

Section 02330

EMBANKMENT

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Construction of embankments with excess excavated material and borrow.

1.02 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Unit Prices.

1. No separate payment will be made for embankment under this section. Include payment in unit price for excavation or borrow.
2. Refer to Section 01270 - Measurement and Payment for unit price procedures.

- B. Stipulated Price (Lump Sum). If Contract is Stipulated Price Contract, payment for work in this Section is included in total Stipulated Price.

1.03 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM D 698 - Standard Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soils Using Standard Effort (12,400 ft-lbf/ft³ (600 kN-m/m³)).
- B. ASTM D 1556 - Standard Test Method for Density and Unit Weight of Soil in Place by the Sand-Cone Method.
- C. ASTM D 2922 - Standard Test Methods for Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
- D. ASTM D 3017 - Standard Test Method for Water Content of Soil and Rock in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

- A. Refer to Section 02315 - Roadway Excavation for acceptable excess materials from roadway excavation.

- B. Refer to Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfill For Utilities for acceptable excess materials from utility excavation and trenching.
- C. Refer to Section 02319 - Borrow for acceptable borrow materials.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify borrow and excess excavated materials to be reused are approved.
- B. Verify removals and clearing and grubbing operations have been completed.

3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Backfill test pits, stump holes, small swales and other surface irregularities. Backfill and compact in designated lift depths to requirements for embankment compaction.
- B. Record location and plug and fill inactive water and oil wells. Conform to Texas State Health Department, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and Texas Railroad Commission requirements. Notify City Engineer prior to plugging wells.
- C. Excavate and dispose of unsuitable soil and other unsuitable materials, which will not consolidate. Backfill and compact to requirements for embankment. Unsuitable soil is defined in Section 02316 - Excavation and Backfill for Structures and Section 02320 - Utility Backfill Materials.
- D. Backfill new utilities below future grade. Conform to requirements of Sections 02317 - Excavation and Backfill For Utilities, 02511 - Water Lines, 02531 - Gravity Sanitary Sewers, and 02532 - Sanitary Sewage Force Mains.

3.03 PROTECTION

- A. Protect trees, shrubs, lawns, existing structures, and other features outside of embankment limits.
- B. Protect utilities above and below grade, which are to remain.
- C. Conform to protection requirements of Section 02315 - Roadway Excavation.

3.04 PLACING EMBANKMENT

- A. Do not conduct placement operations during inclement weather or when existing ground or fill materials exceed 3 percent of optimum moisture content. Contractor may manipulate wet material to facilitate drying, by disking or windrowing.
- B. Do not place embankment fill until density and moisture content of previously placed material comply with specified requirements.
- C. Scarify areas to be filled to minimum depth of 4 inches to bond existing and new materials. Mix with first fill layer.
- D. Spread fill material evenly, from dumped piles or windrows, into horizontal layers approximately parallel to finished grade. Place to meet specified compacted thickness. Break clods and lumps and mix materials by blading, harrowing, disking or other approved method. Extend each layer across full width of fill.
- E. Each layer shall be homogeneous and contain uniform moisture content before compaction. Mix dissimilar abutting materials to prevent abrupt changes in composition of fill.
- F. Layers shall not exceed the following compacted thickness:
 - 1. Areas indicated to be under future paving or shoulders, to be constructed within 6 months: 6 inches when compacted with pneumatic rollers, or 8 inches when compacted with other rollers.
 - 2. Other areas: 12 inches
- G. For steep slopes, cut benches into slope and scarify before placing fill. Place increasingly wider horizontal layers of specified depth to level of each bench.
- H. Build embankment layers on back slopes, adjacent to existing roadbeds, to level of old roadbed. Scarify top of old roadbed to minimum depth of 4 inches and recompact with next fill layer.
- I. Construct to lines and grades shown on Drawings.
- J. Remove unsuitable material and excess soil not being used for embankment from site in accordance with requirements of Section 01576 - Waste Material Disposal.
- K. Maintain moisture content of embankment materials to attain required density.
- L. Compact to following minimum densities at moisture content of optimum to 3 percent above optimum as determined by ASTM D 698, unless otherwise indicated on Drawings:

1. Areas under future paving and shoulders: Minimum density of 95 percent of maximum dry density.
2. Other areas: Minimum density of 90 percent of maximum dry density.

3.06 TOLERANCES

- A. Top of compacted surface: Plus or minus 2 inch in cross section or 16 foot length.

3.07 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Compaction Testing will be performed in accordance with ASTM D 1556 or ASTM D 2922 and ASTM D 3017 under provisions of Section 01454 - Testing Laboratory Services.
- B. A minimum of three tests will be taken for each 1000 linear feet per lane of roadway or 500 square yards of embankment per lift.
- C. If tests indicate work does not meet specified compaction requirements, recondition, recompact, and retest at no cost to City.

END OF SECTION