

SECTION 32 11 00 - PAVEMENT BASE COURSE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Aggregate subbase
- B. Aggregate base
- C. Cement treated base
- D. Lime stabilization

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 50 50, Erosion Control
- B. Section 31 20 00, Earth Moving

1.3 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. ASTM:
 - 1. D1557, Test Method for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort
 - 2. D3740, Practice for Evaluation of Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction
 - 3. E329, Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Materials Used in Construction
 - 4. E548, Guide for General Criteria Used for Evaluating Laboratory Competence
- B. Caltrans Standard Specifications, 2018
 - 1. Section 24, Stabilized Soils
 - 2. Section 25, Aggregate Subbases
 - 3. Section 26, Aggregate Bases
 - 4. Section 27, Cement Treated Bases

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Geotechnical Testing Agency: An independent testing agency qualified according to ASTM E329 to conduct soil materials and rock definition testing, as documented according to ASTM D3740 and ASTM E548.
- B. Rock: Rock material in beds, ledges, unstratified masses, and conglomerate deposits and boulders of rock material $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic yards or more in volume that when tested by an independent geotechnical testing agency, according to ASTM D1586, exceeds a standard penetration resistance of 100 blows/2 inches.

- C. Structures: Buildings, footings, foundations, retaining walls, slabs, tanks, curbs, mechanical and electrical appurtenances, or other man made stationary features constructed above or below grade.
- D. Subgrade: Surface or elevation remaining after completing excavation, or top surface of a fill or backfill immediately below subbase, base or topsoil materials. Perform work in accordance with Section 31 20 00, Earth Moving.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit material certificates signed by the material producer and the Contractor, certifying that that each material item complies with, or exceeds the specified requirements.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Conform all work and materials to the recommendations or requirements of the Geotechnical Report and meet the approval of the Geotechnical Engineer.
- B. Percentage of compaction specified shall be the minimum acceptable. The percentage represents the ratio of the dry density of the compacted material to the maximum dry density of the material as determined by the procedure set forth in ASTM D1557.
- C. Perform installation of base materials under the observation of the Geotechnical Engineer. Materials placed without approval of the Geotechnical Engineer will be presumed to be defective and, at the discretion of the Geotechnical Engineer, shall be removed and replaced at no cost to the Owner. Notify the Geotechnical Engineer at least 24 hours prior to commencement of base material installation and at least 48 hours prior to testing.
- D. Do not mix or place cement treated base when the temperature is below 36 degrees F or when the ground is frozen.
- E. Finish surface of material to be stabilized prior to lime treatment shall be in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 24, Stabilized Soils.
- F. Finish surface of the stabilized material after lime treatment shall be in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 24, Stabilized Soils.
- G. Finish surface of cement treated base shall be in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 27, Cement Treated Bases.
- H. Do not project the finish surface of aggregate subbase above the design subgrade.
- I. Finish grade tolerance at completion of base installation: +0.05 feet

1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Protect open excavations, trenches, and the like with fences, covers and railings to maintain safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic passage.

- B. Temporarily stockpile material in an orderly and safe manner and in a location approved by the Owner.
- C. Provide dust and noise control in accordance with Section 01 10 00, Supplemental General Requirements.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 AGGREGATE BASE

- A. Material: Class 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch maximum in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 26, Aggregate Bases.

2.2 CEMENT TREATED BASE

- A. Material: Class A or B maximum in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 27, Cement Treated Bases.

2.3 LIME STABILIZED SOILS

- A. Material: In accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 24-2, Lime Stabilized Soil.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. Placement and compaction of material by flooding, ponding, or jetting will not be permitted.

3.2 WET WEATHER CONDITIONS

- A. Do not place or compact subgrade if above optimum moisture content.
- B. If the Geotechnical Engineer allows work to continue during wet weather conditions, conform to supplemental recommendations provided by the Geotechnical Engineer.

3.3 AGGREGATE BASE

- A. Watering, Spreading and Compacting: In accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 26-1.03D, Spreading and 26-1.03E, Compacting.

3.4 CEMENT TREATED BASE

- A. Proportioning and Mixing Plant-Mixed: In accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 27-1.03D.

3.5 LIME STABILIZATION

- A. Lime stabilization shall conform to Caltrans Standard Specification Section 24, Stabilized Soils, and the following:
 - 1. Add lime in the amount specified by the Geotechnical Engineer.
 - 2. Lime treat subgrade soils from back of curb to back of curb to a depth specified by the Geotechnical Engineer.
 - 3. Mix in two mixing periods, both with the tines lowered to the same depth. Both mixing periods shall be monitored and verified by the Geotechnical Engineer. The second mixing shall occur at about 24 hours after the initial mixing.
 - 4. Compact and grade the lime mixed subgrade immediately after the second mixing.
 - 5. Compact the lime treated subgrade to 93 percent as determined by ASTM D1557.
 - 6. After application of the curing seal, do not allow traffic on the lime treated material for a period of 7 days in lieu of the 3 days specified in Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 24.
 - 7. Proof-roll the stabilized subgrade after compacting to confirm that a non-yielding surface has been achieved. Yielding areas, if any, shall be mitigated. Mitigation could consist of over-excavation, utilization of stabilization fabric, or chemical treatment. Each case shall be addressed individually in the field by the Geotechnical Engineer.

3.6 DISPOSAL

- A. Lawfully dispose of all unsuitable and excess or surplus material off-site at no cost to the Owner.

END OF SECTION