compaction, or such other precautions are taken as may be necessary to obtain proper compaction.

I. Backfill material shall be compacted to the following percentages of maximum dry density and the in-place moisture content shall not be more than 2% above the optimum moisture content, as determined by Standard Proctor ASTM D698.
1. Around all structures, under roadway paving, shoulder and embankments – 95%.
2. All other areas – 90%.

SITE EARTHWORK

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. Section includes:
1. All excavation (unless covered in other sections of these specifications), removal and stockpile of topsoil, stabilization fabric, and other miscellaneous and appurtenant works.
2. Site filling.
3. Roadway structural sections.

1.02 PROTECTION

A. Protect bench marks and existing structures.

B. Protect above or below grade utilities which are to remain.

1.03 SUBMITTALS

A. Testing laboratory reports indicating that material for backfill meets requirements of this Section.

B. Field density test reports of site fill in place.

C. Field density test reports for roadway structural sections in place.

D. Stabilization Fabric: Submit copies of manufacturer's specifications and installation instructions.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.01 CRUSHED GRAVEL (AOT SPEC. 704.05A, FINE)

A. All materials shall be secured from approved sources. This gravel shall consist of angular and round fragments of hard durable rock of uniform quality throughout, reasonably free from thin elongated pieces, soft or disintegrated stone, dirt, organic or other objectionable matter. This material shall meet the following grading requirements:

Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieve
2"	100
1 1/2"	90 – 100
No. 4	30 – 60
No. 100	0 – 12
No. 200	0 – 6

2.02 GRAVEL FOR SUBBASE (AOT SPEC. 704.04A)

A. This material shall meet the following grading requirements:

Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieve
No. 4	20 – 60
No. 100	0 – 12
No. 200	0 – 6

The gravel shall be uniformly graded from coarse to fine and the maximum size stone particle shall not exceed 2/3 of the thickness of the layer being placed.

2.03 COMPACTED FILL/GRANULAR BORROW

A. This material shall be free of shale, clay, friable material, debris, and organic matter, graded in accordance with ANSI/ASTM C136 within the following limits:

Sieve Designation	Percent by Weight Passing Square Mesh Sieve
6"	100
3/4"	75 – 100
No. 4	20 – 100
No. 100	0 – 20
No. 200	0 – 12

2.04 GEOTECHNICAL – STABILIZATION FABRIC

A. This work shall consist of furnishing and placing an approved stabilization fabric on a prepared surface within the limits shown on the plans. The fabric shall meet, or exceed the following properties:
1. Grab tensile strength (ASTM D-1682) – 300 lbs.
2. Grab tensile elongation (ASTM D-1682) – 35 %
3. Burst strength (ASTM D-751) – 600 psi

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.01 PREPARATION

A. Identify required lines, levels, contours, and datum.

B. Identify known below grade utilities. Stake and flag locations.

C. Maintain and protect existing utilities remaining which pass through work area.

D. Upon discovery of unknown utility or concealed conditions, discontinue affected work; notify Engineer.

3.02 EROSION CONTROL

A. Erosion control must be installed prior to beginning any earthwork operations.

3.03 SITE CLEARING

A. Clear areas required for access to site and execution of Work.

B. Maintain access to the site at all times.

C. Remove trees and shrubs within marked areas. Remove stumps, roots and top roots and other projections 1 1/2" or greater in diameter to 2'-0" below the excavated surfaces in cut areas and 2'-0" below the exposed subgrade in fill areas.

D. Remove debris, rock, and extracted plant life from site.

E. Use means necessary to prevent dust becoming a nuisance to the public, to neighbors, and to other work being performed on or near the site.

3.04 TOPSOIL EXCAVATION

A. Excavate topsoil from areas to be excavated, re-landscaped or regraded and stockpile in areas designated on site or as directed by the Engineer.

B. Maintain the stockpile in a manner which will not obstruct the natural flow of drainage.
1. Maintain stockpile free from debris and trash.
2. Keep the topsoil damp to prevent dust and drying out.

3.05 SUBSOIL EXCAVATION

A. Excavate subsoil from areas to be regraded in accordance with plans.

B. Excavate subsoil required to accommodate site structures, construction operations, roads, and parking areas.

C. Grade top perimeter of excavation to prevent surface water from draining into excavation.

D. Notify engineer of unexpected subsurface conditions and discontinue affected work in area until notified to resume work.

E. Correct areas over-excavated by error as directed by the Engineer.

3.06 DITCHES

A. Cut accurately to the cross-sections, grades, and elevations shown.

B. Maintain excavations free from detrimental quantities of leaves, sticks, trash, and other debris until completion of the work.

C. Dispose of excavated materials as shown on the drawings or directed by the Engineer; except do not, in any case, deposit materials less than three feet from the edge of a ditch.

3.07 ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS AND BERMS

A. When embankments are to be made on a hillside, the slope of the original ground on which the embankments are to be constructed shall be stepped and properly drained as the fill is constructed so that adverse movements of the slopes do not occur.

B. Any excavated rock, ledge, boulders, and stone, except where required in the construction of other items or otherwise directed, shall be used in the construction of embankments to the extent of the project requirements and generally shall be placed so as to form the base of an embankment.

C. Frozen material shall not be used in the construction of embankments, nor shall the embankments or successive layers of the embankments be placed upon frozen material. Placement of material other than rock shall stop when the sustained air temperature, below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, prohibits the obtaining of the required compaction. If the material is otherwise acceptable, it shall be stockpiled and reserved for future use when its condition is acceptable for use in embankments.

D. When an embankment is to be constructed across a swamp, muck, or areas of unstable soils, the unsuitable material shall be excavated to reach soils of adequate bearing capacity and the embankment begun. Alternative methods, such as use of a stabilization fabric in place of excavation and backfill, may be utilized only after approval of same by the Engineer.

E. Material being placed in embankments shall be placed in horizontal layers of uniform thickness across the full width of the embankment. Stumps, trees, rubbish, and other unsuitable material shall not be placed in embankments.

F. Embankment areas shall be placed in eight-inch maximum lifts. Effective spreading equipment shall be used on each layer to obtain uniform thickness prior to compaction. Each layer shall be kept crowned to shed water to the outside edge of embankment and continuous leveling and manipulating will be required to assure uniform density. The entire area of each layer shall be uniformly compacted to at least the required minimum density by use of compaction equipment consisting of rollers, compactors, or a combination thereof. Earth-moving and other equipment not specifically manufactured for compaction purposes will not be considered as compaction equipment.

G. All fill material shall be compacted at a moisture content suitable for obtaining the required density. In no case shall the moisture content in each layer under construction be more than three percent above the optimum moisture content and shall be less than that quantity that will cause the embankment to become unstable during compaction. Sponginess, shoving, or other displacement under heavy equipment shall be considered evidence for an engineering determination of lack of stability under this requirement, and further placement of material in the area affected shall be stopped or retarded to allow the material to stabilize.

H. When the moisture content of the material in the layer under construction is less than the amount necessary to obtain satisfactory compaction by mechanical compaction methods, water shall be added by pressure distributors or other approved equipment. Water may also be added in excavation or borrow pits. The water shall be uniformly and thoroughly incorporated into the soil by disc, harrowing, blading, or by other approved methods. This manipulation may be omitted for sands and gravel. When the moisture content of the material is in excess of three percent above optimum moisture content, dry material shall be thoroughly incorporated into the wet material, or the wet material shall be aerated by disking, harrowing, blading, rotary mixing, or by other approved methods; or compaction of the layer of wet material shall be deferred until the layer has dried to the required moisture content by evaporation.

3.08 COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS

A. All backfills and fills shall be compacted in even lifts (12" maximum) to attain the required densities as follows:

Location	Standard Proctor ASTM D-1557
Subgrade (8") and Gravel for Roads and Parking Lots	95%
General Embankments	90%

BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVING

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. Section includes:
1. Base Courses
2. Leveling Courses
3. Finish Course

B. General: This work shall consist of one or more courses of bituminous mixture, constructed on a prepared foundation in accordance with these Specifications and the type of surface being placed, and in conformity with the lines, grades, thicknesses and typical cross sections shown on the plans or established by the Engineer.

1.02 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Use adequate numbers of skilled workers who are thoroughly trained and experienced in the necessary crafts and who are completely familiar with the specified requirements and the methods needed for proper performance of the work of this Section.

B. All materials and installation shall be in accordance with The Asphalt Institute Manual (MS-4) and the VAOT Standard Specifications, 2001.

C. Mixing Plant: Conform to State of Vermont Standards.

D. Obtain materials from same source throughout.

1.03 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. Bituminous concrete shall not be placed between November 1 and May 1. Material shall not be placed when the granular subbase is wet or when the air temperature at the paving site in the shade and away from artificial heat is as follows:

Air Temperature Degrees Fahrenheit	Pavement Compacted Depth
40 Degrees or below	1 1/4" or Greater
50 Degrees or below	Less than 1 1/4"

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

A. Materials shall be combined and graded to meet the criteria as defined in the VAOT Standard Specifications, Division 700 for bituminous concrete.

B. Gradation: Materials shall be combined and graded to meet composition limits specified in VAOT Standard Specification, Section 406.03, for the base course and finish course.

C. Thickness of paving for drives and parking lots shall be as shown on the plans, consisting of base course and finish course.

D. For pavement reconstruction areas due to trenching, the depth of each course shall be increased by 1/2". Pavement reconstruction caused by trench reopening due to improper placement or non-approved placement shall be performed at no additional cost to the Owner.

2.02 TRAFFIC MARKINGS

A. Traffic marking paint to be factory-mixed, meeting the requirements of the VAOT Standard Specifications, Section 708.08.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

A. Install in accordance with VAOT Standard Specifications, Section 406.

3.02 EXAMINATION

A. Verify that compacted granular base is dry and ready to support paving and imposed loads.

B. Verify gradients and elevations of base are correct.

3.03 PREPARATION

A. Matching Surfaces: When a new pavement is to match an existing bituminous pavement for a roadway or trench, the Contractor shall vertically smooth cut the existing pavement, over the existing gravel base. The smooth cut shall be thoroughly cleaned and coated with Emulsified Asphalt, RS-1, just prior to paving.

3.04 PREPARATION – TACK COAT

A. When the bottom course of bituminous concrete pavement is left over the winter, or paving is to be made over an existing bituminous concrete pavement, the existing surface shall be cleaned and Emulsified Asphalt applied before the next course is applied.

B. Also apply to contact surfaces of curbs.

C. Coat surfaces of manhole and catch basin frames with oil to prevent bond with asphalt pavement. Do not tack coat these surfaces.

3.05 PLACING ASPHALT PAVEMENT

A. Place to compacted thickness identified on the plans.

B. Compact pavement by rolling. Do not displace or extrude pavement from position. Hand compact in areas inaccessible to rolling equipment.

C. Develop rolling with consecutive passes to achieve even and smooth finish, without roller marks.

3.06 JOINTS

A. Joints between old and new pavements or between successive day's work shall be made so as to insure a thorough and continuous bond between the old and new mixtures. Whenever the spreading process is interrupted long enough for the mixture to attain its initial stability, the paver shall be removed from the mat and a joint constructed.

B. Butt joints shall be formed by cutting the pavement in a vertical plane at right angles to the centerline where the pavement has a true surface as determined by the use of a straight-edge. The butt joint shall be thoroughly coated with Emulsified Asphalt, Type RS-1, just prior to depositing the paving mixtures.

C. Longitudinal joints that have become cold shall be coated with Emulsified Asphalt, Type RS-1, before the adjacent mat is placed. If they have been exposed to traffic, they shall be cut back to a clean vertical edge prior to painting with the emulsion.

D. Unless otherwise directed, longitudinal joints shall be offset at least 6" from any joint in the lower courses of pavement. Transverse joints shall not be constructed nearer than one foot from the transverse joints constructed in lower courses.

3.07 TOLERANCES

A. The surface will be tested by the Engineer using a 16 foot straight-edge at selected locations parallel with the centerline. Any variations exceeding 3/16 of an inch between any two contacts shall be satisfactorily eliminated. A 10 foot straight-edge may be used on a vertical curve. The straight-edges shall be provided by the Contractor.

B. Scheduled Compacted Thickness: Within 1/4 inch.

C. Variation from True Elevation: Within 1/2 inch.

3.08 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Permit no vehicular traffic on surfaces until thoroughly cool and hard.

3.09 REPAIR OF SUBSIDENCE

A. Settlement – Should any pavement settle within one year of completion of the Contract, such pavement shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense. If the Contractor fails to make such repairs promptly upon receipt of notice to do so from the Owner, then the Owner may make such repairs as necessary and the Contractor shall pay the Owner for all costs incurred in making such repairs.

3.10 MARKING PAVEMENT FOR PARKING

A. Striping – Thoroughly clean the areas to receive striping and locate all striping as indicated on the Contract Plans. All striping shall be 4" wide unless otherwise noted.

B. Miscellaneous – Provide handicapped symbols and all other miscellaneous signs and symbols as indicated on the Contract Plans.

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