

Section 02531

GRAVITY SANITARY SEWERS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Gravity sanitary sewers and appurtenances, including stacks and service connections.

1.02 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Unit Prices.

1. Payment for gravity sanitary sewers by open-cut or within Potentially Petroleum Contaminated Area (PPCA) is on linear foot basis, complete in place, including sewer pipe, connections to existing manholes, post installation television inspection and testing. Measurement will be taken along centerline of pipe from centerline to centerline of manholes.
2. Payment for television inspection of existing gravity sanitary sewer will be on a linear foot basis. Measurement will be taken along centerline of pipe from centerline to centerline of manholes. See Section 02558 - Cleaning and Television Inspection.
  - No separate payment will be made for post inspection TV inspection.
4. 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 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to requirements of Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit proposed methods, equipment, materials and sequence of operations for sewer construction. Plan operations to minimize disruption of utilities to occupied facilities or adjacent property.
- C. Test Reports: Submit test reports and inspection videos as specified in Part 3 of this Section. Video tapes become property of City.

1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Qualifications. Install sanitary sewer that is watertight both in pipe-to-pipe joints and in pipe-to-manhole connections. Perform testing in accordance with Section 02533 - Acceptance Testing for Sanitary Sewers.
- B. Regulatory Requirements.
  - 1. Install sewer lines to meet minimum separation distance from potable water line, as scheduled below. Separation distance is defined as distance between outside of water pipe and outside of sewer pipe. When possible, install new sanitary sewers no closer to water lines than 9 feet in all directions. Where this separation distance cannot be achieved, new sanitary sewers shall be installed as specified in this section.
  - 2. Make notification to City Engineer when water lines are uncovered during sanitary sewer installation where minimum separation distance cannot be maintained.
  - 3. Lay gravity sewer lines in straight alignment and grade.

1.05 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Inspect pipe and fittings upon arrival of materials at job site.
- B. Handle and store pipe materials and fittings to protect them from damage due to impact, shock, shear or free fall. Do not drag pipe and fittings along ground. Do not roll pipe unrestrained from delivery trucks.
- C. Use mechanical means to move or handle pipe. Employ acceptable clamps, rope or slings around outside barrel of pipe and fittings. Do not use hooks, bars, or other devices in contact with interior surface of pipe to lift or move lined pipe.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 PIPE

- A. Provide piping materials for gravity sanitary sewers of sizes and types indicated on Drawings or as specified.
- B. Unlined reinforced concrete pipe is not acceptable.

2.02 PIPE MATERIAL SCHEDULE

- A. Unless otherwise shown on Drawings, use pipe materials that conform to requirements specified in one or more of following Sections:

1. Section 02501 - Ductile - Iron Pipe and Fittings.
2. Section 02504 - Centrifugally Cast Fiberglass Pipe.
3. Section 02505 - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Solid and Profile Wall Pipe.
4. Section 02506 - Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe.
5. Section 02508 - Extra Strength Clay Pipe.
6. Section 02611 - Reinforced Concrete Pipe.

B. Where shown on Drawings, provide pipe meeting minimum class, dimension ratio, or other criteria indicated.

C. Pipe materials other than those listed above shall not be used for gravity sanitary sewers.

#### 2.03 APPURTENANCES

A. Stacks. Conform to requirements of Section 02534 - Sanitary Sewer Service Stubs or Reconnections.

B. Service Connections. Conform to requirements of Section 02534 - Sanitary Sewer Service Stubs or Reconnections.

C. Roof, street or other type of surface water drains shall not be connected or reconnected into sanitary sewer lines.

#### 2.04 BEDDING, BACKFILL, AND TOPSOIL MATERIAL

A. Bedding and Backfill: Conform to requirements of Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities, Section 02320 - Utility Backfill Materials, and Section 02321 - Cement Stabilized Sand.

B. Topsoil: Conform to requirements of Section 02911 - Topsoil.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.01 PREPARATION

A. Prepare traffic control plans and set up street detours and barricades in preparation for excavation when construction will affect traffic. Conform to requirements of Section 01555 - Traffic Control and Regulation.

- B. Provide barricades, flashing warning lights, and warning signs for excavations. Conform to requirements of Section 01555 - Traffic Control and Regulation. Maintain barricades and warning lights where work is in progress or where traffic is affected by work.
- C. Perform work in accordance with OSHA standards. Employ trench safety system as specified in Section 02260 - Trench Safety System for excavations over 5 feet deep.
- D. Immediately notify agency or company owning utility line, which is damaged, broken or disturbed. Obtain approval from City Engineer and agency or utility company for repairs or relocations, either temporary or permanent.
- E. Remove old pavements and structures including sidewalks and driveways in accordance with requirements of Section 02221 - Removing Existing Pavements and Structures.
- F. Install and operate dewatering and surface water control measures in accordance with Section 01578 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
- G. Do not allow sand, debris or runoff to enter sewer system.

3.02 DIVERSION PUMPING

- A. Install and operate required bulkheads, plugs, piping, and diversion pumping equipment to maintain sewage flow and to prevent backup or overflow. Obtain approval for diversion pumping equipment and procedures from City Engineer.
- B. Design piping, joints and accessories to withstand twice maximum system pressure or 50 psi, whichever is greater.
- C. No sewage shall be diverted into area outside of sanitary sewer.
- D. In event of accidental spill or overflow, immediately stop overflow and take action to clean up and disinfect spillage. Promptly notify City Engineer so that required reporting can be made to TCEQ and Environmental Protection Agency by City Engineer.

3.03 EXCAVATION

- A. Earthwork. Conform to requirements of Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities. Use bedding as indicated on Drawings.
- B. Line and Grade. Establish required uniform line and grade in trench from benchmarks identified by City Engineer. Maintain this control for minimum of 100 feet behind and ahead of pipe-laying operation. Use laser beam equipment to establish and maintain proper line and grade of work. Use of appropriately sized grade boards, which are substantially supported, is also acceptable. Protect boards and location stakes from damage or dislocation.

- C. Trench Excavation. Excavate pipe trenches to depths shown on Drawings and as specified in Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.

3.04 PIPE INSTALLATION BY OPEN CUT

- A. Install pipe in accordance with pipe manufacturer's recommendations and as specified in following paragraphs.
- B. Install pipe only after excavation is completed, bottom of trench fine graded, bedding material is installed, and trench has been approved by City Engineer.
- C. Install pipe to line and grade indicated. Place pipe so that it has continuous bearing of barrel on bedding material and is laid in trench so interior surfaces of pipe follow grades and alignment indicated. Provide bell holes where necessary.
- D. Install pipe with spigot ends toward direction of flow.
- E. Form concentric joint with each section of adjoining pipe so as to prevent offsets.
- F. Keep interior of pipe clean as installation progresses. Remove foreign material and debris from pipe. Pull suitable swab through joint of small diameter pipe immediately after joint is completed.
- G. Provide lubricant, place and drive home newly laid sections with come-a-long winches so as to eliminate damage to sections. Install pipe to "home" mark where provided. Use of back hoes or similar powered equipment will not be allowed unless protective measures are provided and approved in advance by City Engineer.
- H. Keep excavations free of water during construction and until final inspection.
- I. When work is not in progress, cover exposed ends of pipes with approved plug to prevent foreign material from entering pipe.
- J. Where gravity sanitary sewer is to be installed under existing water line with separation distance of at least 2 feet and less than 9 feet, install new sewer pipe so that one full 18 foot long pipe is centered on water line crossing. Embed sewer pipe in cement stabilized sand for minimum distance of 9 feet on each side of crossing.
- K. Where gravity sanitary sewer is to be installed under existing water line with separation distance of less than 2 feet, install new sewer using pressure-rated pipe as shown on Drawings. Maintain minimum 6-inch separation distance.

3.05 PIPE INSTALLATION OTHER THAN OPEN CUT

- A. For installation of pipe by augering, jacking, or tunneling, conform to requirements of specification sections on tunneling augering, jacking and microtunneling work as appropriate.

3.06 INSTALLATION OF APPURTENANCES

- A. Service Connections. Install service connections to conform to requirements of Section 02534 - Sanitary Sewer Service Stubs or Reconnections.
- B. Stacks. Construct stacks to conform to requirements of 02534 - Sanitary Sewer Service Stubs or Reconnections.
- C. Construct manholes to conform to requirements of Section 02081 - Cast-in-Place Concrete Manholes, Section 02082 - Precast Concrete Manholes, and Section 02083 - Fiberglass Manholes, as applicable. Install frames, rings, and covers to conform to requirements of Section 02084 - Frames, Grates, Rings, and Covers.

3.07 INSPECTION AND TESTING

- A. Visual Inspection: Check pipe alignment in accordance with Section 02533 - Acceptance Testing for Sanitary Sewers.
- B. Mandrel Testing. Use Mandrel Test to test flexible pipe for deflection. Refer to Section 02533 - Acceptance Testing for Sanitary Sewers.
- C. Pipe Leakage Test. After backfilling line segment and prior to tie-in of service connections, visually inspect gravity sanitary sewers where feasible, and test for leakage in accordance with Section 02533 - Acceptance Testing for Sanitary Sewers. Maintain piezometer installed to conform with Section 01578 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water, until acceptance testing is completed.

3.08 BACKFILL AND SITE CLEANUP

- A. Backfill and compact soil in accordance with Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.
- B. Backfill trench in specified lifts only after pipe installation is approved by City Engineer.
- C. Repair and replace removed or damaged pavement, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks as specified in Section 02951 - Pavement Repair and Resurfacing.
- D. Provide hydromulch seeding in areas of commercial, industrial or undeveloped land use over surface of ground disturbed during construction and not paved or not designated to be paved. Grade surface at uniform slope to natural grade as indicated on Drawings. Provide minimum of 4 inches of topsoil as specified in Section 02911 - Topsoil and apply hydromulch according to requirements of Section 02921 - Hydromulch Seeding.

- E. Provide sodding in areas of residential land use over surface of ground disturbed during construction and not paved or not designated to be paved. Grade surface at uniform slope to natural grade as indicated on Drawings. Provide minimum of 4 inches of topsoil per Section 02911 - Topsoil. Sod disturbed areas in accordance with Section 02922 - Sodding.

3.09 POST-INSTALLATION TELEVISION INSPECTION

- A. Prior to final acceptance of newly constructed gravity sanitary sewers, perform cleaning and closed circuit television inspection. Cleaning shall include utilizing variable pressure water nozzles (3000 psi) and collection, removal, transportation and disposal of sand, debris, and liquid wastes to legal disposal sites.
- B. Select and use closed-circuit television equipment that will produce color video tape. Produce video tape using pan-and-tilt, radial viewing, pipe inspection camera that pans plus and minus 275 degrees and rotates 360 degrees. Use camera with accurate footage counter, which displays on monitor exact distance of camera from starting manhole. Use camera with camera height adjustment so that camera lens is always centered at one-half inside diameter, or higher, in pipe being televised. Provide lighting system that allows features and condition of pipe to be clearly seen. Reflector in front of camera may be necessary to enhance lighting in dark or large diameter pipe.
- C. Perform television inspection of gravity sanitary sewers as follows:
  - 1. Videos shall pan beginning and ending manholes to demonstrate that debris has been removed. Camera operator shall slowly pan each service connection and where sewer transitions from one pipe material to another.
  - 2. Video tapes shall be continuous for pipe segments between manholes. Do not leave gaps in video taping of segment between manholes and do not show single segment on more than one video tape.
  - 3. No flow is allowed in gravity sanitary sewer while performing post-installation television inspection.
- D. Provide video tapes in VHS format, recorded at Standard Play (SP). Two labels are required. Place one label on spine and other on face of each video tape. Permanently label each video tape with following information.

Spine of Tape

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|--|
| Wastewater File No.: _____ Contractor's Name:                          |
| Inspection Type: [ ] Survey [ ] Pre-Installation [ ] Post-Installation |
| Tape No.: _____ Date Televised: _____ Date Submitted:                  |
| Basin No:  |

Face of Tape

| Manhole No. From | Manhole No. To | Pipe Diameter | Pipe Length | Street |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| _____            | _____          | _____         | _____       |        |
| _____            | _____          | _____         | _____       |        |
| _____            | _____          | _____         | _____       |        |
| _____            | _____          | _____         | _____       |        |
| _____            | _____          | _____         | _____       |        |

- E. For each video tape provide completed TV Inspection Report, as attached at end of this section. TV Inspection Report is written/narrated log of pipe conditions and service connections, indexed to footage counter.
- F. Upon completion of video tape reviews by City Engineer, Contractor will be notified regarding final acceptance of sewer segment.

END OF SECTION

**TELEVISION INSPECTION CODES**

**HEADER INFORMATION**

**LOCATION**

- A STREET ROW, HEAVY TRAFFIC
- B STREET ROW, LIGHT TRAFFIC
- C EASEMENT, POOR ACCESS
- D EASEMENT, GOOD ACCESS
- E PARKING LOT, POOR ACCESS
- F PARKING LOT, GOOD ACCESS
- G ALLEY, POOR ACCESS
- H ALLEY, GOOD ACCESS
- I OPEN AREA, POOR ACCESS
- J OPEN AREA, GOOD ACCESS

**SURFACE COVER**

- A ASPHALT STREET
- B CONCRETE STREET
- C SHELL STREET
- D SIDEWALK
- E TREES/SHRUBS
- F CLOSE TO FENCE
- G OPEN AREA
- H MOVABLE BUILDING
- I UNMOVABLE BUILDING
- J OVERHEAD UTILITIES
- K WATERWAY OR RAILWAY
- L HIGHWAY OR RUNWAY
- M PIPE ABOVE GROUND

**PIPE TYPE**

- ABS ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE  
STYRENE
- BRK BRICK
- CIP CAST IRON PIPE
- CMP CORRUGATED METAL PIPE
- CON POURED IN PLACE CONCRETE
- CPP CURED IN PLACE PIPE
- DIP DUCTILE IRON PIPE
- FRP FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PIPE
- PLP PLASTIC LINED CONCRETE PIPE
- PEP POLYETHYLENE PIPE
- PVC POLYVINYLCHLORIDE PIPE

**JOINTS**

MJ - MISALIGNED JOINT    BJ - BROKEN JOINT

| CODES     | DESCRIPTION           | USE |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----|
| <b>IN</b> |                       |     |
| A (3)     | DRP JT > 90% CLEAR    | MJ  |
| B (6)     | DRP JT 80 - 90% CLEAR | MJ  |
| C (9)     | DRP JT < 80% CLEAR    | MJ  |
| D (3)     | SHF JT > 90% CLEAR    | MJ  |
| E (6)     | SHF JT 80 - 90% CLEAR | MJ  |
| F (9)     | SHF JT < 80% CLEAR    | MJ  |
| G (1)     | WD JT 2" - 3"         | MJ  |
| H (2)     | WD JT 3" - 4"         | MJ  |
| I (3)     | WD JT > 4"            | MJ  |
| J (2)     | BRK JT - LIGHT        | BJ  |
| K (4)     | BRK JT - MEDIUM       | BJ  |
| L (6)     | BRK JT - HEAVY        | BJ  |
| N (0)     | VISIBLE GASKET        | MJ  |
| O (0)     | LEAKING AT JOINT      | MJ  |

**LATERALS (L)**

| CODES | DESCRIPTION               |
|-------|---------------------------|
| A (1) | PRT SER 0" - 1"           |
| B (2) | PRT SER 1" - 2"           |
| C (3) | PRT SER 2" - 3"           |
| D (4) | PRT SER 3" +              |
| E (5) | DEFECTIVE - SERVICE CONN. |
| F (6) | DEAD/UNUSED SERVICE       |
| G (7) | FACTORY SERVICE           |
| H (0) | PLUMBER SERVICE           |

**ROOTS (R)**

| CODES | DESCRIPTION    |
|-------|----------------|
| A (1) | ROOTS - LIGHT  |
| B (2) | ROOTS - MEDIUM |
| C (3) | ROOTS - HEAVY  |

**DEBRIS (D)**

| CODES | DESCRIPTION     |
|-------|-----------------|
| A     | DEBRIS - LIGHT  |
| B     | DEBRIS - MEDIUM |
| C     | DEBRIS - HEAVY  |
| D     | GREASE - LIGHT  |
| E     | GREASE - MEDIUM |
| F     | GREASE - HEAVY  |

**INFLOW/INFILTRATION (I)**

| CODES | DESCRIPTION |
|-------|-------------|
|-------|-------------|

|      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| RCP  | REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE   |
| RPM  | REINFORCED PLASTIC MORTAR  |
| PIPE |                            |
| URC  | UNREINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE |
| VCP  | VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE        |

|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| A (3) | I/I - LIGHT (0-1 GPM)       |
| B (6) | I/I - MEDIUM (1-5 GPM)      |
| C (9) | I/I - HEAVY (> 5 GPM)       |
| D (2) | I/I - SOME EVIDENCE         |
| E (4) | I/I - CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE |
| F (6) | I/I - GREAT EVIDENCE        |
| G (0) | I/I - NO EVIDENCE           |

**WEATHER**  
DRY - WET  
**CODE DESCRIPTIONS**

**CRACKS**

| RC-RADIAL<br>CODES | LC-LONGITUDINAL<br>DESCRIPTION | USE |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| A (1)<br>CRK       | < 1/2" W, < 1' L               |     |
| B (2)<br>CRK       | < 1/2" W, 1' - 2' L            |     |
| C (3)<br>CRK       | < 1/2" W, > 2' L               |     |
| D (4)<br>CRK       | > 1/2" W, < 1' L               |     |
| E (5)<br>CRK       | > 1/2" W, 1' - 2' L            |     |
| F (6)<br>CRK       | > 1/2" W, > 2' L               |     |
| G (7)              | HOLE IN PIPE - SMALL           |     |
| H (8)              | PIPE MISSING - < 60'           |     |
| I (9)              | PIPE MISSING - > 60'           |     |

**ALIGNMENT (A)**

**CODES DESCRIPTION**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| A | BEGIN 1/4 PIPE WATER  |
| B | BEGIN 1/2 PIPE WATER  |
| C | CAMERA UNDERWATER     |
| D | END CAMERA UNDERWATER |
| E | END 1/2 PIPE WATER    |
| F | END 1/4 PIPE WATER    |

**STRUCTURAL**

DS - DETERIORATED; OS - OVALITY; CS - COLLAPSED

| CODES | DESCRIPTION       | USE |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
| A (3) | LINE DET - LIGHT  | DS  |
| B (6) | LINE DET - MEDIUM | DS  |
| C (9) | LINE DET - HEAVY  | DS  |
| D (3) | OVAL < 5%         | OS  |
| E (6) | OVAL > 5% & < 10% | OS  |
| F (9) | OVAL > 10%        | OS  |
| G (9) | COLLAPSED         | CS  |
| H (0) | PIPE DET - HEAVY  | DS  |
| L (0) | PIPE DET - LIGHT  | DS  |
| M (0) | PIPE DET - MEDIUM |     |
| N (0) | PIPE DET - NONE   | DS  |
| O     | LINE DET - NONE   | DS  |
| Z (0) | AT MANHOLE NUMBER | CS  |